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CPSC Presents APACC Platinum Award to TESDA Women's Center

During the TESDA Flag-Raising Ceremony held on April 15, 2024, the TESDA Women's Center was presented with the prestigious APACC Platinum Award in recognition of their successful completion of the APACC Validation process. This validation process took place from October 4-6, 2023, marking the fifth cycle of accreditation for the center since 2008.

The APACC Platinum Award is the highest level of accreditation, and the TESDA Women's Center proudly became the first TVET institution in the Philippines to receive this esteemed recognition. Prof. GLD Wickramasinghe, Ph.D., the President and Director General of APACC CPSC, expressed immense pride and extended heartfelt congratulations to the TESDA Women's Center for their outstanding achievement in receiving the APACC Platinum award.

Additionally, TESDA Director General, Sec. Suharto T. Mangudadatu, Ph.D., delivered an acceptance speech, praising the TESDA Women's Center and all TESDAns for their remarkable accomplishment, and offering his sincere wishes for their continued success.

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22 April, 2024

**HAPPY
EARTH
DAY**

Together, we can make
a difference for future
generations.
Let's cherish and care
for our Earth!

TESDA Women's Center celebrates Earth Day 2024 with the theme "Planet vs. Plastics: Uniting for a Sustainable Earth."

At TWC, we strongly encourage raising awareness about plastic pollution, advocating for recycling and waste reduction practices, and supporting initiatives that promote responsible production and consumption.

This meaningful event engaged the participants in activities such as seminar on the benefits of solar power, workshop on upcycling, Big Clean Up day activity and Center initiatives focused on reducing plastic waste.

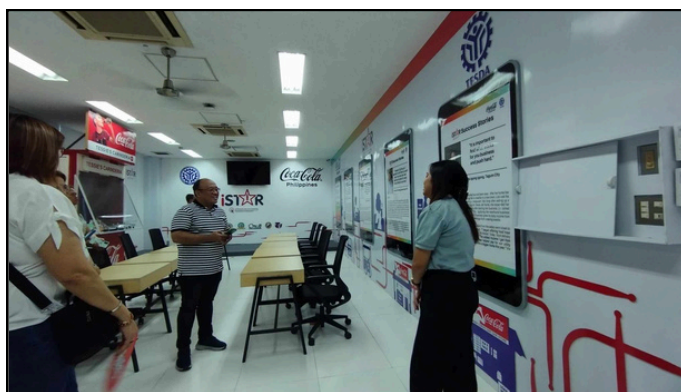
Together, let us unite for a sustainable Earth and work towards a future where the battle between the planet and plastics is won through collective effort and conscious action.

CMPI Visits TWC for a Lakbay-Aral Activity



On April 23, 2024, the City of Malabon Polytechnic Institute (CMPI), headed by the Officer-in-Charge, Dr. Moses Kaenel V. Bergado led a group of 11 employees on a Lakbay-Aral visit to the TESDA Women's Center (TWC).

The purpose of the visit was to provide their staff and trainers with up-to-date information regarding the latest trends and practices in their respective fields. Additionally, the visit aimed to strengthen the relationship between the two institutions. As part of the Lakbay-Aral program, CMPI had the opportunity to tour the workshop areas and facilities of TESDA Women's Center.



TESDA Women's Center Organizes Hybrid Seminar on Solar Power and Energy



The TESDA Women's Center successfully organized a hybrid seminar on the advantages of solar power and energy on April 23, 2023 at the Tandang Sora Hall, TESDA Women's Center.

