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TESDA Women's Center Achieves the Prestigious Platinum Level Accreditation from the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission

In a momentous achievement, the TESDA Women's Center (TWC) has been honored with the Platinum Level of Accreditation by the esteemed Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC). This recognition solidifies the institution's commitment for excellence and continuous improvements.

The APACC, known for its stringent evaluation criteria, bestowed the Platinum Level Accreditation on TWC as a testament to the hard work, innovation, and collaborative spirit within the institution.



TWC was subjected to the evaluation and validation of the APACC through an on-site visit, on October 4 - 6, 2023. The Center was evaluated in the following seven (7) criteria: Governance and Management, Teaching and Learning, Human Resources, Research and Development, Image and Sustainability, Other Resources, and Support to Students.

DDG Vidal D. Villanueva III, Deputy Director General for Special Concerns and Mylene H. Somera, Acting Chief TESD Specialist received the plaque of award at the Dusit Thani Hotel during the 50th dinner anniversary of Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) on December 4, 2023 .

TWC became the first Institution in the Philippines to achieve the prestigious award.



The TWC Family together with APACC Accreditation Team headed by Lead Accreditor PN Noor Aidi Binti Nadzri with Engr Dr. Mian Khuram Ahsan during their on-site visit on October 3-6, 2023.

TESDA Employees Undergo Gender Sensitivity Training



TESDAns posed to end violence against women and children during the Gender Sensitivity Training on December 6, 2023.

To achieve gender equality and women's empowerment in TVET, the TESDA GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) strongly believes that TESDA personnel must first be gender-sensitized by understanding basic GAD concepts. In line with this and in view of the TESDA 2023 Observance of the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC), the TESDA Women's Center Pool of Speakers conducted Gender Sensitivity Training to thirty-six (36) TESDAns on December 6, 2023.

The welcoming remarks from the GFPS Chairperson, DDG Rosanna A. Urdaneta, were shared by her representative, AED Katherine Amor Zarsadias of the Planning Office while the closing message was delivered by DDG Vidal D. Villanueva III from the ODDG - Special Concerns.

TWC Conducts Gender Sensitivity Training for Parents



Twenty-seven (27) participants composed of parents, guardians, and other relatives of TESDA scholars were part of the TESDA Women's Center's advocacy activities in observance of the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC).

The TESDA Women's Center conducted a 1-day Gender Sensitivity Training (GST) on 2 December 2023 which assisted the participants in contributing to gender equality at home by sharing the care work, empowering their children to speak out about their rights, and promoting diversity, safe spaces, and nurturing conditions in the family.



TESDA - Unitec Inaugurates Plumbing Training Laboratory

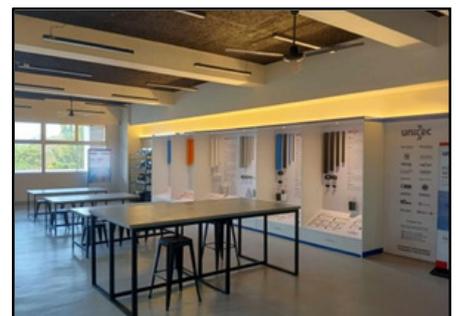
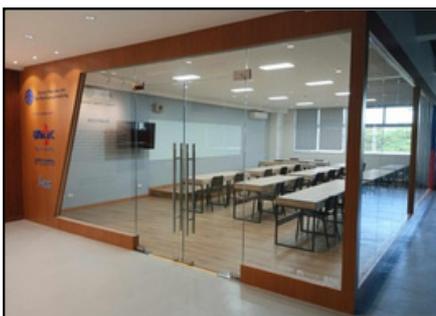
In a groundbreaking move to address the growing demand for skilled plumbing professionals, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) through the TESDA Women's Center (TWC) has partnered with Unitec Pipe Manufacturing Corp. (UPMC) to inaugurate a state-of-the-art Plumbing Training Laboratory. This collaboration aims to elevate the standards of plumbing education and provide hands-on training opportunities for aspiring plumbers.

