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TWC Conducts “**Serbisyo Para kay Juana**” in Celebration of International Women's Day

On March 8, 2023, the TESDA Women's Center in coordination with the TESDA GAD Focal System joins the Annual International Women's Day by supporting the **#PurpleWednesday** Initiative by wearing purple to signify support for women's empowerment and gender equality especially this March.

The TWC also spearheads the conduct of “SERBISYO PARA KAY JUANA” to showcase the skills of graduates and trainers and provide Juanas (all female employees, female trainees, and walk-in training applicants) with complimentary treats from Barista, Bartending, and Cookery TVET programs.



TWC Personnel showed their support in the celebration of International Women's Day

These initiatives promote our advocacy to embrace equity in order to achieve social inclusion and gender equality in TVET.

TESDA Women's Center Spearheads “**Agenda ni Juana sa TVET**” Forum



(Left) TESDA Director General, Danilo P. Cruz delivered a video message of support for the “Agenda ni Juana sa TVET” Forum.

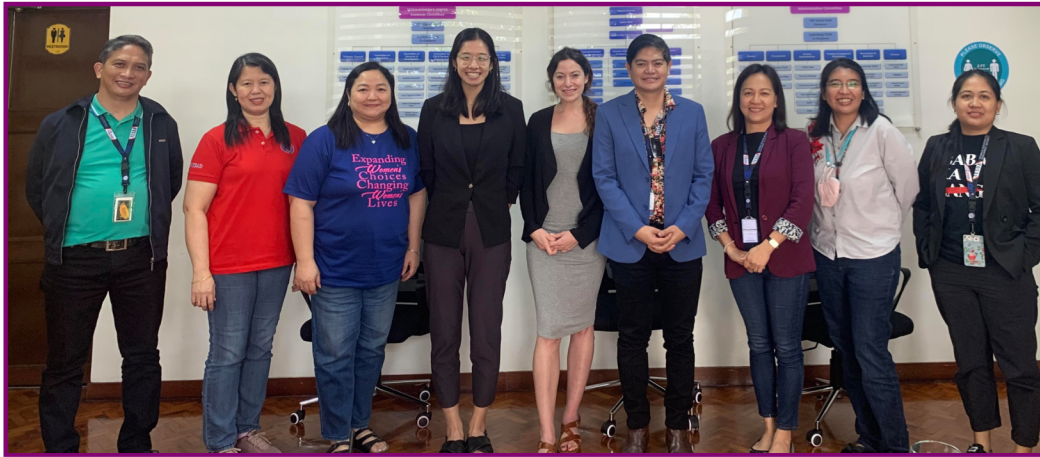


(Right) Invited panelist and resource persons in a panel discussion during the “Agenda ni Juana sa TVET” Forum.

On March 28, 2023, the TESDA Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS) and TESDA Women's Center spearheaded the “**Agenda ni Juana sa TVET**” Forum with the theme “Women and Everyone (WE) for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society” held at the TWC Tandang Sora Hall in Taguig City and live via TESDA Facebook Page.

This hybrid forum gathered TESDA officials, GFPS – ExeCom Members, and other stakeholders to discuss issues and matching strategies to address gender discrimination and promote social inclusion and safe spaces in TVET.

TWC Meets with USAID for a Partnership Discussion



Representatives from the USAID with DDG Vidal D. Villanueva, III, Deputy Director for Special Concerns (4th from right) together with Angelica S. Gonzales, CPA, DBA, Chief of TESDA Women's Center (3rd from left), and TWC Unit Heads

The TESDA Women's Center held a partnership discussion headed by Deputy Director General for Special Concerns, Vidal D. Villanueva III and the Center Chief, Angelica S. Gonzales, with representatives from United States Agency for International Development (USAID) - Palladium Kayla Marra, Senior Associate, Tiff Jiang, Associate and Abbey Pangilinan, Coordinator.

The said event aimed to initiate cooperation with the Center to promote improved health and employment outcomes for 4Ps graduates in the Philippines through USAID CATALYZE.

The USAID CATALYZE project is aimed to support social initiatives and achieve various development outcomes around the globe, including the Philippines to empower women workers and increase access to healthcare.

The TWC Supervising TESD Specialist Mylene H. Somera, Training Management Unit Head, Gerrelen D. Balbin and TMU Assistant Unit Head, Kimberly G. Bautista also joined the meeting.

TWC Signs MOU with Taha Foundation, NUBE and KABALIN

The TESDA Women's Center (TWC) conducted a ceremonial signing of the Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with TAHA Foundation, National Union of Bank Employees (NUBE), and Karapatan ng Kababaihan sa Lipunan, Inc. (KABALIN) last January 6, 2023, held at the Marcela Agoncillo Function Room, TWC.

The first MOU signing with TAHA Foundation was represented by Center Chief Angelica Gonzales and TAHA Foundation President Anna Talia Basman. TWC Supervising TESD Specialist Mylene Somera and TAHA Foundation Executive Director Nelia S. Basman signed as witnesses.



