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Coca-Cola Philippines President visits TESDA



TESDA Officials headed by Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña, PhD., CSEE (center) met with the officials of Coca-Cola Philippines headed by Antonio "Tony" Del Rosario, President, Coca-Cola Philippines (4th from left) at the STAR Center of Excellence, TESDA Women's Center

On February 10, 2021 Mr. Antonio "Tony" Del Rosario, President, Coca-Cola Philippines and Vice-President of Franchise Operation for Coca-Cola East Region (Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia) visited TESDA and

made a courtesy visit to Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña, PhD., CSEE.

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Celebrating TWC's 23rd Anniversary



TWC Community Pantry for the members of the Janitorial Services a celebrating TWC's 23rd Founding Anniversary with a meaningful thanksgiving activity,

On April 28, 2021 TESDA Women's Center celebrated its 23rd Year Anniversary. The simple yet meaningful celebration started with an online thanksgiving mass which was presided by Rev. Fr. Carlo Del Rosario, Parochial Vicar of San Fernando de Dilao, Paco, Manila and attended by the members of TWC.

The thanksgiving mass was followed by the opening the TWC Community Pantry held at the TWC Courtyard whom the beneficiaries are the staff of Janitorial Services and some Job Order maintenance staff. The items in the pantry came from the pledges and donations of the current and former employees of TWC, some employees of TESDA Central Office and TESDA NCR, members of the TWC Alumni Association (TWCAA) and the Sama-sama

sa Pagkalinga (SSP) Foundation.

From its establishment in 1998 until 2020, TWC produced 10,629 (8,869 females and 1,760 males) graduates of different skills training programs.

The establishment of the TESDA Women's Center was made possible through the efforts of former Senator Leticia Ramos-Shahani as she met with some members of the Japanese Diet in 1993. The construction of the building was done between 1996 and 1997 and it was inaugurated and formally handed over to TESDA on April 28, 1998 as the "National Training and Development Center for Women" and later changed to what is now known as the "TESDA Women's Center".

Coca-cola Philippines President... from page 1



(L-R) DDG Lina S. Sarmiento, Deputy Director for TESD Operations. Angelica S. Gonzales, TWC Chief, TESDA Director General Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña and Antonio "Tony" Del Rosario, President, Coca-Cola Philippines

TESDA Director General Isidro S. Lapeña, PhD., CSEE (center) with DDG Lina S. Sarmiento, Deputy Director General for TESD Operations (far right) with Coca-Cola Philippines President Antonio "Tony" Del Rosario (left)

Pernia, Coca-Cola Philippines Public Affairs and Communications Director and Ms. Joy M. Munsayac-Cacal, Coca-Cola Philippines Public Affairs and Sustainability Manager had a short meeting with the TESDA Secretary together with DDG Lina C. Sarmiento, Deputy Director General for TESD Operations, DDG Aniceto D. Bertiz, Deputy Director General for Partnership and Linkages, and Dir. Sonia S. Lipio, Executive Director for Partnership and Linkages Office at the Central Office and talked about TESDA and Coca-Cola Philippines continuing partnership. The meeting was followed by a visit at the Coca-Cola Philippines STAR Program Center for Excellence located at the TESDA Women's Center and have a quick photo opportunity together with TESDA and Coca-Cola officials.

Back in the year 2011, TESDA and Coca-Cola Philippines came together with for the Sari-Sari Store Training and Access to Resource (STAR) program, an entrepreneurship training as part of the 5 by 20 global initiative of Coca-Cola to empower women entrepreneurs. The program successfully ended in 2020.

Following the success of the STAR Program, it evolves to become the iSTAR Program. The iSTAR Program is an entrepreneurship training that uses digital platforms to reach more micro-entrepreneurs. The training consists of online self-paced learning sessions and business coaching sessions developed by TESDA and Coca-Cola to helped businesses that were badly hit by the ongoing pandemic crisis.

