

Remarkable Success in Licensure Exams Noted

URS is buzzing with pride and congratulations as a significant number of its graduates achieved remarkable success in various licensure examinations held in early 2025. The University has once again proven its commitment to academic excellence and producing highly competent professionals, even earning the distinction of being a top-performing school in a recent assessment.

URS-Morong saw a strong showing in the April 2025 Electrical Engineering Licensure Examination, with 15 passers adding their names to the roster of licensed electrical engineers. Complementing this achievement, the campus also celebrated Engr. Jayson Cardano, who successfully passed the April 2025 Master Electrician Licensure Examination.

The civil engineering program also demonstrated its strength, producing 15 new Civil Engineers from the April 2025 exams.

In the realm of electronics, URS-Morong celebrated 6 passers of the April 2025 Electronics Engineering Licensure Examination and a notable 16 passers for the April 2025 Electronics Technicians Licensure Examination. A particular highlight is URS alumnus Marion Curt Loyola Villones, who clinched a spot in the Top 3 of the Electronics Technicians Licensure Examination, bringing immense honor to the alma mater.

Beyond engineering, URS graduates also excelled in other critical professional fields. The University saw 15 passers in the April 12 Certified Financial Management Specialist Assessment Examination, indicating the growing strength of its business and finance programs.

Furthermore, 10 URS-Binangonan alumni demonstrated their prowess in human resources by passing the Certified Human Resource Associate (CHRA) exam by the Human Resource Educators' Association of the Philippines (HREAP) in March 2025. Notable is URS Morong Campus being recognized as a Top Performing School in the said CHRA Assessment, a significant accolade for its human resource development programs.

Recently, four have passed the May 2025 CPALE exams for accountants.

These outstanding results across multiple disciplines highlight the dedication of URS faculty and the hard work of its students. ~

URS, Nha Trang U Ink Landmark MOA

In a significant step towards fostering international collaboration and academic excellence, the University of Rizal System (URS) officially signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Nha Trang University (NTU) of Vietnam on May 7. This landmark agreement paves the way for a dynamic partnership focused on student and faculty exchange, collaborative research initiatives, and enriching cultural exchange programs.

The signing ceremony, held via Google Meet, marked a pivotal moment for both institutions, signifying their shared commitment to globalized education and cross-cultural understanding. Officials from both universities expressed enthusiasm for the opportunities this partnership will unlock.

The MOA outlines a comprehensive framework for cooperation, designed to benefit students and faculty alike. Key provisions of the agreement include student exchange programs, faculty exchange programs, collaborative research, and cultural exchange.

This collaboration is expected to not only enhance the academic offerings and international profile of both URS and Nha Trang University but also contribute to stronger ties between the Philippines and Vietnam. By actively promoting global partnerships, URS continues to demonstrate its dedication to providing its students with a world-class education and preparing them to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.

The International Development and Special Projects (IDSP) Unit of URS, under the directorship of Prof. Jonas Ynares facilitated the activity. ~



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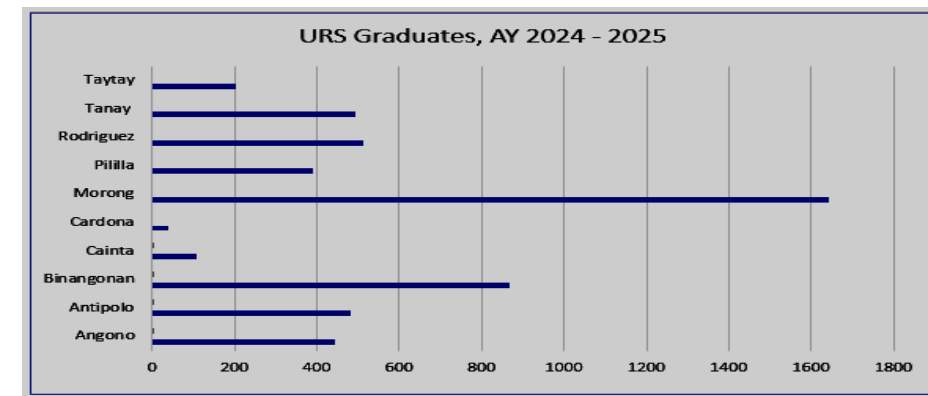
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5,246 Graduates Celebrated in Grand Commencement Exercises

The University of Rizal System (URS) will formally graduate 5,246 students across its campuses on June 19-20, 24 and 26 when it holds its graduation at the Ynares Center in Antipolo City, Ynares Center - Rodriguez, and the URS Morong Campus. The impressive number includes a diverse cohort of undergraduates, graduate school students, laboratory school completers, and senior high school graduates, all poised to contribute to various sectors of society.