TWC signed Memorandum of Understanding with Taha Foundation, National Union of Bank Employees (NUBE) and Karapatan ng Kababaihan sa Lipunan, Inc. (KABALIN), DDG Vidal D. Villanueva, III witnessed the event.

The second MOU signing with the National Union of Bank Employees (NUBE) and Karapatan ng Kababaihan sa Lipunan, Inc. (KABALIN) was represented by Chief Angelica Gonzales, NUBE President Rainier Cruz, and KABALIN President Rose Dadulo. The witnesses were Ms. Mylene Somera, Michelle Belino from Uni Apro, and Shim Young-Min from Korea Financial Industry Foundation.

The Ceremony was joined by our very own Deputy Director General for Special Concerns, DDG Vidal Villanueva III. He gave an inspiring message with highlight that these partnerships are just the beginning.

Trainees in Action: Cookery NC II

This year's batch of ongoing Cookery NC II on its actual performance of cooking skills headed by Chef Reymund F. Garbosa.

The trainees were tasked to perform standard procedure of preparing and cooking stocks, sauces, soups and appetizers, salads and dressings, hot and cold sandwiches, and meat dishes.



Trainees of Cookery NC II during their practical exercise in preparing and cooking dishes.

Some of the TWC personnel also supported the activity by evaluating the dishes prepared by the trainees and expressed satisfaction on the food quality, taste, cleanliness, and meal presentations.

TWC, TESDA NCR-FASD and TESDA-FMS Collaborate to Meet with COA



Representatives of TWC, TESDA NCR-FASD, TESDA FMD met with COA-TESDA to discuss Administrative and Financial matters. It was presided by DDG Vidal D. Villanueva, III, Deputy Director for Special Concerns.

The TESDA Women's Center held its first collaborative meeting regarding TWC Administrative and Financial Operations, headed by the Deputy Director General for Special Concerns, Vidal D. Villanueva III with the Supervising Auditor of COA - TWC TESDA, Carmela Zamora; and OIC Audit Team Leader of TESDA NCR 02, Nikka Sherika Hanyl V. Parayno; TESDA-FMS Director Ma. Magdalena P. Butad and TESDA NCR Regional Director Florencio

Sunico Jr. last January 9, 2023 at the TWC APACC Room.

Among the attendees were Milee G. Manlapaz representing NCR FASD and Conrad Joseph D. Villon of the Office of the Director General for Special Concerns. The TWC Supervising TESD Specialist Mylene H. Somera, together with the Unit Head of TWC FASSU, Ritchie U. Briagas represented the TESDA Women's Center.

TESDA Women's Center Visits DAWN Office

DDG Vidal Villanueva III, TESDA's Deputy Director General for Special Concerns, and Ms. Angelica Gonzales, Chief of TESDA Women's Center, visited the Development Action for Women Network (DAWN) at the DAWN Office, Bacobo Center, Manila on January 18, 2023.

The benchmarking activity helped the Center to understand the needs and requirements of offering future weaving-related training programs at TWC and consider a possible partnership. DAWN's Executive Director, Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, and her team: Masako Ono, Lance Velasco, Gilda Mosatalla, Mary Joy Barcelona, and Crezol Mar Navarro, discussed the various programs and support services offered by the organization.

TWC aspires to offer a new training program for women in collaboration with DAWN soon.



(Below) DDG Vidal D. Villanueva III and Angelica S. Gonzales, Center of TWC asking questions to Carmelita Nuqui, Executive Director, DAWN during their visit at DAWN Office, Manila.

DDG Villanueva III Leads TESDA Women's Center's First General Assembly



TWC Family with DDG Vidal D. Villanueva, III during the 1st General Assembly of TWC

The TESDA Women's Center (TWC) family held its First General Assembly with the Deputy Director General for Special Concerns, DDG Vidal D. Villanueva III, on January 30, 2023, at the Tandang Sora Hall, TESDA Women's Center.

During the meeting, DDG Villanueva reiterated the details of TWC's Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for 2023-2028 on its first year of implementation, encouraged participation and cooperation to the TWC 25th Anniversary Celebration and APACC Renewal, strengthening partnership through adherence to Republic Act No. 8525 or the "Adopt A School" Program, upgrading of facilities and equipment primarily for training delivery, upskilling of TWC personnel in preparation to the nationwide expansion of TWC programs and services to women.

DDG Villanueva also emphasized the implementation of TWC's Observance on Austerity Measures for sustainability and environmental care.

Trainees in Action: Bookkeeping NC III



Trainee of Bookkeeping NC III being assisted by her trainer, Ascencion de la Cuesta.

Batch 5 of Bookkeeping NC III on actual solving of financial-related problems.

Guided by their trainer Ms. Ascencion de la Cuesta, the trainees were tasked to prepare Financial Statements (Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Equity, Statement of Financial Position, and Statement of Cash Flows), Worksheets, and Closing Entries of temporary accounts.

These trainees are being prepared for their competency assessment, internship, and future employment.

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"To be the leading TESDA Polytechnic Institute for Women in 2028."

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"As the lead Polytechnic Institute for Women Empowerment, we advocate and provide programs and services geared towards quality Assured, Inclusive and Gender-Fair TVET."



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