Upcoming Lifelong Learning Program (LLLP) Webinar Series for July 2021

The TESDA Women's Center (TWC) will be conducting a series of Webinars on Lifelong Learning Program (LLLP) this July.

Catch these very interesting topics on the following dates:

- Gender Sensitivity in a Diversed Environment
July 9, 2021
- Breaking the Stigma: Mental Health Awareness
July 14, 2021
- Your Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
July 21, 2021
- Global Climate Change: What You Need to Know
July 28, 2021



The TWC's LLLP is in partnerships with the following organizations: LoveYourself, Inc., Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. and the Climate Change Commission.

The FREE Webinars will be streamed live via the TESDA Official Facebook Page.

The TWC Lifelong Learning Program is given to the trainees, and/or graduates as complement to its training programs. These programs shall focus on incorporating learning experiences in the spheres of health, civic and communal activities, and facilitating work-oriented lifelong learning skills that may provide them with

work competencies needed for productive incorporation so they can have a better chance to improve their living conditions.

TWC Chief special guest in the TESDA Abot Lahat Nationwide Radio Program



TWC Chief Angelica S. Gonzales, CPA, DBA during an interview of TESDA Abot Lahat Nationwide Radio that was broadcasted at DWDD 1134 KHz and TESDA Official Facebook Page

On March 6, 2021 Ms. Angelica S. Gonzales, Chief of TESDA Women's (TWC) was the special guest in the TESDA Abot Lahat Nationwide Radio Program. Interesting topics about women, TWC and TWC's programs and activities for the month of March in celebration of the National Women's Month were discussed during the interview.

TESDA Abot Lahat Nationwide Radio Program is a production of TESDA Public Information Division and hosted by Gette Pagaran and Wilnard Bacelona and airs over DWDD AFP Radio, 1134 KHz on the AM Band and streamed live over TESDA's Facebook Page every Saturdays at 10:00 to 11:00 am.



Register Online
<https://twc.tesda.gov.ph>

1st Center Advisory Council Meeting for CY 2021



Members of the Center Advisory Council (CAC) together with the members of the CAC Secretariat and TWC Unit Heads during the 1st Quarter Meeting of CAC for CY 2021

On March 3, 2021, the TESDA Women's Center Advisory Council had its 1st Quarter meeting for CY 2021 to discuss the accomplishments and activities conducted by the center even during the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in CY 2020.

The CAC members gave their very insightful perspectives for TWC in the years to come, conse-

quently it was aligned with TESDA's roadmap. The meeting concluded with a promising and inclusive plan of activities for the stakeholders and clients of TWC, specifically the empowerment of women in Non-Traditional Trades.

The meeting and action planning were facilitated by Joanna P. Tabu-Tattao, GAD Trainer/Facilitator and attended by the members

of CAC headed by Pacita "Chit" U. Juan, CAC Chairperson together with DDG Rosanna A. Urdaneta, Ma. Aurora "Boots" D. Geotina-Garcia, Gilda Patricia C. Maquilan, Carolyn I. Sobritchea and Fatima Aliah Dimaporo-Cimafranca. Present in the meeting were the members of the Secretariat headed by Angelica S. Gonzales, Chief of TESDA Women's Center, Mylene H. Somera, Supervising TESD Specialist, Aries Glenn L. Montesines, Senior TESD Specialist, Melina Faith E. Deinla, TESD Specialist II and Hannah Zitah Louise D. Dela Cruz, Documenter/Librarian. Ritchie U. Briagas, Head of Finance and Administrative Support Services Unit were also present.

TWC Conducts Benchmarking Activity at Jacobo Z. Gonzales Memorial School of Arts & Trades



JZGMSAT Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff headed by Vocational School Administrator Benito G. Reyes met with the delegates of TWC headed by TWC Chief Angelica S. Gonzales, CPA, DBA during the Benchmarking Activity of TWC to JZGMSAT

On January 21, 2021 TESDA Women's Center (TWC) conducted benchmarking activity at the Jacobo Z. Gonzales Memorial School of Arts & Trades (JZGMSAT) in Biñan, Laguna.