The grand launching ceremony took place on December 7, 2023 at the TESDA Women's Center, TESDA Complex, Taguig City. The inauguration was led by DDG Aniceto D. Bertz, III, Deputy Director General for TESD Operations representing Sec. Shuharto T. Mangudadatu, Ph.D., TESDA Director General and Mr. Gregory Yap, Managing Director of UPMC. It was attended by key officials from TESDA, UPMC, industry leaders, and stakeholders in the field of Plumbing and Construction Industry.

The newly refurbished Plumbing Training Laboratory is equipped with cutting-edge facilities and tools designed to simulate real-world plumbing scenarios.

The hands-on training at the TWC will enable its trainees to develop practical skills and gain valuable experience in plumbing installation, maintenance, and repair. The facility boasts a comprehensive curriculum developed in collaboration with industry experts to ensure that graduates are well-prepared to meet the demands of the ever-evolving plumbing industry.

The partnership between TESDA and Unitec Pipe Manufacturing Corp. represents a significant milestone in the efforts to enhance technical education in the country. As the demand for skilled plumbers continues to rise, the Plumbing Training Laboratory is expected to make a substantial impact by producing competent and industry-ready professionals.



TWC Holds GFPS Assembly and Training on Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF)

The TESDA GAD Focal Point System (GFPS), through TESDA Women's Center as GAD Secretariat, will conduct the TESDA 2023 GFPS Assembly and Training on Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF) on October 23-27, 2023 at Hotel Seoul, Clark, Pampanga, aimed at the GAD focal persons from Central Office and seventeen (17) Regional Offices to understand the concepts and applications of gender mainstreaming in the TVET.

The GFPS Conference with the theme: "Fostering a Gender-Responsive and Inclusive TVET Culture to Strengthen TESDA's Gender Mainstreaming Efforts and Initiatives" highlights the role of the Authority's GFPS to inform and engage its focal persons regarding the fundamental principles and concepts, facilitate an in-depth discussion on GAD mandates and gender-based issues in TVET, provide knowledge and skills in assessing the Authority's progress in gender mainstreaming, and update TESDA's GMEF score and gender mainstreaming level.

The Chairperson of the TESDA GFPS-Executive Committee and Deputy Director General for Policies and Planning, DDG Rosanna Urdaneta, leads the GFPS to ensure an in-depth understanding and appreciation of GAD programs and advocacies among the GAD focal persons in the TESDA Central and Regional offices.



TESDA GAD Focal with DDG Vidal D. Villanueva III during the closing part of the GFPS Assembly and Training on GMEF held at Hotel Seoul, Clark, Pampanga on October 23-27, 2023.

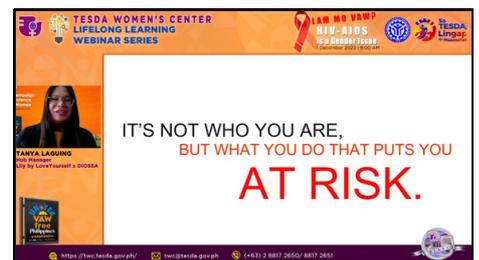
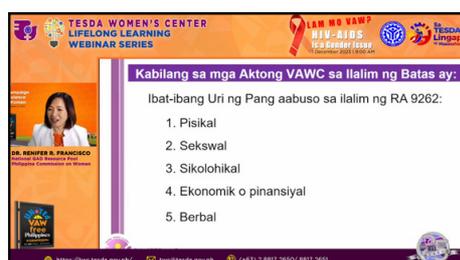
TWC Hosts Lifelong Learning Program on HIV-AIDS as a Gender Issue

December 1, 2023 marked a powerful kickoff for TESDA's support in the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and Their Children (VAWC)!

The TESDA GAD Focal Point System, through the TESDA Women's Center, hosted the enlightening TESDA GAD Webinar Series Parts 4 and 5: "Alam mo VAW? HIV-AIDS is a Gender Issue," followed by FREE HIV testing in alignment with World AIDS Day.

This initiative strives to not only educate but to spark awareness among TESDA stakeholders and the broader public about the crucial link between HIV-AIDS and our collective fight against VAWC.

Let's continue to stand strong, raise awareness, and create positive change together. Let us all be United for a VAW free Philippines and VAW free TVET.



TWC Concludes CY 2023 with CBT Program Closing Ceremonies



TESDA Women's Center employees and trainee-graduates during the Competency-Based Training Program Closing Ceremonies for CY 2023 held on December 21, 2023.