The bulk of this year's graduates hails from the undergraduate programs, with a remarkable 4,832 students completing their degrees. The Morong Campus led the undergraduate contingent with 1,399 graduates, followed by Binangonan Campus with 846, and Antipolo Campus with 482. Other campuses also contributed significantly to the undergraduate tally: Angono (444), Rodriguez (454), Tanay (466), Pililla (391), Taytay (204), and Cainta (106).



The Graduate School also saw a considerable number of students reaching the pinnacle of their academic pursuits, with 289 graduates. The Morong Campus again registered the highest number of graduate school completers at 145, followed by Pililla with 64, and Rodriguez with 57. Binangonan Campus also contributed 23 graduates to the postgraduate ranks.

Adding to the celebration were 58 completers from the URS Laboratory Schools, with Morong Campus contributing 32 and Tanay Campus 26. Furthermore, the Senior High School program at the Morong Campus will proudly graduate 67 students, marking their transition to higher education or the professional world.

This massive turnout of graduates underscores URS's unwavering commitment to providing quality education and empowering individuals to become competent and responsible citizens. ~ *abc*

IPITSH Gets Bronze

The URS Intellectual Property Innovation and Technology Support Hub (IPITSH) received the Bronze Award from the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) at the Sequoia Hotel, Manila Bay, Manila on April 10.

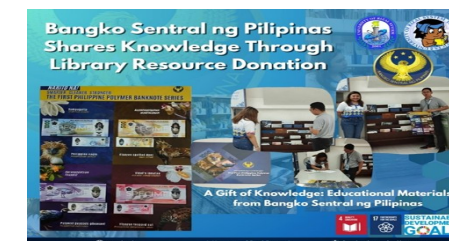


The event was attended by Dr. Nancy Pascual, URS President; Dr. Leo Rio, dean of the Graduate School of Education and former head of IPITSH; Prof. Jerry Esperanza, Head of IPITSH; Ms. Day Cabugawan, executive secretary; and Ms. Danica Robles, staff member of IPITSH.

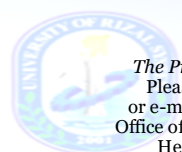
The ITSO (Intellectual Technology Support Office) Bronze Award is given by IPOPHL to institutions that show significant efforts in intellectual property (IP) education, awareness, and activities. This award recognizes institutions for conducting IP awareness programs, undertaking patent searches, and providing patent drafting services. To qualify for the Bronze Award, an institution must meet the following requirements: conduct a minimum of 12 IP awareness activities, hold 2 patent search training sessions, offer 1 patent drafting course, and comply with IP-related outputs and activities. ~ *DARobles*

BSP Donates Library Resources

The Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has generously donated 5,000 educational booklets and 11 posters to the libraries of the University of Rizal System on April 10.



This donation is part of BSP's ongoing efforts to enrich learning and promote financial literacy within the URS community. The University appreciates its support in fostering education and knowledge-sharing. It was learned from Ms. Anna Minia Lourdes Martinez, URS Librarian. ~



OUTREACH 4 Empowers Community with Diverse Learning Sessions

The **OUTREACH 4: Opportunities Within Reach for the Community Champions** program delivered two more sessions aimed at enriching knowledge and skills for community development. The initiative featured expert speakers and covered diverse topics, from agricultural business ventures to specialized library practices, all accessible live via Google Meet and YouTube.

