TUP takes initial step to implement the government’s 4Ps

TUP recently held Expanded Students’ Grant-in Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (ESPGPPA) Planning and Consultation Meeting Workshop for Project Implementors opened the door for the Technological University of the Philippines (TUP) to take initial steps to implement the “Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program” (4Ps) of the national government.

The ESPGPPA is designed to assist poor students through a collabora-
tive undertaking of the Department of Budget (DBM), Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

TUP President Adora S. Pili announced that DBM allocated P20.3 million for TUP to spend solely on the first year of the 4Ps implementation for student beneficiaries, the bulk coming from TUP’s extension campus in Cuenca, Batangas.

Under this program, the students will be sup-

AACCUP accredits more TUP academic programs

The academic programs (undergraduate and graduate) of the Technological University of the Philippines (AACCUP) on July 28-31, 2014. Thirteen (13) programs passed the assessment in the preliminary survey visit, and were awarded the Candidate Status, while the other 2 programs passed assessment in the first survey visit stage and were awarded Level I Accredited Status.

To date, TUP has a total number of 47 accredited programs, which
“An educator worthy of emulation!” Acclaimed by the Province of Rizal and published in Rizaleño Sulo, “Gawad Rizal Most Outstanding Rizaleños 2014” by Virgilio R. Esguerra, Publisher/Chief Editor.

TUP President Dr. Adora S. Pili who hails from Rizal proved to be one of the brightest and best Rizaleños when she was chosen as one of the Most Outstanding Rizaleños for the Gawad Rizal 2014 in the field of Science Education. Her considerable efforts to excel in her field was unanimously judged and given honors last June 19, 2014 in appreciation of the 153 year birth anniversary of our national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal at the SM City Event Center, Taytay, Rizal.

The seven (7) Gawad Awardees and one of them was President Pili were considered and acknowledged by the Province of Rizal, its people and this country as well as thinkers, visionary, movers, workers and innovators whose integrity is beyond reproach.

President Pili was judged a leader in the field of Science Education based on her following numerous achievements:

The TUP President published 10 books, 25 academic articles and 18 research activities. She finished Ph.D. in Science Education (Chemistry) at DeLa Salle University. She got 2nd Place in the Chemical Engineering Board Examinations. Earlier, she finished two masters degrees—one in chemistry and another in Chemistry teaching. From elementary to high school, she was a consistent valedictorian/first honor.

President Pili was a recipient of numerous awards and scholarship grants. She is affiliated with professional organizations such as Philippine Association of University Women, Philippine Association of Chemistry Teachers, Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science and University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific to name a few.

As a science educator, she served as consultant of local chemistry and science textbooks.

As a book writer, she published several technical and scientific papers on chemistry and science education in scientific journals.

As a professional researcher, Dr. Pili was a recipient of various research grants at the international, national, and institutional research levels.

Finally, according to Esguerra, “Dr. Adora S. Pili is a gem in the portals of education building in this time of financial, economic, and scientific research for the improvement of humanity.”

On this, the entire TUP community salutes you ....Madame
TUP holds international conference on maintenance of concrete structures

The Technological University of the Philippines (TUP) held an international conference on “Practical Guidelines for Investigation, Repair and Strengthening of Cracked Concrete Structures” last September 16. This conference brings together 148 participants composed of potential users of the guidelines, building owners and managers of structures, engineers as well as academicians, professionals and researchers who work in the area of assessment and maintenance of concrete structures. A series of lectures comprised the day with Japanese engineers and experts in the field of structural integrity as lecturers. They were: Dr. Nobuaki Otsuki, Tokyo Institute of Technology Graduate School of Science and Technology Department; Dr. Takahiro Nishida, Asst. Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology Graduate School of Science and Technology Department; Dr. Koji Osada, Director, Service Area Business Team, P.E. Central Nippon Expressway Co. Ltd.; and Dr. Hiroshi Kasai, Chief Research Engineer, Building Construction and Materials Group, Kajima Technical Research Institute.