On December 21, 2023, the TESDA Women's Center conducted its Competency Based Training Program Closing Ceremonies for the CY 2023.

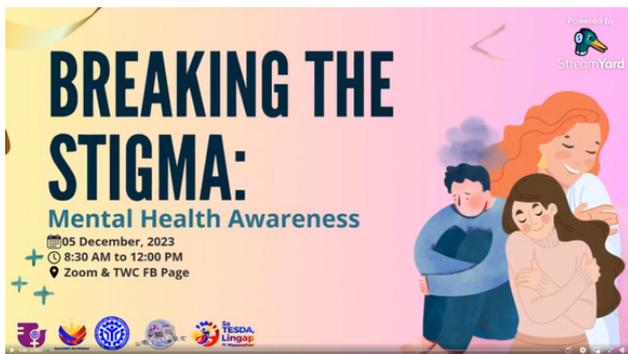
This activity marks the completion of training from various qualifications. Mr. Ferdinand S. Gabriel, Operations Manager of Unitec Manufacturing Corporation was the Guest Speaker.

There were 777 graduates conferred during the ceremony which was also joined by the TWC Management, Faculty, and Staff as well as parents and guardians of the graduates.

Congratulations TWC 2023 Graduates!



TWC Conducts Lifelong Learning on Mental Health Awareness



Mental Health Awareness serves as a beacon guiding us towards understanding, empathy, and support for those navigating the complexities of their inner world. It's more than acknowledging the existence of mental health issues; it's about fostering an environment where conversations surrounding mental well-being are welcomed without stigma or judgment.

The TESDA Women's Center, through the Training Management Unit held another enlightening Webinar Series Parts 6: "Breaking the Stigma - Mental Health Awareness" on December 5, 2023 via the TESDA Women's Center Facebook page.

The program was hosted by the TWC's Guidance Counselor, Ms. Aura Kriz R. Abella, while TMU Head, Ms. Gerrelen D. Balbin officially welcomed the participants with an inspiring welcome remarks. The program is in compliance with Republic Act 1106 also known as Mental Health Act, that aims to integrate strategies to promote mental health in the Center. Moreover it shall provide support by giving information and awareness of mental health in TVET.

Ms. Ivy Galon Moriño, Registered Guidance Counselor and Assistant Professor IV of CBSUA Calabanga, served as resource speaker and helped the participants to destigmatize mental health. She discussed on the importance of the awareness on and factors involving mental health, its types, and coping mechanisms.

By raising awareness, the center illuminates the path towards destigmatizing mental health struggles. It's an invitation for open discussions, erasing misconceptions, and creating safe spaces where individuals feel empowered to seek help without fear or shame.



TWC Organizes Second Job Fair in 2023



(L) Dr. Norman M. Mirabel together with TWC Acting Supervising TESD Specialist Kimberly G. Bautista and TWC Job Fair 2023 organizers

(R) Job Fair applicants line up for registration during the Job Fair 2023 held on December 18, 2023

The TWC in collaboration with the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Taguig City, conducted another Job Fair this year with the theme "Get Recruited, Get Hired, Get Motivated" at TESDA Covered Court held on December 18, 2023.

TWC Acting Supervising TESD Specialist Kimberly G. Bautista gave encouraging welcome message about the significant partnerships between government agencies, LGU and participating companies. She emphasized TWC's heartfelt gratitude to all employers who participated and supported the said event.

PESO Taguig's Representative, Dr. Norman M. Mirabel commended the efforts of different government offices to bridge between job seekers and job providers by organizing this kind of event. He emphasized the important role of TESDA and TESDA Women's Center in contributing women workforce in the country.

The TWC Job Fair 2023 was participated by thirteen (13) companies. From the seventeen (17) applicants who joined the event, five (5) were hired on the spot.

TWC Alumni Association Leads Mobile Blood Donation



The TESDA Women's Center Alumni Association conducted a Mobile Blood Donation in partnership with Philippine Red Cross on December 11, 2023 held at the EPAS NC II Workshop, 2nd floor, TESDA Women's Center, Taguig.

Trainees, graduates and employees joined in and took part in this meaningful activity.

During the campaign, 27 bags of blood were collected.

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VISION

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

MISSION

"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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