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Reactivation of the center advisory council of the TESDA Women's Center and oath taking ceremony of the new members

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The original Center Advisory Council of the TESDA Women's Center was established in 1999 with former Senator Leticia Ramos-Shahani as Chairperson with members representing the business, labor union, women/NGO, academe, and the government sector.

A newly reactivated CAC was created in October 2018 through the initiative of the TESDA Deputy Director General for Policies and Planning, Rosanna A. Urdaneta, with the main objective of providing policy advice and guidance, and to build wider networks for the TESDA Women's Center (TWC).

The TWC is the lead Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institution of excellence in women empowerment that advocates and provides programs and services geared towards



TESDA Director General Isidro S. Lapeña, PhD., CSEE (middle) together with the new members of the Center Advisory Council of the TESDA Women's Center. From left to right: PCW Chairperson Rhodora M. Bucoy, TESDA Deputy Director General Rosanna A. Urdaneta, Fatima Aliah Dimaporo Cimafranca, Ma. Aurora "Boots" Geotina-Garcia, CAC Chairperson Pacita "Chit" U. Juan, Dr. Carolyn I. Sobritchea, Gilda Patricia C. Maquilan and Teresita Borgoños.

quality-assured, inclusive and gender-fair TVET. It is an internationally accredited TVET institution by the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) with Gold level status. The

TWC has also been recently recognized as an IMI-approved Centre by the UK-based Institute of Motor Industry.

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Turn-over and opening of the Wooden Spoon Business Innovation Center for Bread and Pastry Production

by Aries Glenn L. Montesines



(left) Pilmico turned-over a symbolic wooden spoon to TESDA.

(below left) The ribbon cutting ceremony led by Director Sonia S. Lipio of Scholarships Management Office and Mr. Tristan R. Aboitiz of Pilmico Foods Corporation.

Speakers of the event were: Director Rosalinda B. Talavera for the welcome remarks, Ms. Maribeth L. Marasigan for the inspirational message, Mr. Tristan R. Aboitiz of Pilmico Foods Corporation and Director Sonia S. Lipio who read the message of TESDA Director General, Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña, PhD., CSEE



The event formally started with a ribbon cutting ceremony with Director Sonia S. Lipio, Director-in-Charge of Scholarships Management Office and Mr. Tristan R. Aboitiz, Vice President & Chief Operation Officer of Pilmico Foods Corporation leading the ceremony together with Director Rosalinda B. Talavera, District Director of TESDA Muntinlupa, Parañaque, Las Piñas, Taguig, Pateros (MuntiParLasTaPat) District and Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio, Center Chief of TESDA Women's Center.

Director Rosalinda B. Talavera delivered the Welcome Remarks. In her message, she gave credit and recognition to Pilmico and Aboitiz for the brand new and state-of-the-art baking tools and equipment donated to TESDA for the Bread and Pastry Production training program. She also gave thanks and congratulated the TESDA Women's Center for making the event possible. "We expect to provide our trainees and graduates with an authentic learning facility to promote entrepreneur-

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TESDA Director General Isidro S. Lapeña, PhD., CSEE (right) administers the oath to the new members of the Center Advisory Council of the TESDA Women's Center.

The new members of the Center Advisory Council took their Oath during a ceremony officiated by the TESDA Director General, Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña, PhD., CSEE on December 5, 2018 at the TESDA Complex in Taguig City. The CAC members have been appointed by the TESDA Director General with a tenure of one year until Dec. 5, 2019.

The new CAC is composed of Pacita "Chit" U. Juan as Chairperson with the following members: TESDA Deputy Director General for Policies and Planning, Rosanna A. Urdaneta, representing the government sector, PCW Chairperson Rhodora M. Bucoy also representing the government sector; Ma. Aurora "Boots"

Geotina-Garcia representing the Women NGO; Carolyn I. Sobritchea, PhD. representing the academe; Teresita "Tes" Borgoños representing the Industry/Construction sector; Gilda Patricia C. Maquilan representing the Business sector; and Fatima Aliah Dimaporo Cimafranca as representative of Services/Financial Intermediation.

The priorities of the new CAC include mapping out of industry needs to match with the priority sectors and identify relevant courses for women that are attuned with the demands of industries. The council also fully supports TESDA's GAD mandate of increasing the enrolment of women in the traditionally male-dominated fields.

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Officers of TESDA and Aboitiz/Pilmico Foods Corporation together with the Staff, Trainers and Trainees of TESDA Women's Center during the Turn-over and Opening of the Wooden Spoon Business Innovation Center for Bread and Pastry Production

ship, and innovation for Baking and Pastry Production" she added.

Ms. Maribeth L. Marasigan delivered an inspirational message. She expressed gratitude to TESDA for the realization of the project. She recalled when the project was in its conceptualization stage and now it has become a reality. She also gave recognition to the persons with disabilities who could benefit from the program. She said that few months, Wooden Spoon will

produce persons that will tell their great stories of hard work, perseverance and success. "We will continue to find more ways to promote education as an enabler of growth and enterprise development, helping Filipinos to earn more income to have better lives," she added.

