

Youth Environment Summit Joined in

The Green Alliance Philippines brought together 600 Green Ambassadors as registered participants from institutions and local government units including the nationwide, **University of Rizal System (URS)** at the 5th National Youth Environmental Summit at Teacher's Camp Baguio City, March 1-4.



GREEN Ambassadors. URS contingent attends the 35th NYE summit in Baguio City.

The summit highlighted speeches, discussions, breakouts, and workshops that revolved around the theme: "Youth Climate Action Towards Building Green and Sustainable, Campuses Peaceful Resilient and Communities." Selected student federation officers including Ralph Xavier Talavera, Vice-President (URSP); Katherine Internal Llorente, Treasurer (URSA); Kyla Rocelle Atutubo, Auditor (URSB); and Ginuel Buenaventura, PRO (URSP); together with the Head of Student Organizations in Pililla Campus, Prof. Reniel Domingo, represented the University.

The summit aimed to enhance the leadership and communication skills of the youth participants and train them to become Green Ambassadors who will initiate activities and projects that would help mitigate the impact of climate change. ~ RM Domingo

Engineers, Technicians Post High Marks

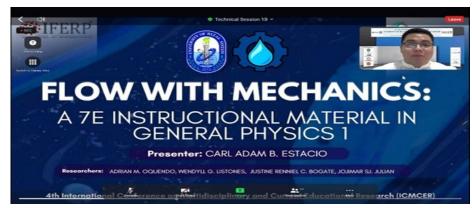
The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) announced the official results of the different engineering licensure board and technician examinations released in February, March, and April. ~MKR Rioveros

Engineering Licensure and Technician Examinations Results February - April 2023

Examination	Campus	Passer	Taker	Overall Performance	National Passing Rate
Mechanical Engineering	Morong	31	38	81.58	62.18
	Antipolo	3	4	75	62.18
Electronics Engineering	Morong	10	30	33.33	33.49
Electronics Technician	Morong	18	22	81.82	73.69
	Antipolo	1	1	100	73.69
Civil Engineering	Morong	38	98	38.78	34.76
	Antipolo	3	4	75	34.76
Electrical Engineering	Morong	25	40	62.5	57.86
Master Electrician	Morong	4	6	66.66	42.21
	Cainta	1	1	100	42.21
Master Plumbing	Morong	2	6	33.33	43.25

Estacio is ICMCER Best Paper Presenter

Fourth-year BSE-Science students, Carl Adam Estacio, Adrian Oquendo, Wendell Listones, and Justin Renniel Bogate, with their research adviser Prof. Jojimar Julian, presented their research titled "Flow with Mechanics: A 7E Instructional Material in General Physics 1" and won the Best Paper award in the 4th International Conference on Multidisciplinary and Current Educational Research (ICMCER) 2023 held in Bangkok, Thailand on April 11 **-12.**



The conference aims to shed light on the hurdles linked to the practical administration of all the most modern information being produced in educational research, from a multidisciplinary perspective. This convention strives to assist them in keeping up with all these developments. //



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URS to Forge Partnership with PAASE, ECSAAK

he Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering (PAASE) in partnership with the Edu-Connect Southeast Asia Association (ECSAAK) held the visit-cum-conference called the PH-TW Bayanihan Linkages through (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Agriculture, Mathematics, and Medicine) STEAAMM with the theme "Building Partnerships for Inclusive Education, Science, and Technology" on May 7-11 in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan.



PARTNERS. URS delegates convene with PAASE officers and ECSAAK representing Taiwan-based colleges and universities for possible academic and research collaborations.

PAASE is an organization of scientists and engineers of Philippine descent actively involved in scholarly academic research activities promoting collaborative work between US and Philippine-based researchers. ECSAAK, on the other hand, is an alliance of universities, businesses, professional associations, and civil society organizations based in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan. PAASE's partnership with ECSAAK promoted collaborations with several Philippine higher educational institutions, especially with state universities and colleges pushing forward ECSAAK's vision of "Universities as Emerging Good Governance Hubs of Asian Inclusive Education and Development."

As Taiwan and the Philippines are now journeying towards a postpandemic world, both PAASE and ECSAAK are now keen to revive partnership projects both in the Philippines and Taiwan. In this

the Taiwan-Philippine premise, partnership is built to foster solid ties on the matters of promoting science and technology. This will enable Taiwanese and Filipino scientists to learn from each other's experiences and encourage university cooperation between the Philippines and Taiwan.