The program kicked off Session 3 on April 3, 2025, at 8:00 AM, under the theme "Patuloy na Pagpapayaman ng Kaalaman at Kasanayan Tungo sa Higit na Maunlad na Pamilyanan". This session focused on "Cuniculture – Road to Rabbit Raising and Business Ventures." Esteemed speakers Prof. Margie Bibat and Mr. Ricky John Babia led the discussion, offering valuable insights into the potential of rabbit raising as a sustainable livelihood and business opportunity.

On May 21, Session 4 of the same program delved into "Enhancing Indigenous Knowledge Management and Cataloging Practices in Koha: Languages in Koha." Mr. Manuel Tamayo of the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) spoke on this specialized topic. Importantly, participating librarians had the opportunity to earn 8 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units.

Both sessions of "OUTREACH 4" aim to provide accessible learning opportunities, leveraging online platforms to reach a wider audience. The program underscores a commitment to empowering individuals with practical knowledge and skills that can contribute to both personal growth and the advancement of their respective communities. ~

URS, PESO-Rizal

Host Jobs Fair 2025

The **URS On-the-Job Training (OJT) and Placement Unit**, in coordination with the **Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)** and the **Public Employment Service Office (PESO)** of Rizal, hosted the **Jobs Fair 2025**. The event took place on May 29 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Function Hall of the URS Morong Campus.



Under the theme "Building Bridges to Employment," the Jobs Fair aims to connect job seekers directly with potential employers, facilitating opportunities for URS graduates, graduating students, and other applicants from the wider community.

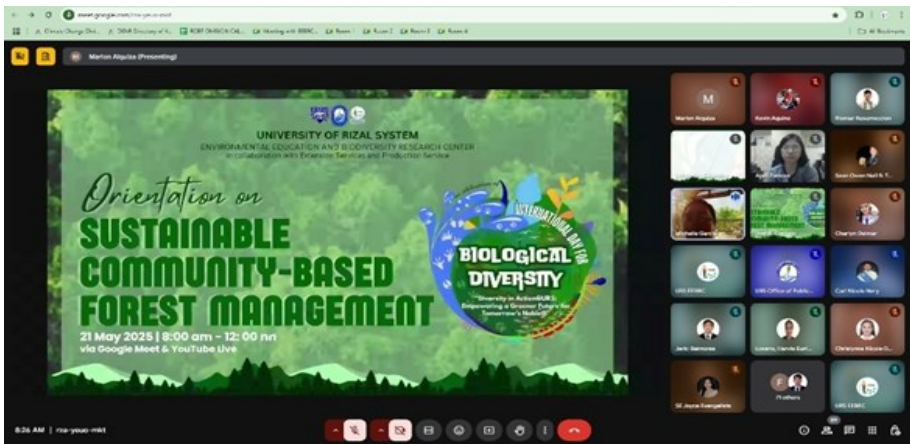
All interested job seekers and applicants, especially URS graduates and graduating students looking to embark on their professional careers, were invited.

The URS Jobs Fair 2025 represents a valuable platform for individuals to explore diverse career paths, engage with industry representatives, and potentially secure employment. This initiative underscores the commitment of URS and its partners, DOLE and PESO-Rizal, to foster economic growth and provide avenues for professional development within the province. ~



Webinar Champions Biodiversity for Greener Future

In celebration of the **International Day for Biological Diversity 2025**, the **University of Rizal System (URS)**, in collaboration with the **Environmental Education and Biodiversity Research Center (EEBRC)** and the **Extension Services and Production Services Unit**, hosted a webinar-orientation on May 21 via Google Meet and the URS YouTube channel.



Under the theme "Diversity in Action @URS: Empowering a Greener Future for Tomorrow's Noblest," the event aimed to ignite awareness, inspire concrete action, and empower participants to actively protect precious ecosystems and champion sustainability.

The initiative underscored the critical role of biodiversity in maintaining ecological balance and securing a sustainable future. Focusing on "Diversity in Action," the event highlights the practical steps and collaborative efforts needed to preserve the rich tapestry of life supporting the planet.

Esteemed speakers for the webinar include Mr. Sean Owen Neil Toscano, and Ms. April de Rota, both from the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). Their expertise and insights provided valuable perspectives on current environmental challenges and the pathways towards effective conservation and sustainable practices within the province and beyond. ~

2025 AIHR of Extension Projects Done

The URS Research Development Unit conducted the **2025 1st Agency In-House Review (AIHR)** of Completed Researches and Fullblown Extension Project Proposals on May 29 via MS Teams.