Mr. Tristan Aboitiz said that they have a shared goal with the TESDA Women's Center as the Wooden Spoon was inaugurated. "We have made it a point to con-

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Aboitiz Backpacks were given to the scholars after the ceremonial turn-over of scholarship check to TESDA Women's Center

The turn-over ceremony was also witnessed by the TWC trainers and staff members who were also equally gratified by the generosity of the Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.

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Industry Coordinator / Assessment and Certification Focal; Shella Bawar, Trainer, Bartending NC II; Wenny Cabantog, Trainer, Food Processing NC II, Lawrence Hermias, Trainer, EIM NC II, Trainer; Bryan Landicho, Automotive Servicing NC II; Jean Maurice Constantino, TWC Librarian; Clacyn Linga, Information and Referral Officer and Dexter Abrogar, Data Encoder for Assessment .

tinuously look for opportunities where we can use our expertise to bring a positive impact to our stakeholders," he added.

The message of the TESDA Director General Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña was read by Director Sonia S. Lipio, Director-in-Charge of Scholarships Management Office. In his message, he recognized the importance of the industry partners like Aboitiz and Pilmico in the development of skilled workers. He acknowledged the collaborative efforts of Aboitiz Foundation and Pilmico for establishing the Business Innovation Center and he expressed his gratitude and appreciation to them for the funding assistance in providing the tools and equipment in the facility.

Chef Wilburt Wong of Pilmico gave a demonstration of modern methods in baking using the tools and equipment of the Innovation Center. It was witnessed by the Aboitiz and Pilmico officials together with TESDA Directors and the trainees of TESDA Women's Center.

The setting-up of the Innovation Center was drawn from the creativity and inspiration to set-up an authentic learning venue for the TESDA Women's Center (TWC) trainees and graduates of Baking and Pastry Production NC II. A newly refurbished building was turned into an Innovation Center by the TWC in partnership with Aboitiz/Pilmico. It is located at Building 4, TESDA Complex, East Service Road, South Superhighway, Taguig City. The turn-over and opening of the Wooden Spoon Business Innovation Center was held on December 3, 2018.

590 new graduates of the TESDA Women's Center ready for the job market

by Jean Maurice R. Constantino



The closing ceremonies of the TESDA Women's Center Competency-Based Training Programs with the theme "Kasanayang bigay ng TESDA, hatid ay pagbabago sa buhay at kinabukasan ng Pamilya't Sambayanan" took place at the TESDA Auditorium, TESDA Complex, Taguig City on December 7, 2018.

The keynote speaker was TESDA Deputy Director General for Partnership and Linkages, Rebecca J. Calzado. The program was also graced by RD Conrado G. Bares, TESDA NCR, Regional Director who gave an inspirational message; and Ms. Maribeth L. Marasigan, First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer- Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. as the Guest of Honour.

(top photo) Memorable photo opportunity of the graduates, teaching and non-teaching staff of TWC together with TESDA Officials namely; Deputy Director General for Partnership and Linkages Rebecca J. Calzado and TESDA NCR Regional Director Conrado G. Bares. Speakers of the Closing Ceremonies: (2nd row photos L-R) TWC Center Chief Maria Clara B. Ignacio, TESDA NCR Regional Director Conrado G. Bares, Aboitiz Foundation Inc. 1st Vice President and COO Maribeth L. Marasigan, TESDA Deputy Director for Partnership and Linkages Rebecca J. Calzado (3rd row photos L-R) Cookery NC II Graduate Marie Jo M. Sabandal, Cookery Trainer Charmaine P. Fider and TWC Supervising TESD Specialist Mylene H. Somera.

The closing ceremonies started with a thanksgiving mass which was held in the afternoon from 12:00 nn to 1:00 pm also at the TESDA Auditorium. The said mass was attended by the TWC Staff members, Trainers, Graduates and their parents.

This was the second graduation held during the year 2018, with a total of 590 graduates who received their Certificates having completed and successfully passed their skills training in Automotive Servicing NC II, Bartending NC II, Barista NC II, Cookery NC II, Dressmaking NC II, Electrical Installation & Maintenance (EIM) NC II, Electronic Products Assembly & Servicing (EPAS) NC II, Food & Beverage Services (FBS) NC II, Food Processing NC II, GAS Metal Arc Welding NC II, Housekeeping NC II, Motorcycle/ Small Engine Servicing NC II, Plumbing NC I & NC II and Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) NC I & NC II.

The ceremony was organized to celebrate the achievements of the 590 graduates of the Competency-Based Training Programs of the TESDA Women's Center from June to December 2018 who are job ready to enter the world of work.

Ms. Maria Clara Ignacio, Center Chief, TESDA Women's Center, presented the 590 graduating trainees and the TESDA NCR Regional Director Conrado Bares gave the confirmation.

