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TWC produces 468 new and competent graduates with the necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes relevant to the job market

by Jean Maurice R. Constantino



A memorable group photo of TWC teaching and non teaching staff together with the graduates of various TWC programs during the Closing Ceremonies of TWC Competency-Based Training Programs

The TESDA Women's Center held its first closing ceremonies of competency-based training programs for year 2018 at the TESDA Covered Court, TESDA Complex, East Service Road, South Superhighway, Taguig City on July 5, 2018.

A total of 468 graduates have completed and successfully passed their skills training in Bartending NC II, Barista NC II, Cookery NC II, Dressmaking NC II, Electronic Product Assembly and Servicing

NC II, Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC II, Food and Beverage Services NC II, Food Processing NC II, Gas Metal Arc Welding NC II, Housekeeping NC II, Plumbing NC II, Shielded Metal Arc Welding NC I and NC II.

TWC hold its closing ceremonies twice a year for the graduating trainees of competency-based training from January to June and July-December batches. The said event is aimed at celebrating the ac-

complishments of the graduating trainees who possess the skills, knowledge and attitudes relevant to the job market, and to recognize the achievements of the Center.

The closing ceremonies started with a Thanksgiving Mass held in the morning from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the TESDA Covered Court which was attended by the graduates and their parents together with the TWC management, teaching and non-teaching staff members. The processional march, on the other hand, started exactly at 1:30 pm which was immediately followed by the program proper. Gracing the closing ceremonies and delivered a keynote message was Ms. Gilda Patricia Maquilan, 5by20 Lead, Sustainability and Community Connections Manager, Coca-Cola Philippines as Guest Speaker.



Guest Speaker, Ms. Gilda Patricia C. Maquilan, Sustainability and Community Connections Manager of Coca-Cola Philippines (right) together with TWC Chief Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio (center) and TWC Supervising TESD Specialist Ms. Mylene H. Somera (left)

Wooden spoon innovation center launched by TESDA - Pilmico

by Jean Maurice R. Constantino



Sec. Gulling "Gene" A. Mamondiong (3rd from left) presented the new baking tools and equipment donated by Aboitiz/Pilmico to TESDA after the official launch of the Wooden Spoon Innovation Center.

The TESDA-PILMICO Innovation Center with a brand name "Wooden Spoon" was officially launched at Building No. 4, TESDA Complex, Taguig City on August 24, 2018. It is a dedicated facility to promote the culture of entrepreneurship and innovation among the TESDA trainees and graduates.

Ms. Gilda, in her message shared five good lessons to the graduating trainees that she gained in her more than twenty years of corporate life in most prestigious private companies. She revealed and pointed out the following: 1. Be healthy 2. Always believe in yourself with dignity and pride 3. Be the person everyone wants to work with 4. Pangalagaan ang inyong pangalan 5. Know your rights. She also expressed in her message, her confidence to the graduates for she believes that they too are now capable in succeeding in their own chosen fields after completing their training at the TESDA Women's Center.

Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio, Center

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A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between TESDA and Aitiz/Pilmico was signed during the program launch and was signed by TESDA Director General Guling "Gene" Mamondiong and Aboitiz/Pilmico 1st Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer Ms. Maribeth Marasigan.

The Deputy Director General for Policies and Planning, Rosanna A. Urdaneta gave the welcome remarks. She said that 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. She expressed joy seeing the newly refurbished building turned into an Innovation Center by the TWC in partnership with Aboitiz/Pilmico.

"I am giving my full support for this project. I believe that this Innovation Center will help start-up businesses by providing a range of resources, services and facilities needed by our graduates in Bread and Pastry Production during the developmental stage of their business," said DDG Rose.

The highlight of the program launch was the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the TESDA Director General Guling "Gene" Mamondiong and the First Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of Aboitiz/Pilmico, Maribeth Marasigan. The formal turn-over of baking equipment and tools by Aboitiz/Pilmico to TESDA was witnessed by the guests and officials from both organizations. The TWC Chief, Maria Clara Ignacio presented the overview of the partnership program. The event was hosted by William Michael Del Rosario, Guidance Counsellor, and Joanna Tabu, GAD/ Empowerment Trainer.

TWC and Children International forge new partnership

by Jean Maurice R. Constantino



Children International members Joseph Jerome Sibonga, CI Employment Coordinator (3rd from left), Jeffrey Mark Santos, Community Center Coordinator (2nd from left) and Isabele Anne Ignacio (1st from right) together with TWC Center Chief Maria Clara B. Ignacio (middle), Mylene H. Somera, Supervising TESD Specialist (1st from left), Gerrelen D. Balbin, Head, Training Management Unit (3rd from right) and Lucia P. Tabu, Head, Research, Advocacy, Partnerships and Linkages Unit during a meeting at the TESDA Women's Center

Children International (CI) is a leader in the movement to eradicate poverty that provides access to a safe place, a caring team, and a clear path out of poverty for the children through programs focused on healthy behaviours, use of health services, education, empowerment and employment.