This conference, held at the Integrated Research and Training Center, TUP Manila campus was organized by Dr. Melito A. Baccay, TUP Vice President for Academic Affairs in cooperation with the TUP Vice President for Research and Extension, TUP College of Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology (TIT), Japan Concrete Institute (JCI) and the Association of Tokyo Tech Alumni and Research Scholars (ATTARS).

The compilation of “The Practical Guidelines for Investigation, Repair and Strengthening of Cracked Structures” was based on various hands-on experiences of engineers and extensive data collected in Japan for the useful information and effective solutions in the maintenance of concrete structures. Its 4th edition in English was published in 2009 by the Japan Concrete Institute (JCI).

TUP co-sponsors ICMSIT 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand

The 1st International Conference on Management Science, Innovation, and Technology (ICMSIT) was held last August 22-23, 2014 at Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University (SSRU), Bangkok, Thailand. It was a joint collaboration of eight (8) higher education agencies in Thailand and in the Philippines and the Technological University of the Philippines (TUP) served as the co-sponsor of the main organizer of the event which was the SSRU.

The conference with the theme: “Sustainable Development for Management, Innovation and Technology in Preparation for the ASEAN 2015” brought together leading academic scientists, researchers and scholars in the domain of interest from around the world including six (6) TUP professors namely Dr. Gisela V. Rolluqui, Dean, College of Industrial Technology; Dr. Dionisio A. Espression Jr., OIC-Dean, College of Architecture and Fine Arts; Dr. Juliet A. Catane, faculty, College of Liberal Arts; Prof. Continued on page 9
Mr. Mike Choi, delivered the inspirational message and joined the University officials in the distribution of certificates.

This year’s honor graduates were Edison C. Anoma (1st placer), Perlito M. Ceripulo (2nd Placer) and Jay M. Hernandez (3rd placer) for the Bachelor of Engineering while for the Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology, Julian A. Anan (1st placer), Leonila B. Cortez (2nd placer) and Lorena L. Macaraeg (3rd placer). Cecilio S. Artarez, Jr. and Donna Bella A. Camuin received the Best in Student Research Award.

Induction of graduates to Alumni association and pledge of loyalty to TUP were the concluding parts of the ceremony.

The TUPT held the SAM-SUNG Dream Campus Batch 2 Commencement Exercises for the 14 graduates of Bachelor of Engineering and 18 graduates of Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology last July 6, 2014 at the Vision Room Dream Center of the Samsung Electro-Mechanics Philippines Corporation (SEMPHIL).

The occasion was attended by the TUP officials headed by Dr. Adora S. Pili, President and promptly assisted by the Director of the TUPT, Dr. Selfa J. Briones. While on the part of SEMPHIL, President TUP through the Research and Extension (R&E) sector joined the nation last July 24-28, 2014 in the observance of the National Science and Technology Week, an annual project of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) which promotes Filipino ingenuity, innovations and technology developments through a 4-day exhibit held at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City.

Research prototypes developed by its faculty and students from the different colleges and campuses were exhibited by the University. To wit:

**Development of Pacuan Tea as Herbal Beverage** (Jess P. Adaya - TUP Manila)

**Corn Husk Fiber Composite Board as Alternative Building Material** (Ariel A. Dela Cruz - TUP Manila)

**Automatic Control Device for Electric Fans** (Mariezol V. Ballesteros – TUP Manila)

**Development of Microcontroller Based Classroom Lighting System** (Heronafine C. De Guzman - TUP Manila)

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**TUP joins the National Science & Technology Week exhibit**

**TUP holds 2nd batch graduation**

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**TUP students’ dialogue with the President & other officials**

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In an attempt by the TUP Management to resolve some conflicts with the student populace arising from the latter’s non-satisfaction on the implementation of some of the university’s regulations and the so-called repulsive condition of some of its service facilities, the “TUP Students’ Dialogue with the President and other Officials” was conducted last August 7, 2014.

Dr. Adora S. Pili, President, adequately addressed the students’ grievances, questions and suggestions and meticulously offered “win-win” measures and solutions. On one hand, the other concerned officials provided concrete explanations to some perplexing issues and dilemmas raised by the student audience.