The group of TWC headed by Ms. Angelica S. Gonzales, Center Chief and Ms. Mylene H. Somera, Supervising TESD Specialist together with TWC Unit Heads: Ms. Gerrelen D. Balbin of Training Management Unit (TMU) and Ms. Ritchie U. Briagas of Finance and Administrative Support Services Unit (FASSU) together with Assistant Unit Heads: Ms. Kimberly G. Bautista of TMU and Mr. Vicente II D. Ayala of FASSU. Also part of the team is Ms. Shella D. Bawar, Trainer of Bartending NC II.


Mr. Benito G. Reyes, Vocational School Administrator led his team in welcoming the TWC team in JZGMSAT. The team of JZGMSAT is composed of Mr. Erwin E. Laberinto, Vocational Instruction Supervisor, Ms. Cristeta Dacumos, Head of Tourism Department, the members of faculty and staff.

The TWC Team was presented with an audio-visual presentation (AVP) followed by a presentation of related information and best practices about the Diploma in Hospitality Management Services. A guided tour of the facilities were given to the members of TWC to give a clear picture and to see first-hand look of the process and best practices JZGMSAT is implementing.


As TWC is aiming to become a Specialized Institute, it also continuously searching for alternative approach to improve the delivery of its programs and services, formulating relevant policies, establishing mechanisms, and capacitating its people.

The benchmarking activity aims to identify best practices of JZGMSAT and identify improvements which can be adopted by TWC.


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The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) joins the
2021 National Women's Month Celebration

In support of:  #WomenMakeChange

WE MAKE CHANGE WORK FOR WOMEN



Juana Laban sa Pandemya: Kaya!
 March 1-31, 2021

TWC Conducts Benchmarking Activity at ISHRM - Cavite



Orlando M. De Villa, Dean of TVET Programs and High School, ISHRM - Cavite (center) with Mylene H. Somera, Supervising TESD Specialist (3rd from right) with TWC Unit Heads and Asst. Unit Heads Ritchie U. Briagas, Head of Finance and Administrative Support Services (FASSU) (far left), Gerrelen D. Balbin, Head of Training Management Unit (2nd from left), Kimberly G. Bautista, Asst. Unit Head, TMU (2nd from right) and Vicente II D. Ayala, Asst. Unit Head, FASSU (far right) together with Ms. Maribel M. Dumalagan, Trainer of Barista NC II (3rd from left)

On February 11, 2021 TESDA Women's Center (TWC) conducted benchmarking activity at the International School for Hotel and Restaurant Management (ISHRM), Bacoor City, Cavite.

Ms. Mylene H. Somera, Supervising TESD Specialist headed the TWC Team composed of Ms. Gerrelen D. Balbin, Head, Training Management Unit (TMU); Ms. Ritchie U. Briagas, Head, Finance and Administrative Support Services Unit (FASSU); Ms. Kimberly G. Bautista, TMU Assistant Unit Head of Training Management Unit; Mr. Vicente II D. Ayala, FASSU Assistant Unit

Head, and Ms. Maribel M. Dumalagan, Trainer, Barista NC II.

The TWC team was accommodated by Mr. Orlando M. De Villa, Dean of TVET Programs and Senior High School of ISHRM. During the meeting, Mr. De Villa gladly shared the experiences and challenges of ISHRM in the registration of Diploma programs being the first in Region IV-A. Mr. De Villa also emphasized the importance of having a supportive HEI partner/s and the conduct of industry consultation in coming up with a well-planned and effective curriculum for Diploma programs. The ISHRM has also an impressive training facilities and competitive training facilitators in hospitality management as observed during the tour.