Delegates from the PAASE consisted of Dr. Mariano Sto. Domingo, president; Dr. Gisela Concepcion, immediate past president; and Dr. Felino Lansigan, chairperson of PAASE board of directors. Representatives from URS consisted of Dr. Nancy Pascual, university president; Dr. Marites Rio, vice president for research, development, extension, and production; and Ms. Rennie Mae De Lemon, director for planning, monitoring, and evaluation. Representatives from Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU) headed by its president, Dr. Dennis de Paz, were also present. Taiwan delegation consisted of

representatives from Kaohsiung Medical University (KMU), College of Pharmacy of KMU, delegates from National Chunsing University (NCHU), delegates from National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (NKUST), delegates from National Yunlin University of Science and Technology (Yuntech), representatives from National Changhua University of Education (NCUE).

Aimed at establishing international cooperation between and among the participants, the visit is specifically geared to establish research collaborations, promote student and faculty exchange programs, and conduct capacity-building programs. // ~*ABC*



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36th AACCUP Confab Attended

The University of Rizal System representatives attended the 36th Association of Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities (AACCUP) Annual Conference and General Assembly on March 27-29 at Century Park Hotel, Malate, Manila.



ACCREDITATION. Representatives to the 36th AACCUP conference pose for a souvenir.

The delegation was led by Dr. Allan Conde, Vice President for Academic Affairs, together with Dr. Gary Ken Robles, Director for Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Charmaine Villarin, head of Program Accreditation, Recognition, and Certification (PARC), and Dr. Ronnie Parica, dean of the Graduate School, URS-Pililla.

With the theme "Strengthening a Culture of Quality Assurance in Higher Education through Partnerships in Accreditation," the conference tackled the mechanism of strengthening a culture of quality assurance in higher education, strategizing approaches to sustain accreditation of programs and institutions, enhancing national and international partnership and linkages in quality assurance and accreditation, and structuring quality assurance systems from internalization to internationalization in higher education.

The conference ended with the election of the new AACCUP Board of Trustees for 2023-2026. $//\sim CB$ Villarin

URS, NCIP Partner for YAKAP, DALOY Extensions

Through a Memorandum of Agreement, the University of Rizal System and the National Commission on Indigenous People Region IV-A (NCIP RIV-A) formed a formal partnership to deliver various capability-building extension projects for the indigenous people of Rizal. The signing was held at the Audiovisual Education Center, URS Morong Campus on April 4.



INDIGENOUS. URS and NCIP enter into a MOA in the service of our indigenous people.

The MOA signing was led by President Nancy Pascual as the main representative of URS while Regional Director Carlos Buasen, Jr. represented NCIP. Joining them were key officials from both sides.

The MOA was signed as support for the *Community Awareness*, *Knowledge*, *Attitude*, *and Practice (YAKAP)* and Delivering Access to Quality Learning Opportunities to Marginalized CommunitY (DALOY) extension projects which aim to improve the quality of life of the Dumagats living within the Province of Rizal.

While the effectivity of the MOA is only for five years, both sides have given their commitment to continuously work with each other to protect the rights of and assist the indigenous people in Rizal. ~ RAA Casas

IP Rights, Registration

Webinar Pushed

The Intellectual Property Office (IPO) spearheaded Project 1C. Intellectual Property and Technology Business Management (IPTBM), a 6-day webinar on Intellectual Property Rights and Registration in URS. This was held on March 21-22, 27-29, and April 13 via Zoom.



Participants are from the six campuses of URS: Morong, Cardona, Taytay, Cainta, Rodriguez, and Tanay. The seminar covered the basics of intellectual property, which includes copyright, trademark, invention patent, utility model, and industrial design.

The webinar aimed to provide knowledge to student researchers and familiarize them with the necessary information about intellectual property rights and how to register their respective IPs. Dr. Leo Rio, Head of URS-IPO, served as the resource speaker, and Danica Robles, IPO Staff, discussed the IPO process flow. ~EMB Ramos

SSS on Wheels Goes to URS

To provide social security coverage and protection to job order (JO) or contract of service (COS) workers in URS, the Social Security System (SSS) through its SSS On Wheels program conducted an orientation for the said workers, 9:00 am on April 5.

A total of 86 participants attended the orientation via face-to-face and online modalities.