The dialogue ended with the concluding remarks from President Pili wherein she related in synthesize mode the management’s response to the precarious situations presented by the students. She also emphasized the essentiality of a face to face dialogue between the management and the student populace, which would serve as the impetus to craft future actions ac-
CIE delegate presents paper in ASAIHL

Dr. Helen D. Caparas, Dean of the College of Industrial Education (CIE) served as TUP’s delegate to the International Conference hosted by the Association of Southeast Asian Institutions of Higher Learning (ASAIHL) in Montpellier, France on June 10-15, 2014.

She presented the research paper on “Work Skills, Level of Participation and Productivity of Women Graduates From Technology Education Programs: the TUP Experience”. This research was a tracer study approved by the University Research and Extension Council in SY 2012-2013.

The conference was held at the University of Montpellier, and was participated in by other nationalities not only by the Asian countries but as well as those from France, Belgium, and Iran.

Paper presentations in the international arena is a good achievement that would benefit the College and the University in the end.

TUP partners with Korea’s robotics company

President Adora S. Pili and K-Bolt, Inc. of Korea Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jae Chul Kim solidified its partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Continued on page 7

CAFA students win recognition in the PNOC 2014 painting contest

Three students from the College of Architecture and Fine Arts (CAFA) were recognized as Grand Finalists in the Philippine National Oil Company’s “PNOC 2014 Painting Invitational” held on August 29 at the PNOC Building VI, Energy Center, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig.

Each winner bagged the prize of P25,000 from PNOC and P5,000 from the University.

The winning masterpieces were selected from a total of 12 entries. They were as follows:

“Threads and Excellent Hues” Together by Maribel B. Magpoc

“Putik sa Isang Pitik Naging Kaakit - akit” by Ernesto M. Ibanga

“Hugot Kalaado” by Amos L. Maglayao

Compliance which universities and colleges need to obtain from CHEd before getting an accreditation from the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP). Added to this is CHEd’s concern for AACCUP to develop a common evaluation instrument for the accreditation of curricular programs in public and private schools in the country.

Gratified with the visit, Dr. Calagui at the end congratulated TUP for its new President and officials.

Courtesey call to CHEd-NCR Director

TUP officials headed by President Adora S. Pili made a courtesy call to Dr. Leonida S. Calagui, Director, CHEd-NCR last July 2, 2014 at the CHEd Office in Diliman, QC.

The short visit was characterized by exchange of pleasantries and a brief discussion about issues that concern the accreditation of educational institutions.

Part of the information shared by Director Calagui was the CHED’s prescribed Certificate of
The Technological University of the Philippines (TUP) and the Philippine School Doha (PSD) Doha, State of Qatar have recently agreed to extend/expand their established educational cooperation bringing forth the 2nd succession offering of Graduate Program in PSD.

For this second succession of Graduate External Studies’ (GES) offering, eleven (11) masters students qualified for Master of Arts in Industrial Education – Administration & Supervision (MAIE-AS) program and twenty-seven (27) doctorate students qualified for the Doctor of Education – Industrial Education Management (Ed.D.-IEM) programs.

Prior to the admittance to the program, evaluation, short listing, and interview of the GES applicants were conducted by Dr. Ronaldo A. Juanatas, Director, Graduate Program and Dr. Helen D. Caparas, Dean, College of Industrial Education. Subsequent to these was the administration of graduate admission test which was performed last August 4, 2014.

With the current administration, ably headed by President Adora S. Pili, the GES program is getting ample support.

The offshore quality delivery of the GES program requires TUP graduate program professors to travel overseas to deliver TUP coursework on a module format, which could be rationalized as follows: (1) the course structure is arranged into five cycles of course work and thesis writing for the masters program; while seven cycles of coursework and dissertation writing for the doctoral program; (2) lectures are conducted in the classroom with a maximum of six hours/day moderated discussion and three hours/day for the online research component of the course or intensive library research activities. This completes the 54-hour required instruction hours of the course or subject.

It can be recalled that Master of Arts in Industrial Education (MAIE) was first offered through the implementation of the “GES program at PSD” in 2012 to enhance the academic qualifications of the PSD classroom teachers.