The teaching staff who successfully trained the graduates to complete their competency-based training programs were : Mr. Richard Robles – Automotive Servicing NC II; Ms. Shella Bawar – Bartending NC II; Ms. Maribel Dumalagan – Barista NC II; Ms. Charmaine Fider – Cookery NC II; Ms. Irene Mortel - Dressmaking NC II; Mr. Lawrence Hermias – Electrical Installation and Maintenance (EIM) NC II; Ms. Jeniffer Caoile – Electronic Product Assembly and Servicing (EPAS) NC II; Ms. Kimberly Bautista – Food and Beverage Services NC II; Ms. Wenny Cabantog – Food Processing NC II; Mr. Albert Idio – Gas Metal Arc Welding NC II and Shielded Metal Arc Welding NC I and NC II; Ms. Ana Marie Aldesimo – Housekeeping NC II; Mr. Bryan Landicho – Motorcycle/ Small Engine Servicing NC II; Ms. Maria Icely Villagracia and Mr. Jeffrey Sinangote – Plumbing NC I and NC II.



TESDA Women's Center Graduates of Housekeeping together with TWC Management with TESDA Officials Deputy Director General for Partnership and Linkages Rebecca J. Calzado and NCR Regional Director Conrado G. Bares during the Closing Ceremonies of TWC Competency-Based Training Programs.

Project handover of TESDA-Aboitiz renew its mission to sustain alumni association: scholarship grant for trainees of Taguig City

“I Love TWC”

by Jean Maurice R. Constantino



The TESDA Women's Center Alumni Association (TWCAA) represented by the TWCAA Secretary, Ma. Milben J. Serra and TWCAA Treasurer, Marivir R. Rance officially handed-over their 1st major project, the “I Love TWC” signage, to the TWC Chief, Maria Clara B. Ignacio and Supervising TESDS, Mylene H. Somera. It was followed by a ceremonial toast held in front of the TESDA Women's Center Building where the signage was installed last December 10, 2018.

The said project was initiated during the first ever TWC Alumni Homecoming last November 9, 2018. It was agreed by the members of the TWCAA that they will give something to their Alma Mater, something useful and significant to show their gratitude to the Institution that helped them achieved their dreams. Thus, it was unanimously voted that a school signage will be their project, a symbol that will give pride and love to every trainee and staff member as well as the alumni that at some point of their lives, they became a part of the TESDA Women's Center.

According to the President of the TWCAA, Bernardita R. Escaño, “I Love TWC signage is our way of giving back to TWC for the knowledge and opportunities that have been given to us; it is a simple token, a sign that symbolizes our utmost appreciation and gratefulness to TWC”.

She added that the TWC Alumni Association will continue its roles and responsibilities in motivating and assisting each and every member as well as in promoting respect for fundamental rights of women and assist in the job placement, entrepreneurship and cooperative development. Ending her interview with the promise that in-behalf of the TWCAA, they will continue in helping TWC by way of initiating a project that will have a lasting effect for the staff members and trainees to come.

The said event was witnessed by the TWC Staff members and Trainers namely: Michael William Del Rosario, TWC Guidance Councillor; Janet Morales, Human Resource Officer; Melina Faith Deinla, In-

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Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. turned-over a symbolic check worth Php 577,221.90 to TESDA NCR as a scholarship grant for the TWC trainees of Taguig City. (standing-middle) RD Conrado G. Bares accepts the symbolic check handed by (standing-right) Ms. Maribeth L. Marasigan, First Vice President and COO of Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. and witnessed by (standing-left) TWC Center Chief Maria Clara B. Ignacio.

trainees in Taguig City who were enrolled in various programs/ qualifications at the TESDA Women's Center, and recently renewed its mission to sustain the scholarship program.

Ms. Maribeth in her message congratulated once again the new graduates of TWC and said that the scholars are given the chance to shine the brightest and to help change for the better world. She added that education is one of the greatest gifts that they can give as a foundation. “Ito ang susi na magbubukas sa napakaraming oportunidad para maabot niyo ang inyong mga pangarap,” Ms. Maribeth said.

She also reminded the scholars to stay focus and strong yet humble and generous, most importantly to always remember that there is greater joy in giving not only during this season of giving but everyday as long as they have a chance to give something.

On the other hand, RD Bares expressed his gratitude to Ms. Maribeth and to the rest of the Aboitiz Foundation. In light of the turn-over, he presented the report on the beneficiaries of the scholarship program which according to him have a total of 100 trainees. Ninety-three (93) of the trainees were able to complete the skills training with a 92.4% certification rate and out from those 93 scholars, 74% have gained employment.

The courses with the highest employment were bartending 100%, Food and Beverage Services 100% and Plumbing also with 100%. Meanwhile the employment rate of the graduates from Housekeeping and Food Processing was recorded with 40% and 50% respectively.

After the ceremony, the Aboitiz Foundation gave “Aboitiz Backpacks” to all the recipients of the scholarship program as an early gift for Christmas.

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