



# TESDA Women's Center NEWSLETTER

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## Aboitiz-TESDA scholarship awarding ceremony

The awarding ceremony aims to provide a venue for the ceremonial turn-over of check amounting to P1M by the Aboitiz Foundation to TESDA for the implementation of the Aboitiz-TESDA scholarship program. It was held on July 7, 2017 at the Tandang Sora Hall, TESDA Women's Center (TWC), Taguig City.

The Aboitiz Foundation and TESDA had established a partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement for a grant of P1M as a scholarship program for the marginalized group in Taguig City last December 2016.

The grant was in a form of training assistance package for 100 trainees from Taguig City who were enrolled in Bartending NC II, Cookery NC II, Dressmaking NC II, Electronic Products Assembly and Servicing NC II, Food Processing NC II, Housekeeping NC II, Motorcycle/Small Engine Servicing NC II, and Plumbing NC II at the TWC.

The training assistance package covers cost of medical examination of the trainees, accident insurance, ID, uniform,

PPE, training supplies and materials and assessment fees.

Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio, TWC Chief, gave a warm welcome message. She highlighted that the scholars are privileged to receive such blessings and they should realize, and give importance to the skills training programs that they have chosen to enroll. "Your training is instrumental in the development of knowledge and skills that will easily lead to jobs," Ms. Ignacio said.

Likewise, she encouraged the scholars to be thankful to the sponsor, the Aboitiz Foundation, for the life changing opportunity to learn new skills and become certified after passing the assessment.

The First Vice-President and Chief Operation Officer, Aboitiz Foundation, Inc., Ms. Maribeth L. Marasigan, delivered a message for the scholars: "It is not the number of scholars, nor the number of buildings that we build, but the impact that we make on the lives of our stakeholders as we strive to do our best to make the communities safe, empowered and sustainable." She added, "A better educated youth means a better Philippines."

VP Marasigan underscored the important role of education and training. She said that in the past 28 years, the Aboitiz Foundation has sustained its efforts to ensure that education continues

to be a great equalizer for their student beneficiaries. "This is the reason why we are extending our support in the form of education programs and assistance. Knowing that the scholars made a better life for themselves, because of the empowering options given to them through education, only then can we say that we have succeeded our corporate social responsibility" she added.

The Mayor of Taguig City, Hon. Lani Cayetano, mentioned in her message that one of the priorities of her administration is to produce competent individuals who are equipped with knowledge and skills, and those individuals who can make use of their skills to elevate their status of living and help their families.

She stressed the importance of trust for the training beneficiaries. "Trust is the most important thing that counts. Treasure this trust and prevent to be broken, said Mayor Lani. She ended her message with this statement, "As scholars, be an inspiration in your respective communities."

The TESDA-NCR Regional Director, Cenon M. Querubin, explained in his speech, the role of TESDA in relation to the scholarship program and its role to the Filipino people. "In the first Executive



(top) Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio, Center Chief of TESDA Women's Center delivers her welcome remarks during the Aboitiz-TESDA scholarship awarding ceremony



(right and bottom) Turn-over of check amounting to P1M by the Aboitiz Foundation to TESDA It was held on July 7, 2017



Order issued by President Duterte, TESDA was included as part of the National Anti-Poverty Commission," RD Cenon said.

He thanked the Aboitiz Foundation through Ms. Marasigan, and Mayor Lani Cayetano for making TESDA part of the noble cause to help the people of Taguig. He gave this assurance, "TESDA will deliver quality education and skills training to the beneficiaries of this scholarship program. The TWC will not only be conducting training to gain employment for the beneficiaries but will also provide the skills requirement of the industry sector. TESDA is very much committed to the noble purpose of the partnership and to provide employable skills to the training beneficiaries." He also emphasized that the TWC graduates are globally competitive and have a high chance of landing a good job.



## CIMATECH enterprises turnover power probe diagnostic tool kit to TESDA



Turn over of diagnostic tool kit by CIMATECH to TESDA held of the TESDA Women's Center.



The CIMATECH Enterprises, Inc. donated to the TESDA Women's Center power probe electrical diagnostic tools worth Php82,600.00. The tools were intended to enhance TESDA's capability in training automotive electrical diagnostic for the trainees of the TESDA Women's Center by utilizing the modern equipment. Also, the testing tool kit can be used for the skills training in motorcycle small engine servicing. The kit has the following special features: designed for complete automotive electrical testing; able to work on hybrid vehicle systems safely; able to determine health of motors, relays, lights, wires, sensors, fuel injectors and computer driver; and cuts down the turnaround time in finding electrical faults in any motor vehicle.