The TUP-PSD consortium has so far produced twenty-six (26) MAIE-AS graduates.

A plan to offer other graduate programs in management and engineering is underway.

Contributor: Dr. Ronaldo A. Juanatas
Director, Graduate Programs

PSD extends collaborative partnership with TUP

CIE educators attend forum for HEI’s

The Technological University of the Philippines was one of the top 21 performing Higher Education Institution (HEI’s) that was invited to participate in the Teacher Educator Development Needs Study Stakeholders’ Forum held last July 30, 2014 at the Research Center for Teacher Quality (RCTQ), Philippine Normal University. This project was in collaboration with the SIMERR National Research Center of the University of England.

TUP participants were both faculty members from the Professional Industrial Education Department of the College of Industrial Education, namely: Dr. Silpa C. Bahian and Dr. Cherrypyn B. Barbacena.

The Teacher Educator Development Needs Study (TEDNS), one of the three major research projects of the RCTQ and related to the pre-service teacher education was presented and discussed. The objectives of the project were to identify: the development needs of teacher educators in teaching pre-service teachers for the effective implementation of the K to 12 Reforms; issues related to Outcomes-based Teacher Education Curriculum and the ASEAN Integration in 2015 and; general concerns and areas of support for teacher educators.

In the forum, a survey instrument was crafted that would identify teacher-educators’ development needs. Themes were derived from the parallel discussion during the consultative workshop. Deans and faculty members from various Teacher Education Institutions drafted an item from the survey, categorized and analyzed the generated questions to finalize the survey instrument.

In conclusion, the participants found the forum to be a challenge to the pre-service teachers for the effective implementation of the K to 12 Reforms.
Development of Biometric Finger Print Door Lock (Mylene G. Bilibli, Emmanuel C. Camuen, Tareq E. Torres – BT Electronics Engineering Technology – TUP Cavite)

Thief Trapper Automatic Door Lock System (Justine Conson, Julius Angelo Torio, Beverly Branzuela, Jeaneevave Estores, Lealiza Garces, Rebecca Unday – COET/3E -TUP Cavite)

Development of Adapters for Portable Power Tools (Iseagani Maliksi – TUP Cavite)

USB Game Buzzer (Ryan C. Relayo – TUP Manila)

Development of Multi-Function Mixer (Manual/Motorized for Small Scale Entrepreneur Producer (Redentor A. Janaban – TUP Manila)

Arduino-Based Wireless Power Analyzer For UPS Using Zigbee with Adroid Device Connectivity Via Blue Tooth (Electronics Engineering Students 2013-2014 – TUP Manila)


I Transfer (Portable LCD Flash Drive to Flash Drive File Transfer (Jaira R. Aux, Carlos L. Cueva, Neil Christian Daguman, Dianne L. De Guzman, Aljane L. Fedelin, Rhonel O. Remo – TUP Manila)

This undertaking was spearheaded by Engr. Felipe Ronald M. Argamosa, Vice President for Research and Extension and UESO Director, Prof. Valentino J. Angeles.

The Integrated Research and Training Center (IRTC) of the Technological University (TUP) of the Philippines and the Philippine Normal University (PNU) agreed to collaborate on a project-based research grant entitled “Formaldehyde Blocks as a Mitigating Tool of Waste Disposal Among Biology Major at Philippine Normal University.” The lead proponent of the said research is Prof. Josephine E. Tondo, Faculty member of PNU and supported by her co-proponent Engr. Reynaldo O. Baarde, Head, Construction Engineering and Management Department, IRTC-TUP.

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TUP links with the IT-BPO industry

Upon the execution of the agreed internship program, INGRAM MICRO may maintain the right to recruit from the list submitted by the TUP of its senior students or SIT students qualified for internship. In addition, the company is able to select, offer jobs to interns; and likewise position the Industry Partner brand to potential future hires.

The MOA signing was accomplished by the TUP group as represented by Dr. Adora S. Pili, President and Prof. Enrico R. Hilario, Vice President for Planning, Development and Information System; and the MICRO INGRAM representatives Mr. AJ Enriquez, General Manager and Ms. Andrea De Guzman, Human Resource Director.