The SSS coverage and payment of corresponding contributions will entitle said workers to the benefits and protection that SSS provides to members and their beneficiaries against the hazards of disability, sickness, maternity, old age, death, and other contingencies which result in loss of income or financial burden.

IASPER Confab Hones URS Peer Reviewers

Eight faculty members attended the Training Workshop on Trends in Peer Review of Scientific Publications at the MetroCentre Hotel & Convention Center, Tagbilaran City, Bohol on March 22-24. The event was sponsored by the International Association of Scholarly Publishers, Editors, and Reviewers (IASPER).



The attendees are the editorial board members and staff of the URS Research Journal, the official multidisciplinary peer-reviewed research journal of the University. They are Dr. Jocelyn Gagalang, editor-in-chief; Prof. Jeremy Aterrado, Dr. Jenisus Dejarlo, Dr. Jannie Manimtim, and Dr. Romeo Pati, associate editors; Dr. Niclie Tiratira, managing editor; and Prof. Arminda Campo, production assistant.

Some of the objectives of the training are to acquire competencies in peer-reviewing scientific articles and to evaluate editorial policies, editors, and journal impact as requisites for acceptance of peer-review invitations. ~AB Campo

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the selection of the Ambassador of Goodwill. The selection helps promote the advocacy of the winning candidate by enlisting the JPIAns as instruments of change in society. Justine Lorrenz Ceñido of URS Binangonan made it as Mr. Ambassador of Goodwill at the NFJPIA conference. Other delegates of the campus are Shiela Amor Francisco who won Ikatlong Pilak – RFBT and Mr. Lourd Andrew Catipan who won Unang Pilak – CFAS. They were joined by their coach-adviser Prof. Susan Cadiente. //

Regional GADC Fosters S&T, Innovation Local Forum Held at URS

The Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) sponsored the 2023 Regional Women's Month (RWM) Celebration at 9:00 am on March 31 at the Cultural Center of Laguna, Santa Cruz, Laguna. A local forum was also held at URS.



This year's celebration aligns with the 2023 National Women's Month theme, "WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society," with the sub-theme, "Creating WE Opportunities in Science, Technology, and Innovation." It highlighted the importance of creating equal opportunities in science, technology, and innovation toward achieving the region's development goals. A photo contest was also conducted to further advocate the importance of including women's concerns and empowerment to attain inclusive development. All GAD focal persons and experts were invited to the event.

Meanwhile, URS held its series of local seminars anchored on the same national theme on March 24 and 30 at URS Morong Campus. The DigitALL seminar on Women's Health aimed to increase awareness of cyberbullying and other online offenses as well as lifestyle changes and interventions to improve overall health. Meanwhile, the discourse on sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions and sex characteristics (SOGIESC), and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer (LGBTQIA+) people's rights focused on continually providing support, protection, and respect to students, faculty, staff, and other clients of the University regardless of their gender preference or identity. //

URS, Baras LGU Ink MOA on GAD, Literacy

The University of Rizal System (URS), having been designated as the host institution of the CALABARZON Gender and Development (GAD) Resource Center for 16 years, has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Municipality of Baras, Rizal relative to strengthening and implementing GAD-related programs, training, and capability-building activities.



Being the host institution, URS provides services to regional and provincial line agencies, local government units, state universities, and colleges, as well as non-governmental and private organizations in order to pursue and assist in the implementation of programs, projects, and activities relative to GAD. On the other hand, Baras LGU will support URS in the implementation of GAD programs in the community and improve the capability of the municipal GAD focal point system and members.

The MOA signing happened at Baras Municipal Office on May 9. ~ABC

IPO Master Class Seminar Held

The Intellectual Property Office successfully conducted one of the three training sessions of the Re-Echo Workshop on Intellectual Property and Technology Business Management entitled Intellectual Property Master Class (IPMC) on May 5, 12, and 19 via Zoom conferencing.



Prof. Errol Rosaldo and Prof. Jerry Esperanza served as the resource speakers being the participants and completers of the DOST-PCAARRD Master Class Series. It was attended by 12 faculty researchers: Prof. Mylene Balagot, Prof. Gilda Romano, Prof. Baby Eunice Cabaltera, Prof. Yolanda Vistal, Dr. Juan Abarro, Dr. Marlon Bautista, Engr. Joshua Tejada, Engr. Merie Ann Dudang, Engr. Roy Andrada, Prof. Reniel Domingo, Prof. Verna Gaston, and Prof. Richard Manalastas.

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