The ceremonial turnover of the tools was held on August 29, 2017 at the Tandang Sora Hall, TESDA Women's Center. During the ceremony, the CIMATECH officials announced the conduct of Training of Trainers on the use of the power probe testing kit.

In her welcome message, Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio, TWC Chief said that the knowledge on the use of the power probe diagnostic tool kit will increase the employability of the trainees. "Let us be excited to use this tool kit, you are the first to use such tool kit, so if you have competencies on its use, it is a plus factor for you. You maximize your learning by using this tool kit and be motivated to complete your training here at the TESDA Women's Center," said Ms. Ignacio. She expressed optimism for the women automotive trainees: "I am sure if you go for work overseas, your knowledge on the use of this electrical diagnostic tool kit will be an added value to your acquired competencies because you will be more empowered."

The CIMATECH Enterprises President, Mr. Edward Jose delivered his message. He expressed thanks and appreciation to the TESDA Women's Center for having been given the opportunity to share this technology from the U.S. through Mr. Melvin del Puerto, representative of the Power Probe. He

shared about the product launch: "We launched this in July 2017 at the SMX Center, and we had very good results because companies such as Mitsubishi, Honda, Isuzu, and Nissan want this equipment because it can detect issues in short span of time. The companies were surprised how the tool can work very effectively, very efficiently and very short span of time."

The TESDA MuntinLupa TaPat District Director, Cecilia Amaro, in her message, expressed her aspiration: "I hope you can also share this advertisement about this new technology to other TESDA institutions. We have about 13 institutions offering Automotive Servicing in our district that needs this technology. We can recommend them to adopt this technology, and even to the private industries because we want our trainees to be more employable." She encouraged the trainees to use the tool kit wisely. Finally, she expressed thanks to CIMATECH: "Let us thank these people for sharing to us this technology for us to improve our training delivery."

The occasion was graced by the following officials from CIMATECH, namely: Mr. Edward Jose, President; Mr. Tonyo Calado, General Sales Manager; Mr. Ernest Paguia, Marketing Manager; Ms. Marisse Aromin, Account Executive; and JP Dela Rosa, Technical Sales. From the Power Probe, Mr. Melvin del Puerto, Consultant for SEA, and Mr. Gerald Tabas, Sales Trainer, attended the event. District Director Cecilia Amaro and TESDA Women's Center Chief accepted the donated tools by CIMATECH.

## Cookery trainee garners 2nd place in free style Korean cooking



She garnered 2nd place in the contest Hazel Quiamas, graduate of Cookery NC II, at the TESDA Women's Center

The contest involved making a single-menu Korean food, participated by Hazel Quiamas, graduate of Cookery NC II, at the TESDA Women's Center. She prepared and cooked Japchae with a twist. "It was a Japchae with a twist

of paprika, salted eggs, lemon and chili powder. It was my first time to join a cooking contest," said Hazel.

"Each participant has to prepare two servings of the dish. Cooking and preparation of the dish must be made and done within one hour only. Recipe and taste comprised 70 percent, while presentation made up 30 percent," recalls Hazel.

"I was the first to finish cooking the dish, then the tasting and interview portion followed. I was also inspired with the support of my Trainer, Ms. Charmaine Fider and some of my classmates who were there during the contest," said Hazel.

She garnered 2nd place in the contest and received P10,000.00 plus trophy and loot bag with various Korean food

products. The contest was organized by the Korean Cultural Center and held at the Lyceum University, Culinary Institute, Intramuros, Manila on July 29, 2017.

Hazel was a Pharmacy student before she enrolled in Cookery NC II at the TWC. Now, she teaches Bread and Pastry, and Food and Beverage Services to Grade 12 students at the Arellano University.

"I have a passion for cooking and I also love to watch cooking shows, cooking movies and documentaries. Also, we have a small eatery business, and I explore food. With cooking, I can express myself by preparing a dish for my family. For me, cooking is like an art. When I cut vegetables, I can create my own art work. By mixing different ingredients, I can create my own recipe," Hazel gladly shared.