Also present in the signing activity were the key people from INGRAM MICRO, Ms. Ofelia Montalla Orcales and Ms. Karen Pinili; from IBPAP, Ms. Penny Bongato, Mr. Jopat Lelay, Mr. Butch Hernandez, Mr. Eckhon Malig and Mr. Victor Loyola; from TUP, Dr. Melito A. Baccay, Dr. Selfa J. Briones, Engr. Lyndon R. Bague, Prof. Margaret S. Aquino, Prof. Elizabeth J. Galvez, Prof. Michaela O. Andrada, Mr. Jonathan M. Monsad and Mr. Karen K. Foronda.

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TUP-GAD advocates partake in GAD national undertaking

The Gender and Development (GAD) advocates of TUP actively participated in the recently held 3rd National Seminar-Workshop on Gender and Development with the theme: Mainstreaming of Programs for Responsive Institutions. The 2-day activity which started August 27 was conducted to assist State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) in mainstreaming GAD concerns in their functions and programs of instructions, research and extension and office operations.

Consequently, the expected output was to come out with gender-based action plans for the effective implementation of GAD mainstreamed programs in the participating SUCs/HEIs.

Part of the big number of GAD advocates from different SUCs/HEIs.

Shu-te University eyes possible collaboration with TUP

A five-man delegation from Shu-Te University, Taiwan, Republic of China came to visit TUP Manila last June 20, 2014 with the purpose of creating a collaboration with the University in the fields of Student Industrial Training, Student Exchange Program, Scholarships, Research and Graduate Programs. The team was composed of professors and staff headed by Chair Professor Dr. Tim E.M. Wu and Prof. Allen D. Yein, Asst. Professor.

President Pili with Professor Yein and Professor Wu. Included are the other members of the visiting delegation from Shu-Te University. Also in the photo are the other officials of the University.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing between TUP President Pili and INGRAM MICRO General Manager, Mr. Enriquez. Key people from TUP, MICRO INGRAM and IBPAP as witnesses.

To provide the opportunity to the academe and business sectors to collaborate in educating the future professionals needed by the growing IT-BPO industry, the Technological University of the Philippines (TUP) and the Micro Ingram signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) last July 22, 2014.

Under the agreement, INGRAM MICRO will become the industry partner of TUP on the implementation of the On The Service Management Internship Program. This is a portion of the CHed Service Management Program which has been assisting the University in exposing its students to the IT-BPM industry environment through the implementation of a series of training program tracks designed to adopt in its curriculum, the Service Management Specialization Track.
The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) conducted a 2-day seminar-workshop on the Essentials of Handling Cases: Resolution & Decision Writing last July 24-25, 2014. It was a preliminary step towards the implementation of the Student Disciplinary Tribunal, a body that is assigned to look into the concerns of students who perpetrated major offenses. This body which was for the first time formed in the University, is likewise a distinct feature in the Revised Student Handbook.

This 2-day seminar was an offshoot of the April seminar-workshop aimed to give proper orientation to the members of the tribunal on basic legal proceedings and other related activities. On this perspective, the members were given a hands-on experience of a mock trial/proceedings; familiarized with the various modes/strategies employed in actual hearings/trials; made aware of the important considerations in translating resolution and decisions; and given the opportunity to have a hands-on experience of writing resolutions/decisions.

To give light to the many questions pertaining to legal issues involving the students, were the legal consultants of the Revised Student Handbook, Atty. Danilo Abayon and Mr. Jonathan M. Monsad. A very healthy discussion flowed stemming from basic questions and possible concerns that could arise from various problem situations.

The subsequent activities were case evaluation and mock trial presentation. Comments for improvements were provided by the guest legal consultants.

After a thorough deliberation of the issues/concerns presented, the members of the tribunal suggested to intensify the networking/interaction among all campuses of the University since some students rather continue their studies in other campuses. Likewise, having anticipated the sensitivity and nature of the tribunal’s responsibilities, the group agreed to open and strengthen communication lines among themselves.