The focus of CI is aligned with the

mission of the TESDA Women's Center (TWC) as the lead TVET institution of excellence in women empowerment by providing programs and services geared towards quality-assured, inclusive and gender-fair Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

In a meeting held on July 25, 2018 at the TESDA Women's Center, the parties

agreed to collaborate in providing technical-vocational skills training, empowerment, and employment for the youth. The meeting was attended by Mr. Joseph Jerome Sibonga, CI Employment Coordinator, Mr. Jeffrey Mark Santos, Community Center Coordinator, and Ms. Isabel Anne Ignacio, Program Field Officer. The TWC team was joined by Ms. Maria Clara Ignacio, Center Chief, Ms. Mylene Somera, Supervising TESD Specialist, Ms. Gerrelen Balbin, Training Management Unit Head, and Ms. Lucy Tabu, Research, Advocacy, Partnerships and Linkages Unit Head. After the meeting, a Memorandum of Agreement was drafted to formalize the partnership between Children International Inc. and TESDA Women's Center.

Children International has been referring some women trainees to enrol at the Center. The TWC is advocating for more women to enrol in the traditionally male-dominated courses such as Plumbing, Bartending, Automotive Servicing, Electronic Product Assembly and Servicing (EPAS), and Welding. The training programs are offered for free at the TESDA Women's Center in Taguig City.

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secretariat will continue to organize activities such as the GAD assembly to achieve the "twin goals" of gender equality and women economic empowerment in the TVET sector.



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Sustaining the TWC-SEPCO partnership in EPAS under the Dual Training System

by Lucia P. Tabu

A meeting with Samsung Electronics Philippines Corporation (SEPCO) and TESDA Women's Center (TWC) on strengthening the partnership training in Electronic Product Assembly and Servicing (EPAS) NC II under the Dual Training System was held at the TWC, Taguig City on July 24, 2018.

Both parties were absolutely committed to sustaining and strengthening the partnership program for women to be trained in EPAS NC II. With regard to the ways forward, both agreed to work together for the competitiveness of the graduates such as giving recognition for excellent achievement during the training, and documenting testimonials of successful graduates to capture the power of stories. The meeting was attended by SEPCO officials namely: Mr. Patrick Tolentino, Corporate Marketing Director, Mr. Norman Nicholas Garcia, CSV and Government Relations Head, and Mr. Ariel Matibag. From the TWC, the meeting was joined by Ms. Maria Clara Ignacio, Center Chief, Ms. Gerrelen Balbin, Training Management Unit Head, Ms. Lucy Tabu, Research, Advocacy, Systems Development Unit Head, Ms. Jennifer Caoile, Trainer, EPAS NC II, Ms. Melina Faith Deinla, Industry Coordinator, and Mr. Aries Glenn Montesines, TESD Specialist II. After the meeting, the group visited the trainees enrolled in Electronic Product Assembly and Servicing NC II at the TWC.

The graduates of Electronic Products Assembly and Servicing NC II are accepted by the Samsung Service Centers as on-the-job trainees and finally they get employed after the OJT. Some of the graduates have worked as Electronics technicians, Production Operator, Encoder, Apprentice Operator, Customer Service Representative, and Assistant technicians in various companies.

The partnership between TWC and SEPCO started in 2015. From 2015 to 2017, eight batches of training have been conducted with a total of 180 enrolled and 112 graduates. The graduates achieved 93.75% certification rate.



Samsung Electronics Philippines Corporation (SEPCO) Corporate Marketing Director Mr. Patrick Tolentino (2nd from left standing) with Mr. Norman Nicholas Garcia, CSV and Government Relations Head (sitting, 1st from left) and Mr. Ariel Matibag (1st from right) together with TWC Center Chief Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio (2nd from right), Ms. Lucia P. Tabu (3rd from right), Ms. Gerrelen D. Balbin (4th from right), Ms. Melina Faith E. Deinla (5th from right) and Ms. Jennifer O. Caoile (1st from left) with the trainees of Electronic Products Assembly and Servicing (EPAS) NC II

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Chief, TWC delivered the welcome message. She mentioned about the graduation theme: "Kasanayang bigay ng TESDA, hatid ay pagbabago sa buhay at kinabukasan ng Pamilya't Sambayahan" wherein she emphasized that the graduates made the right choice in studying at the TESDA Women's Center. She also congratulated the graduates for passing their National Assessment and having earned their National Certificate at TESDA which is an evidence that they are skilled and certified. She also mentioned that the TESDA National Certificate is a crucial and vital document to show when they apply for local and/or overseas employment.

After the message of the Guest of Honor, the awarding of certificates to the graduates took place. Ms. Gerrelen D. Balbin, Unit Head, Training Management Unit presented the 468 graduating trainees and the Center Chief, Ms. Ignacio, gave the confirmation.

The following Trainers called the names of their graduates and each graduate received her/his training certificate on stage: Ms. Shella Bawar – Bartending NC II, Ms. Kimberly Bautista - Barista NC II, Ms. Charmaine Fider – Cookery NC II, Ms. Irene Mortel – Dressmaking NC II, Ms. Jeniffer Caoile – Electronic Product Assembly and Servicing (EPAS) NC II, Mr. Lawrence Hermias – Electrical Installation and Maintenance (EIM) NC II, Ms. Kimberly Bautista – Food and Beverage Services NC II, Ms. Wenny Cabantog – Food Processing NC II, Mr. Albert Idio – Gas Metal Ac Welding NC II and Shielded Metal Arc Welding NC I and NC II, Ms. Maria Icelly Villagrancia – Plumbing.