## Dare to be positive and resilient

A lifelong learning program on Climate Change and Adaptation was organized by the TESDA Women's Center in collaboration with Brahma Kumaris Philippines, for the TWC trainees and graduates. The one-day event was a venue for sharing of advocacy on climate change, analyzing its impact in our daily living, and identifying possible climate change measures and advocacy activities.

Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio, TWC Chief highlighted in her welcome remarks, the impacts of climate change and encouraged everyone to be part of the solution to the problem, by lowering the risk of climate change. "The problem of climate change is hard to control but the solution is within us. We are providing you not only with skills but also the right attitude to deal with it," Ms. Ignacio said.

The topics "Finding my Meaning and Purpose," "The Power of Positivity," and "Weathering Criticisms" were comprehensively discussed by Ms. Merle Pimentel with active engagement of all the participants. Ms. Merle said, "The mind is like a clock that is constantly running. It has to be wound up daily with good thoughts. When we have a positive outlook in life, we see opportunities instead of problems, we see solutions when problems occur, we see bright side of negative situations, and the reverse is true for those who have a negative outlook in life."

To distinguish the mind with a negative outlook, Ms. Merle added, "Negative attitude is associated with anger, fear, hate, resentment, bitterness, selfishness, depression, sadness, pride, sulking, stupidity and narrow-mindedness." Ms. Merle finally shared, "Everyone you've met has added to or taken away from yourself."

On Climate Change and Climate Adaptation, Ms. Dina from the Climate Change Commission presented this topic. She cited about the Paris Agreement dealing with greenhouse gas emissions mitigation and adaptation which was adopted by the Philippines on December 12, 2015, signed on April 22, 2016 and ratified on April 22, 2017.

A global scenario on climate change was also presented, and Ms. Dina cited that the Philippines is the 5th in the long-term climate risk index (CRI) most affected country by the extreme weather from 1996-2015.

Ms. Dina explained some changes that we can expect as global temperature continues to rise, "At one degree Celsius



TWC trainees and graduates participate during the learning program on climate change and Adaptation

increase, decreased crop yields and glaciers will start disappearing. At two degrees, more intense storms, flood, droughts and other weather event will occur. At three degrees increase, water supply will be reduced and some species will be extinct. At five degrees increase, more major coastal cities will be threatened by sea level rise."

She shared a list of some doable climate actions. The list contains the following: grow a tree, unplug, avoid plastics, segregate wastes, recycle, don't burn trash, renewable energy, bring own tumbler, use of energy efficient appliances, walk, bike, and carpooling.

Atty. Tecson also from the Climate Change Commission gave additional insights for the TWC trainees and graduates. He said that climate change is caused by man. He shared about his personal experience during typhoon Yolanda in Tacloban City. Finally, he encouraged everyone to be conscious and to take action about climate change.

The highlight of the event was a presentation and discussion on the topic "The Ethics of Climate Change" by the Guest Speaker, Mr. Golo Pilz, Advisor on Solar Energy who came from Germany. He started his presentation with the problems related to pollution, change of temperature, rapid desertification, and sea level rising.

Mr. Golo emphasized, "There is sufficiency in the world for man's NEED but not for man's GREED." He mentioned about the solar energy for the earth, and asked, "Why are we not using it?" He also emphasized the need to reflect on our habits.

He further discussed about ways at saving energy, saving water and reducing waste. He said that thirty percent of climate change is caused by so much meat produced. He shared that

vegetarians live longer and their health is better.

On climate change, Mr. Golo emphasized, "It is serious and it is affecting us. We should make use of good technology like solar energy. We are also part of the problem, but we can do something about it like reducing waste. Let us create a change starting with each one of us."

The event concluded with a closing remarks delivered by Ms. Mylene H. Somera, Supervising TEDS of the TWC. Ms. Joanna Tabu served as the emcee during the program.

## TWC-SEPCO launches new electronic products assembly and servicing training laboratory

The launching of the new Electronic Products Assembly and Servicing (EPAS) Training Laboratory, Room 2, was held on September 27, 2017 at the TESDA Women's Center, TESDA Complex, Taguig City. The ceremony begun with the ribbon cutting led by Mr. Kevin Lee, President and CEO, Samsung Electronics Philippines Corporation (SEPCO) together with TESDA-NCR Regional Director Cenon Querubin.