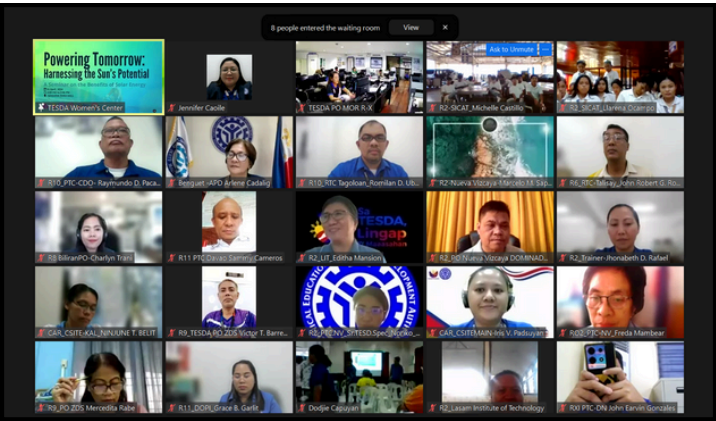
The seminar had a total of 661 participants, including TESDA employees, trainees, and graduates, both in person and virtually. The Chief of Staff from the Office of the Secretary, Abe D. Arenga, was also present at the seminar.

The resource persons for the seminar were Danilo B. Jugno, the General Manager of Solar Grid Alternatives, Inc., and Engr. Nigel Paul Gamponia, who specializes in Design & Construction at SGA.

The seminar was part of TWC's Earth Day activities, aimed at promoting sustainable practices that contribute to reducing carbon emissions and achieving energy independence. The discussion focused on the numerous benefits of solar energy. Participants gained knowledge about the economic advantages, such as cost savings and job creation, as well as the environmental benefits, including mitigating climate change and preserving the planet for future generations.



Engr. Nigel Paul Gamponia encourages TESDAns to take advantage of the sun's natural power as alternative source of energy



TESDA Women's Center Celebrates its 26th Founding Anniversary



The TESDA Women's Center celebrated its 26th Founding Anniversary on April 29, 2024, with the theme "Embracing Green TVET: Fostering Wellness and Fellowship for a Sustainable Work Environment and Future". The highlight of the event was the awarding of TWC employees with Most Upkeep Workstation, Most Upkeep Workshop, Highest Performance Evaluation Rating in 2023 for Teaching and Non-teaching Personnel, special commendation and birthday greetings of TWC employees.

All TWC employees and the officers of the TWC Alumni Association attended the event. Also in attendance was TWC's Industry partner Samsung Electronic Philippines Corporation (SEPCO) which is a strong supporter and advocate of the sustainable practices in the electronics industry.

The TWC employees enjoyed the occasion with singing, dancing, and fun games. This activity was also organized as part of the TWC's Wellness and Fellowship program for TWC employees.



The event highlights awarding of Star Service Awards to both teaching and non-teaching staffs with SEPCO's Ronald Joson



TWC Conducts Upcycling Seminar as Support to Earth Day Celebration



Marissa “Mawie” Cruz with TWC’s Administrator Mylene H. Somera and Acting Supervising TESD Specialist, Kimberly G. Bautista

On April 30, 2024, the TESDA Women's Center organized the second part of their Earth Day Activity, titled "UpStyle: Upcycling Waste with Style."

The event brought together TESDA employees, trainees, and graduates, both in person and virtually. ED Floramel Joy C. Songsong, the Executive Director for Partnerships and Linkages Office, was also in attendance.

The workshop was led by Marissa "Mawie" Cruz, the founder of UpStyle, who guided participants through hands-on activities like paper pulp/paper clay painting, and creating unique art pieces.

The event fostered connections among eco-enthusiasts and like-minded individuals passionate about sustainability, and the participants' artworks were showcased and awarded prizes for the most beautiful creations.



TWC Conducts Trainee's Orientation Programs for New Trainees



The Trainee's Orientation Program was conducted on May 2, 2024 at the TESDA Women's Center, Tandang Sora Hall. The program was conducted for the new batch of trainees enrolled in the Barista NC II, Driving NC II, Dressmaking NC II, and GMAW NC II training programs of the Center.

The purpose of the Trainee's Orientation Program is to familiarize the new trainees with various aspects of the TWC. This includes providing information on the organizational structure, introducing them to the faculty and staff, explaining the rules and regulations they need to follow, and highlighting the importance of Gender and Development and the Committee on Decorum and Investigation.