Contributor: Rosemarie Theresa A. Cruz
Director, OSA

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OSA : implementation of Student Disciplinary Tribunal underway

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The conference which fostered research experience at the international level is an interdisciplinary forum which featured research outputs in the fields of Management, Economics, Marketing, Human Resource, Accounting, Finance, Communication Arts, Business and Innovation Technology Meanwhile, TUP is one of the higher education institutions in the country that focuses on research productivity by offering its faculty members the opportunity to carry out research along with teaching.

Contributor: Dr. Ronaldo A. Juanatas
Director, Graduate Programs

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CLLA announces recent accomplishments

The College of Liberal Arts (CLA) accomplished major activities in the first two months of the third quarter of 2014. These were in the areas of: curriculum, instruction, accreditation and benchmarking; student development; research; extension and socio-cultural affairs; staff development and routine administrative programs.

In curriculum development, CLA had two of its programs awarded Level I accredited status in the first survey visit stage of the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities of the Philippines (AACCUP) last July 28-31. Meantime, OIC-Dean Margaret S. Aquino, visited Kumoh Institute of Technology (KIT) in Gumi, South Korea along with Deans of other Colleges for program benchmarking held last August 28-30, 2014 at KIT – Gumi Campus.

On student development, the BSEnM and BAM-IM fourth year students through the sponsorship of the Future Managers Association (FUMAS), a student organization, visited four companies in Subic and Zambales.

Moreover on research, three research papers were presented by the College’s faculty members in international conferences, namely, “Evaluation of the Communication Needs of Selected Industrial Firms in the Levels of Proficiency on the Communication Skills of TUP Graduates” presented in ICOME – Seoul, South Korea by Prof. Margaret S. Aquino last August 25-27, 2014. Equally, Dr. Juliet A. Catane and Prof. Ma. Divina E. Elvambuena presented their papers entitled “Determinants of Stress Among Students” and “Correlates of Alcoholism among TUP Students” respectively at the International Conference on Management Science and Technology Innovations in Bangkok Thailand last August 22-23, 2014.

In the area of extension and socio-cultural affairs, Prof. Rosalie F. Galiga and Prof. Mona J. Purganan presented their paper “CLA School and Community-Based Extension Project in partnership with Rotary Club of Metro East Taytay” at the TUP Annual Presentation of Research and Extension Outputs (APREO) held in TUP Cavite campus on August 19, 2014. Meanwhile, Dr. Ma. Narlyn N. Eusores gave light to her audiences about her “Yolanda Experience” in 3 different occasions. These were in: NGO-sponsored international conference in Tokyo, Japan on July 30, 2014; 15th International Youth Day at the Philippine Polytechnic University last Aug. 14, 2014; and likewise, in Leyte itself last August 29-31, 2014.

Finally, the College also took part in the nationwide celebration of Buwan ng Wika 2014 with the theme :Filipino: Wika ng Pagka-kaisa. The Filipino Department carried out several activities appropriate to the occasion.

Contributor: Prof. Rosalie F. Galiga
College Secretary

This research study is being undertaken to seek for possible answers or solutions on the proper waste disposal of hazardous formalin chemical, which is being used by Biology classes’ experiments on taxidermy and specimen preservation in PNU.

At present, it was observed that students either store the formalin in containers or throw it directly to the sinks, which in the long run may contaminate the water system and environmental condition of PNU.

As a result, a study on how to make use of the waste formalin evolved. The researchers made use of formalin to replace water in making concrete paving blocks. Initial results were promising. The experiment’s produced blocks were called as the formaldehyde fixation blocks.
Our country is at par with several developed nations in Asia and the Pacific such as Japan and South Korea in terms of enacting laws aimed at improving the welfare of aging persons and persons with disabilities (PWDs). The most notable of these policies are the RRA 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens for aging people and the RA 9442, the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons and for other Purposes.

There are other laws that have already been in existence years before, yet the senior citizens and the PWD still remain marginalized portions of our population. Mostly unaware of such laws, the typical aging and PWD fail to benefit from these laws, are largely dependent on their families, and face various physical, social and economic constraints.