Tour of the ISHRM - Cavite's facilities led by Orlando M. De Villa, Dean of TVET Programs and High School

Early this year, TWC also conducted benchmarking activity at the Jacobo Z. Gonzales School of Arts & Trades in Biñan, Laguna.

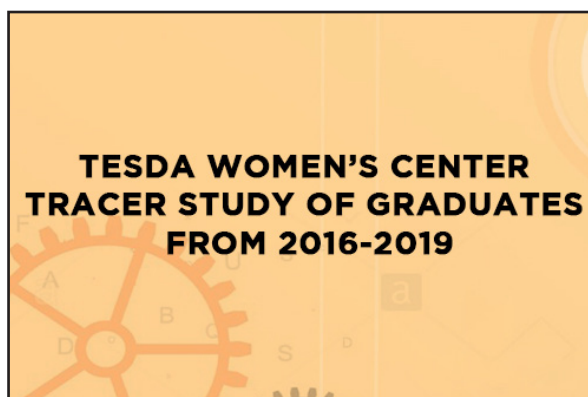
The TWC benchmarking activities aim to identify best practices and improvements which can be adopted by TWC.

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TESDA Women's Center Tracer Study of Graduates from 2016-2019

The purpose of a Tracer Study is to provide valuable information about the situation of graduates after completion of training. It is also a tool for assisting institutions in finding out the effectiveness and relevance of the training programs they offer. Evaluating the impact the training programs have had on its graduates will enable the institutions to deliver future program offerings more effectively. Since the TESDA Women's Center (TWC) aims to be the leading specialized institute of excellence in empowering women, it regularly conducted a Tracer Study of its graduates.

This Tracer Study gathered information on the employment status of graduates, challenges encountered after completing the training program, the relevance and impact of the training programs taken and suggestions and recommendations on the improvement of the contents of the curriculum from the graduates of 2016 to 2019. Relatively, it seeks to identify ways and means to assist the graduates on their present condition and employment status.



TWC Trainers as Resource Persons to the OWWA-POLO Japan Webinar



ePoster from POLO Japan featuring TWC Trainers as Resource Persons



A screenshot of the participants from POLO Japan, OWWA, TESDA and Overseas Filipinos during the Webinar organized by POLO Japan.

On March 14, 2021 trainers of TESDA Women's Center (TWC) were tapped as Resource Persons to the OWWA-Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) – Japan Webinar entitled Orientation of TESDA Online Courses and Training on Proper Table Setting and Bed Making.

In the Opening Program, His Excellency Jose C. Laurel V, Philippine Ambassador to Japan delivered the welcome remarks to the participants. In his message, he gave gratitude to all the women in the world. He expressed the important contribution of women in all sectors especially the women who performs extra-ordinary roles in the society. He said that the Philippine Embassy salutes all "Wonder Juanas" for contributing in nation building of their homeland (Philippines) and in Japan. He also thank TESDA for becoming an instrument of change in the lives of the Overseas Filipinos (OFs).

The TESDA Director General Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña, Ph.D., CSEE, conveyed the important contribution of women throughout the years especially now, in the time of pandemic. He said that women around the world played a very crucial role even in the most uncertain times. He also acknowledged the contribution of OFs who were still working despite the threats of COVID-19 pandemic. The TESDA Secretary also expressed his gratitude to OWWA-POLO Japan for collaborating with TESDA and by giving the chance to extend its programs and services to the OFWs in Japan through the Reintegration Training Program.

The TWC trainers conducted an online lecture and skills demonstration. Ms. Kimberly G. Bautista, Senior TESD Specialist and Trainer, Food and Beverage Services NC II discussed and demonstrated Proper Table Setting for fine dining and Ms. Anamarie O. Aldesimo, Trainer,

Housekeeping NC II discussed and demonstrated standard hotel Bed Making.

Also, in this webinar is Ms. Redilyn C. Agub, Chief, e-TESDA Unit discussed the TESDA Online Programs and the courses that can be accessed by OFs.