During the orientation, the trainees were also informed about the services provided by the Center, such as health monitoring, guidance programs, the TWC Learning Resource Center, and the facilities available to them. They were introduced to the Trainees Council, the TWC Alumni Association, as well as the iSTAR Program.

Overall, the Trainee's Orientation Program served as a comprehensive introduction to the TESDA Women's Center and its various resources and support systems for the new trainees.



On May 14, 2024, the TESDA Women's Center once again conducted the Trainees Orientation Program (TOP) for the new batch of trainees at the TWC EPAS-Samsung Room.

The TOP is regularly conducted to familiarize new trainees with the Center, its organizational structure, rules and regulations, and support services. The program also introduced the Trainees Council, TWC Alumni Association, iSTAR Program, and services provided by the Language Skills Center of the Philippines (LSCP) and Pag-Ibig Fund (HDMF).

Overall, TOP served as a comprehensive introduction to the TESDA Women's Center and its resources for the new trainees.

TESDA Women's Center Leads Gender Sensitivity Training to New Batch of Trainees



The TESDA Women's Center (TWC) successfully organized a Gender Sensitivity Training for its new batch of trainees today, May 7, 2024. The training was facilitated by the center's core trainers.

The objective of the training is to empower the learners through creating an inclusive and respectful learning environment, raising awareness about gender-related issues, promoting gender equality, and fostering understanding of diverse experiences and perspectives.

Practical scenarios and engaging exercises are incorporated into the training to enhance the learning experience. These activities allow trainees to apply their knowledge and skills to real-life situations, strengthening their ability to address gender-related challenges. Through active participation and constructive dialogue, the program encourages shared responsibility and collective action for a gender-sensitive workplace.

The implementation of the Gender Sensitivity Training reflects TWC's commitment to empowering trainees as advocates for gender equality.

TESDA Women's Center Oversees another Batch of Gender Sensitivity Training to Trainees

Following the successful conduct of Gender Sensitivity Training (GST) on the first week of May, the TWC team of facilitators conducted the 2nd batch of GST for the trainees on May 9, 2024.

The whole-day GST was attended by a total of 91 trainees from the following qualifications: Food & Beverage Services NC II, Housekeeping NC II, Bartending NC II, and Shielded Metal Arc Welding NC II.

Participants were composed of 54% female and 42% male. The training covered foundational Gender and Development (GAD) concepts, SOGIESC 101, and involved various activities to analyze the causes of gender issues and recommend solutions for a more inclusive and safe TVET environment.

TWC regularly conducts GST for Trainees and their parents or guardians, Trainers and other staff members, Industry Partners, and people in the community.



TESDA Women's Center Supports Pilot Testing of the Gender-Responsive Checklist for Instructional Materials in TVET



In line with TESDA's commitment to gender equality, TESDA, through its Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System, collaborates with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) to integrate inclusivity into standards, curriculum, and learning materials.

From May 9-10, 2024, GAD Focals and Trainers holding Trainers Methodology (TM) Level II from 17 TESDA Regional/Provincial Offices, with observers from the Central office, participated in the Pilot Testing of the Gender-Responsive Checklist for Instructional Materials in TVET at Brentwood Suites, Quezon City.

During this Pilot Testing, participants actively utilized the checklist, offering invaluable feedback for its enhancement before its official launch. This initiative highlights TESDA's unwavering commitment to fostering a training environment that embraces gender-fair and inclusive TVET.

TESDA-CSITE Benchmarks on TESDA Women's Center

The TWC as the first institution in the Philippines with Platinum Level award in the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC), hosted the benchmarking activity of the Cordillera State Institute of Technical Education (TESDA-CSITE) on June 10, 2024. The CSITE group was led by Felixberto B. Matute Jr., the Acting Administrator of CSITE.

The benchmarking activity aims to learn from TWC's best practices and gain insights on the process of APACC application. During the visit, the TWC team presented information about the affirmations, commendations, and recommendations from TWC's APACC validations in 2018 and 2023. The TWC team also shared details about TWC's 2023 accomplishments.