TUP employees who are in their senior years and who are PWDs also face similar difficulties in terms of policy awareness and their participation in special treatments and discount programs stipulated by the law for their interpersonal, social, and economic advancements. In the same way, they are also among the 1.57% of the most neglected populace in the society who need our attention and care. Hence, TUP in its modest capacity, aimed to minimize their inconveniences by creating a Committee for the Activities of Senior Citizens and Persons with Disability of Institutions. This committee is responsible for planning, coordinating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating the programs of the University for senior employees and PWDs.

In line with this development, the first activity of the said committee was the “Senior Citizens and Persons with Disability Awareness Program” held last September 4, 2014 at the conference hall of the Integrated Research and Training Center, TUP. It carried the theme “Mga Kaagapay sa Pagkakaisa at Kapayapaan.”

With the aim to touch the lives of the senior employees and PWDs of the University, Dr. Adora S. Pili, President; Dr. Florida S. Labuguen, Committee Consultant; Dr. Mayumi Kubota, Prof. Kansai University, Osaka, Japan, Dr. Arjun G. Ansay, Chairman of the Committee on SC and PWD, provided words of encouragement, support and wisdom to all the attendees. Among the most important words imparted were those words that meaningfully described the human needs that the aging people and the disabled desire and these are respect and dignity. Those needs they say, don’t change when a person becomes old or disabled. Indeed, they may grow even stronger.

Other activities for this year of the committee for the SC and PWD of the University were mentioned; to include: installation of stair handrails, free vaccination and immunizations, and the Lakbay Aral.

With this development, TUP has in fact laid down the groundwork for improving the welfare of its aging personnel and those with disabilities. What is now required is the concerted efforts of everyone in the faculty and administrative sectors so that the fruits of these initiatives will not be far from being felt by our senior employees and persons with disabilities. Our environment has to be built-up in a barrier-free manner in order to fulfil the needs of all our employees equally.

With all these….. being a senior or PWD employee in TUP has indeed become a privilege and not to any further extent a liability.
In the opening program, President Adora S. Pili gave the inspirational message wherein she spoke about the strong advocacy of the University to implement gender-responsive programs, projects and activities. The keynote speaker was Atty. Carmelita Yadao–Sison, MNSA, Ph.D, Chief Legal Department, Commission on Higher Education while the keynote lecturer was Dr. Remedios I. Rikken, Chairman, Philippine Commission on Women. The President of PhilSCA, Dr. Bernard R. Ramirez was also present to introduce the keynote speaker.

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The 2-day activity was attended by GAD advocates of SUCs/HEIs from the different parts of the country. It was organized by the Philippine Association of the Gender and Development Advocates Inc. (PAGDAI) in coordination with the Technological University of the Philippines (TUP) and the Philippine State College of Aeronautics (PhilSCA).

This event was spearheaded by Dr. Florida C. Labuguen, PAGDAI President and TUP-GAD Focal Person and Dr. Rowena S. Navera, PAGDAI Vice President and GAD Focal Person and Extension Director, PhilSCA.

for Information Management and the overall in-charge of the academic programs of Shu-Te University. They were accompanied by Prof. Karen Anne T. Zarraga from the Open University of the Philippines.

TUP President, Dr. Adora S. Pili graced the program that welcomed the group of the Taiwanese academicians. President Pili in her message expressed TUP’s deep appreciation for being one of the few universities selected by Shu-Te University to partner with. She made mention of the established linkages that TUP has both locally and internationally in which case those linkages, she said, covered the spectrum of the four-fold functions of TUP as a higher educational institution (HEI), which are instruction, research, extension and production. These endeavours, she added, are not only being undertaken just to accomplish the requirements prescribed for HEIs, but more than that, TUP has a serious commitment to sustain and upgrade its SUC level 4 classification; and uphold its established niche in engineering, technical education, and in other areas in applied science, arts, industrial education, business and entrepreneurship.

At the end of her message, President Pili assured the visiting team that TUP will soon become a significant addition to Shu-Te University’s foreign collaborators.

Officials of the University answered further questions raised by the guests and after which they were toured around the campus.