The webinar is a result of the partnership between TWC and POLO Japan. It intends to conduct successive online lecture and skills demonstration for the Overseas Filipinos (OFs) in Japan. It aims to encourage more OFs in Japan to upskill and enroll to more extensive online courses through the TESDA Online Program. The webinar was hosted by Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines to Japan through the Philippine Overseas Labor Office and the Overseas Worker Welfare Administration (OWWA) in celebration of the 2021 National Women's Month.



TWC Exploring Partnership with PESO-Manila

On February 21, 2021 the TESDA Women's Center headed by Ms. Angelica S. Gonzales, Center Chief together with Ms. Mylene H. Somera, Supervising TESD Specialist, Ms. Gerrelen D. Balbin, Head of Training Management Unit, and Ms. Melina Faith E. Deinla, TWC Industry Coordinator met with Mr. Fernan B. Bermejo, Chief of Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of Manila at the Manila City Hall.

The meeting aims to expand the linkages with the LGUs of Metro Manila and to explore possible sharing of resources for the training and empowerment of women for livelihood initially to the City of Manila. The endorsement of graduates for employment to PESO partner companies were also part of the discussion.

TWC is exploring partnership opportunities with different public and private organizations for future collaboration in promoting women empowerment in technical-vocational education and training (TVET).



TWC Chief Angelica S. Gonzales, CPA, DBA (center) together with Mylene H. Somera, Supervising TESD Specialist (far right) and Gerrelen D. Balbin, Head of Training Management Unit (far left) and Melina Faith E. Deinlam, Industry Coordinator (2nd from right) and Fernan B. Bermejo, Chief of PESO - Manila (2nd from left)

PCW Chairperson Sandra Sanchez-Montano visits the TESDA Women's Center



PCW Chairperson Sandra Sanchez-Montano (4th from left) with TWC Center Chief Angelical S. Gonzales (3rd from left) during a short meeting at the TESDA Women's Center

On May 3, 2021 Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) Chairperson and TESDA Women's Center (TWC) Advisory Council Member Sandra Sanchez-Montano visited the TWC for a quick meeting with Center Chief Angelica S. Gonzales.

Chair Sandra seeks the assistance of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) for a project of PCW in Mindanao regarding training on fabric weaving of the local residence of Mindanao. Colorful Woven Fabrics were in high demands from local and tourists' markets which may bring employment opportunities to the residence especially for the women in Mindanao.

After the short meeting at the TWC, Chair Sandra proceeded to a meeting with Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña, Ph.D., CSEE at the TESDA Administrative Building.

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It utilized a combination of quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis techniques covering the employment status, job experiences and challenges encountered by the graduates. It is in part, a curriculum and program assessment and evaluation if the graduates had effectively achieved their purpose of enrolling on their respective training programs.



TWC's 2nd Batch of FeLS Trainers Graduates



Virtual Closing Ceremony of the 2nd Batch of TWC's Facilitate eLearning Sessions (FeLS) with 23 trainers successfully graduated

On January 12, 2021 a total of 23 trainers composed of 14 males and 9 females from different TVET Institutions graduated the Facilitate eLearning Sessions (FeLS) training program at the TESDA Women's Center. The trainers are from Regions 3, 4A, 5 and NCR.

This is the 2nd Batch of Trainers that graduated from this training program. The training was conducted online for 80 hours composed of hands-on-training, online exam, portfolio, demonstration with oral questioning and institutional assessment.

The FeLS training is a training program for trainers who wish to conduct their training sessions online especially in this time of pandemic.

The training was conducted online that started December 15, 2020. Ms. Kimberly G. Bautista conducted the training. She is one of TESDA's lead trainer of FeLS in the country.

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"TESDA Women's Center is the lead TVET Institution of excellence in empowering Filipino women by 2022"

Mission
"As the lead TVET specialized 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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