Dr. Marites Rio, Vice President for Research Development, Extension and Production, welcomed all participants. An inspirational message was delivered by the University President, Dr. Nancy Pascual. Prof. Ferdinand Gimeno, Campus Research and Development (R&D) Head of URS Rodriguez, acknowledged all participants present on the platform. Dr. Jerwin Mahaguay, Campus R&D Head of URS Pililla, and Dr. Lovely Celeste Benasa, Campus R&D Head of URS Cainta, introduced the panel of evaluators. This was followed by Prof. Jeremy Aterrado, Campus R&D Head of URS Morong, reading the guidelines and criteria.

Seventeen completed research projects and 85 full-blown proposals were presented, including 65 from Education, 12 from Technology and Natural Science, and 8 from Business. A panel of evaluators, composed of various experts, assessed the submissions.

Dr. Jannie Manimtim, Director of the Research Development Unit, delivered the closing remarks, concluding the program with a positive outcome, declaring 100% of the research projects qualified for the RDEP Congress. ~*embr*

Campus Journalists, Faculty Coaches Honored at Luzon-wide Press Confab

Student journalists and their faculty coaches from the **University of Rizal System (URS)** received recognition at the **20th Luzon-wide Higher Education Press Conference (LHEPC)**, held from April 2-4 at Batis Aramin Hotel and Resort. The event, themed "PRESS PLAY: Campus Journalists as Game Changers in Digital Revolution," celebrated excellence in campus journalism across Luzon.

Several URS student scribes demonstrated their talent and journalistic prowess, securing top spots in various individual and group categories: Jubail de Lumen from URS-Binangonan clinched 1st place in News Writing in English, showcasing exceptional skill in reporting and crafting compelling news stories. Cameille Ortega from URS-Morong earned 7th place in Editorial Writing in Filipino, highlighting her ability to articulate insightful opinions and analyses. John Kenneth Letrado from URS-Angono achieved 3rd place in Literary Graphics in English, demonstrating creativity in visual storytelling. Roy Gabriel Urminita from URS-Tanay also excelled in Literary Graphics in English, placing 7th in the same category. Meanwhile, Le Pilier, the student publication from URSB, was recognized for its outstanding design, securing 5th place for Best Cover Design in the Magazine category.



Beyond the student achievements, the LHEPC also honored the invaluable contributions of faculty coaches who have dedicated years to nurturing aspiring journalists. Service Awards were presented to: Prof. Arminda Campo of URS-Morong, for 15 years of dedicated service; Dr. Shielanie Dacumos, URS-Binangonan, 15 years; Prof. Violeta Esperanza, URS-Tanay, 15 years; and Dr. Norberto Nataño, URS-Antipolo, 10 years. Their long-standing commitment underscores the vital role of mentorship in shaping the future of campus journalism. The collective success of URS students and the recognition of their coaches at the 20th LHEPC underscore the University of Rizal System's commitment to fostering excellence in campus journalism and preparing students to be "game changers in the digital revolution." ~ *abc*

FY 2026 Technical Budget

Hearing Held

DBM Region IV-A, headed by Ms. Nympha Manalastas, Regional Director; together with Ms. Jaqueline Ludovice, Assistant Regional Director; Ms. April Clor, Chief Budget and Management Specialist, and Ms. Winelyn Sonsona, Budget and Management Specialist, visited URS for the FY 2026 Technical Budget Hearing on April 8.



They were welcomed by URS officials headed by Dr. Nancy Pascual, University President; together with Dr. Marvin Amoin, VP for Administration and Finance; Dr. Allan Conde, VP for Academic Affairs; Ms. Mian Francisco, University Budget Officer; Ms. Rennie Mae De Lemon, Director Administrative Services; Mr. Benjie Ingco, Director Finance Services; Dr. Niclie Tiratira, URS Morong Director; Ms. Rose Anne Tiburcio, Head University Planning; and staff. ~