Additionally, the CSITE group was given a tour of training laboratories and facilities.

The benchmarking activity provided an opportunity for the CSITE team to observe and learn from TWC's wins from challenges and best practices that can also be applied to CSITE to improve their current systems and operations.



Provincial Administrator of Maguindanao del Sur Visits TESDA Women's Center

On May 27, 2024, TWC was visited by the Provincial Administrator of Maguindanao Del Sur, Atty. Cyrus Torreña, for an exploratory meeting of possible partnership presided by the Deputy Director General for Partnerships and Special Concerns Vidal D. Villanueva III.

Immediately followed by a hybrid meeting on May 29, 2024 personally attended by DOJ Undersecretary Margarita Gutierrez and Dr. Alan Ada Lachica of the National Defense College of the Philippines.



The guests were warmly welcomed by the TESDA Secretary Suharto T. Mangudadatu, PhD.

Other TESDA officials and personnel from TWC, NLSC and Region XII headed by Regional Director Rafael Abrogar II also participated in the hybrid meeting.

This initiative shall pave the way for the Center to expand its programs and services nationwide towards becoming the National Training and Development Center for Women.

It is the Center's mission to explore impactful partnerships that could empower more women in the country.



Timorese Delegation Visits TESDA Women's Center



On June 5, 2024, the Timor-Leste Ambassador H.E. Marciano da Silva and a group of young Timorese officers visited the TESDA Women's Center. This visit was part of a Leadership Immersion Program organized by the government of Timor-Leste, aimed at training a group of young Timorese officers.

The delegation, which included the Timor-Leste Ambassador and the young officers, was particularly interested in learning how TESDA contributes to human development, economic growth, and sustainability in the country. They were also interested in understanding how TESDA's work aligns with the goals and priorities of the ASEAN community.

The visit provided an opportunity for the Timorese delegation to observe and learn from TESDA's approach to technical education, skills development, and their role in supporting the Philippines' economic and social progress. This knowledge-sharing experience was part of Timor-Leste's efforts to strengthen its own human capital development strategies, drawing insights from the Philippines' successful TESDA program.



TWC Participates in Treasures of SOX



On June 7, 2024, the TESDA Women's Center participated in the Department of Tourism Region XII's 6th Treasures of SOX: A Travel and Trade Expo at the Midtown Atrium, Robinsons Manila.

During the event, TWC Trainer Ms. Maribel Dumalagan showcased the skills of Barista NC II trainees and provided freshly brewed coffee-based and tea beverages to the attendees of the event.

TESDA Women's Center - Coca Cola Launches iSTAR Center for Entrepreneurship

On June 6, 2024, the TESDA Women's Center and Coca-Cola Philippines launched the iSTAR Center for Entrepreneurship. The event was graced by several distinguished guests, including Mr. Pablo Medina Noriega, Senior Director for Franchise Operations, Coca-Cola Philippines, Ms. Joy Munsayac-Cacal, Senior Manager of Public Affairs, Communications and Sustainability, Coca-Cola Philippines, DDG Vidal D. Villanueva III, Partnerships and Special Concerns, TESDA, ED Floramel Joy Songsong, Partnerships and Linkages Office, other TESDA Officials and iSTAR trainers and graduates from PASCO.



The event formally recognized the TESDA Women's Center as the national iSTAR Center, which will serve as a sustainable hub for business development, training, and support for Filipino entrepreneurs. The launch also secured TWC's commitment to integrate the iSTAR program into the Center's institutional frameworks, ensuring the initiative's long-term sustainability. This collaboration between TWC and Coca-Cola marks an important milestone in their joint efforts to promote entrepreneurship and empower Filipino businesses through the iSTAR Center for Entrepreneurship.



TWC Organizes Ceremonial Signing of MOU with Partners

The TESDA Women's Center (TWC) held a ceremonial signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with InsBoss and Fit 2 Be Tied Events Consultancy on May 22, 2024 at the Gregoria de Jesus Hall of the TESDA Women's Center.