As a tradition, TWC also has internal resource speakers coming from the Teaching Staff and one from the graduating trainees who share their experiences and life lessons as part of the TESDA



Women's Center family.

Lean Pamador, a graduate of Electronic Product Assembly and Servicing NC II delivered her message

highlighting her own story in life and how she decided to enrol in EPAS NC II at TWC. In her message, she gave her utmost gratitude to TESDA Women's Center for giving her an opportunity to study in the institution and develop her skills in Electronics. Now, according to her, she immediately got a job after her on-the-job training as a customer service representative at Raycon Service Center.

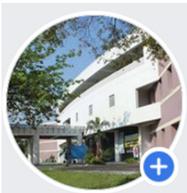
A message from the Teaching Staff of TWC, Ms. Jennifer Caoile, Trainer in Electronic Product Assembly and Servicing NC II



at the TWC delivered her message for the graduates conveying her commendation to all the graduates for a job well done and challenging them to prove to all that they indeed have become empowered, confident, skilled and more responsible person and became an inspiration to others so that they will also develop their utmost potential.



Ms. Mylene H. Somera, Supervising TESD Specialist delivered the Closing Remarks for the ceremonies wherein she congratulated the graduates, parents, guardians as well as recognize the achievements and performance of the TWC Trainers, Non-teaching staff and the rest of the TESDA Women's Center.



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GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) CORNER

TESDA central office: host of 2018 GFPS assembly

by Jean Maurice R. Constantino



TESDA Central and Regional GAD Focals and other Participants of TESDA GAD Focal Point System Assembly together with TESDA Board Member Dr. Paloma B. Papa (3rd from left, seated) and Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio (4th from left, seated), TWC Center Chief and Chair of TESDA GAD Focal Point System - Technical Working Group during the Opening Ceremony of the TESDA GAD Focal Point System Assembly.

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) will hold an annual three-day Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS) Assembly on December 4-6, 2018.

TESDA has initiated the annual GAD activity since CY 2013 with the support of the Director General and its GAD Focal Point System-Executive Committee (GFPS-ExeCom) aimed at supporting and strengthening the functionality of the Agency's GFPS.

The conduct of the annual GAD assembly is in pursuance to the TESDA GAD mandates stipulated in the Magna Carta of Women (RA 9710) and the Joint Circular No. 2012-01 of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) which makes this activity as one of the important elements in the Agency's GAP Planning and Budgeting.

TESDA, thru its GAD Focal Point System, aims to attain a gender-fair Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET) by strengthening the capability and competence of the Agency's GFPS at the national and regional levels on matters related to gender analysis, gender mainstreaming and policies related to GAD planning and budgeting.

The opening ceremony of the GAD assembly will be graced by Dr. Paloma B. Papa, President & Treasurer, East Manila Cable Internet Inc., Member, Federation Board, Soroptimist International of the Americas. She is also a Board Member of TESDA.

A total of 77 participants from the TESDA central and regional offices will come together and attend the GAD assembly.

The opening ceremony shall cover discussions about Levelling Session on Gender & Development. A film screening of "Women in Malolos" and film synthesis in the context of GAD will be facilitated by Ms. Joanna. It will be followed by an Orientation Workshop on Gender Analysis & Gender Mainstreaming will be facilitated by Maria Clara B. Ignacio, Chair, GFPS, TWG and TWC Chief.

The second day shall be devoted to a session entitled TESDA Organizational Performance Management System (OPMS) presented by Ma. Angelina M. Carreon, Assistant Executive Director, Planning Office. It will be followed by a session on Essential Provisions on the GAD Planning and Budgeting Guidelines to be discussed by Ms. Joanna again. Then, a member of the Commission on Audit (COA), Ms. Alma Baculi, Supersising Audito shall discuss the topic entitled Appreciation of COA Circular No. 2014-001 (Revised Guidelines in the Audit of GAD Funds and Activities in Government Agencies. The afternoon session will be-

gin with a presentation of TESDA GAD Logic Framework and GAD Agenda and it will be followed by a workshop on Formulation of the Draft Consolidated 2020 GAD Plan and Budget (GPB).

For the final day of the assembly, it shall be devoted to a session on GAD Budget Attribution in GAD Planning & Budgeting, orienting the participants on the GAD Budget Attribution using the Harmonized GAD Guidelines (HGDG). It will be followed by an exercise to familiarize and apply the said guidelines and the Workshop on the formulation of the 2020 GAD Plans & Budgets will be continued. The participants will present their draft Consolidated 2020 GPB.

The 3-day GAD assembly will officially end with a closing ceremony. Impressions from selected participants shall be solicited to capture the lessons and new ideas gained from the GAD assembly.

The TESDA-GFPS, through the TESDA Women's Center (TWC) as GAD

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