The TESDA-SEPCO partnership started in 2014 thru a Memorandum of Agreement to implement jointly the Electronics Skills Training project at the TESDA Women's Center. It aims to improve service delivery in the electronics industry through workforce development and ensure a steady supply of highly skilled workers in the electronics sector.

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## TWC-SEPCO launches new electronic products assembly and servicing training laboratory



launching of the second SEPCO training laboratory of the TWC

A welcome message was delivered by Ms. Mylene H. Somera, Supervising TESD Specialist, TESDA Women's Center. She formally welcomed and acknowledged the officials, guests and participants to the event. She stressed that the TESDA-SEPCO partnership is getting stronger since its establishment in 2014. She mentioned that the project has already produced 157 enrollees, 153 graduates and 67 gainfully employed. Likewise, she emphasized the kind-heartedness shown by SEPCO in providing the training laboratory for the EPAS trainees at the TESDA Women's Center.

The SEPCO President, Mr. Kevin

Lee delivered his message: "I am pleased to be here for the launching of the second SEPCO training laboratory. It is intended to promote technical vocational training for the youth in order to help them attain their inspiration."

Mr. Lee also thanked the TESDA leadership for the support and collaboration. "To the trainer and trainees in EPAS, I hope that this training laboratory is the most innovative and productive facility in TESDA," he added.

In response, the TESDA-NCR Regional Director, Cenon Querubin also delivered a message. He expressed gratitude to SEPCO for the very good partnership with TESDA. "I was then the Regional Director of TESDA Region 1 when you opened similar facility in Region 1," he recalled. "This is a manifestation of the good purpose to train quality graduates in Electronics especially in partnership with industry," RD Cenon added.

He also mentioned about the quality management system in TVET which is continually practiced by TESDA. He gave this assurance: "With the Philippine Quality TVET Framework, we are assured of TVET graduates that are globally competitive. In the future, we will be putting back the one-year or two-year training in Electronics."

RD Cenon also thanked SEPCO for opening doors to the TESDA trainees and graduates. Likewise, he encouraged the trainees to learn the various competencies for Samsung products.

A guided tour within the EPAS laboratory followed right after the photo opportunities, participated by SEPCO officials and guests, namely: Kevin Lee, President; Jun Filart, Vice-President; Seungho Jee, Director for Customer Satisfaction, together with other SEPCO members. The TESDA-NCR Regional Director, Cenon Querubin who was assisted by Ms. Mylene Somera, Supervising TESD Specialist, led the tour.

## TWC pursues technology and action researches

The TESDA Women's Center, one of TESDA's Technology Institutions, maintains an environment that firmly supports Research and Development (R&D). Through the conduct of technology research, new knowledge is discovered, applied or verified and appropriate technologies are generated.

Likewise, action researches are conducted to find a solution to an existing problem in the workplace or environment. It searches for a clarifying explanation of an observed phenomenon.

Some of the technology and action researches undertaken by the TWC Trainers and Research staff members for CY 2017 are:

1. Development of Nitrate-free Skinless Longganisa by Ms. Wenny Cabantog
2. Development of Turmeric-based Mocktails by Ms. Regina Ansay
3. Utilization of Pineapple Waste Extracts as Fabric stain Remover by Ms. Ana Aldesimo
4. Feasibility Study of Café Juana Shop by Ms. Kimberly Bautista
5. Feasibility Study of TWC

Alteration Shop by Ms. Irene Mortel and Ms. Christine Joy Palit-ang

6. Tracer Study of TWC Graduates from 2014-2016 by TWC Research staff members

7. Case Study of Training and Competency Assessment for PWDs in Barista NC II and Housekeeping NC II.

Research and Development is one of the three major functions of the TESDA Women's Center (TWC) during its establishment in 1998. Equally important functions are Vocational Training, and Advocacy. Today, the Center is the lead Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institution of excellence in women empowerment that advocates and provides programs and services geared towards quality-assured, inclusive and gender-fair TVET.

The TWC has partnered with the Rotary Clubs of San Juan and Mandaluyong Uptown for the joint research entitled Case Study of Training and Competency Assessment for PWDs in Barista NC II and Housekeeping NC II. The partnership has been expanded to provide access to the PWDs, specifically the hearing impaired, to be trained in Barista NC II, at the TESDA Women's Center in Taguig City.



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