These partnerships aim to enhance the services provided by TWC in several key areas: employment assistance, enhancement of the competency-based curriculum, and promotion and advocacy of TWC's training programs particularly in the Events Management NC III and Virtual Assistant Services Level II.

TESDA Women's Center Hosts Institutional Visit for the Participants of Special in-Country Program



On June 11, 2024, the TESDA Women's Center (TWC) hosted another institutional visit from the participants of the Special in-Country Program on "Change Management for TVET" organized by the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) in collaboration with the Office of the Vocational Education (OVEC), Ministry of Education (MOE) of Thailand, and the Royal Thai Embassy in Manila.



The delegation consisted of 25 educational personnel from OVEC under the supervision of the Ministry of Education in Thailand.

During the visit, the TWC presented about the "Empowering Change: Women Driving Diversity and Inclusion in TVET Education". The TWC team facilitated the tour of training laboratories and other facilities.

TESDA Women's Center Joins Expo Maritime Philippines

The TESDA Women's Center joined the Expo Maritime Philippines: Cruise Travel Tourism and Maritime Career Convention 2024 on June 11-12, 2024, at the SMX Convention Center.

The event showcased the Philippines as a top cruise destination, highlighting the country's potential for cruise tourism, unity among stakeholders, and future opportunities in the maritime industry.

Together with TESDA National Capital Region, headed by Regional Director Jovencio M. Ferrer, Jr., and the NCR Regional Training Center, the

TESDA Women's Center showcased its Bartending NC II training program through an exhibit and demonstration of skills by the trainees. Ms. Aura Kriz Abella and Shella D. Bawar joined the TESDA team to advocate for the center's different training program offerings.



TWC Visits a Women's Center Facility in Maguindanao Del Sur, BARMM: Building Collaborations to Expand Women's Empowerment in TVET in the Communities

JOENNA TABU TATTAO

With guidance and support from the TESDA Director General, Sec. Suharto “Teng” Mangudadatu, Ph.D., the following TESDA Official and Personnel visited a Women's Center Facility in Buluan, Maguindanao Del Sur, BARMM on June 4-5, 2024: PLO Executive Director Floramel Joy Sonsong, TWC Chief Mylene Somera, and Senior TESD Specialist and GAD Focal, Joenna Tabu Tattao

The activity was aimed at achieving the following objectives: (1) Visit and assess the Women's Center Facility to determine the needs of the target TVET beneficiaries in the community; (2) Conduct consultations with the local government of Maguindanao Del Sur and nearby Offices to understand the processes, challenges, and opportunities to empower more women in the communities; (3) Provide recommendations to the Local Government of Maguindanao Del Sur on how to adopt the good practices of TWC/NTCW and to mainstream other GAD-related enabling mechanisms in the organization; and (4) Strengthen the nationwide expansion of programs and services of TWC/NTCW in line with the advocacy to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in TVET.

During the visit, the officials and staff members of the Provincial Government of Maguindanao Del Sur and its Facility of **Maguindanao Women and Children Peace and Action Center** presented the background and target programs and services of the institution primarily focused on women and girls victim-survivors of gender-based violence.

The main objectives of the facility mentioned above are also aligned with the vision of TWC: address the needs of women and girl victim-survivors of gender-based violence and women and girls in need of assistance, and assist them in the recovery and reintegration and the opportunity of continuing normal lives.

The participants from TESDA also visited the GAD Offices at the Provincial Government Offices of Maguindanao Del Sur and Sultan Kudarat to understand their current programs and services in gender mainstreaming and promoting gender equality and social inclusion in the community.



The Provincial Offices have remarkable GAD activities and advocacy activities to reach more women and those in the marginalized sectors of society.

After the 1-day On-Site Visit at the Maguindanao Women and Children Peace and Action Center, TWC shall initiate to forge a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Provincial Government of Maguindanao Del Sur to collaborate on empowering more women and girls in the communities through an area-based and demand-driven TVET and share knowledge and capabilities to further mainstream Gender and Development, Women's Empowerment, and Social Inclusion advocacies in the Facility.



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