

TVET CARERA

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TESDA-CAR Welcomes New Regional Director

Incoming Regional Director Efren Piñol expressed his commitment to the two major goals of President Rodrigo Duterte: poverty reduction and campaign against corruption.

RD Piñol takes over the leadership of TESDA-CAR from RD Rafael Abrogar II, who is reassigned as Regional Director of TESDA - Region XII. The turnover ceremony was held on October 2, 2017 at BENECO Hall, South Drive Baguio City.

In his acceptance speech, the new RD underscored three things aside from the mentioned priorities: continuation of programs and projects initiated by RD Abrogar, acknowledgement of the crucial role of the Provincial Directors and TESDA staff, and the importance of teamwork. As a "listening leader," the RD stated his openness to inputs from the staff and stakeholders.

RD Abrogar, on the other hand, said that while his stay in CAR is of short duration, he has experienced the invaluable support of the organization's partners and the staff. Both RDs hail from the south (RD Piñol from Cotabato and RD Abrogar from Cagayan de Oro City). (Audrey Hope Dayawen)



RD Rafael Abrogar (left) turns over the TESDA-CAR banner and pertinent documents to incoming RD Efren Piñol.



TESDA-CAR Honors National Awardees



Represented by Gov. Eleanor Begtang, LGU-Apayao was recognized as the *Regional Kabalikat Awardee* in 2017. The support to TVET of the LGU has been consistent and exemplary. Its most tangible commitment is the continuous investment in the operation and improvement of the Apayao Training Center located in Luna (formerly the Apayao Provincial Technical and Livelihood Training Center or APTLTC) to accommodate more beneficiaries. The province of Apayao also has an active group of Community Training and Employment Coordinators (CTEC) in all its municipalities.



The Tagisanay Awards, on the other hand, is dedicated to TVET trainers whose personal commitment to excellence and quality helped advance the objectives of TVET. Ms. Mary Beth So, President of Culinary Arts, Hotel, Entrepreneurial and Travel Services (CHETS) Academy in Baguio City, herself trained to be a TVET Trainer and Competency Assessor. She is also the President of the Association of TESDA-Accredited Competency Assessors. In addition, she put up a foundation which sends scholars to tech-voc education and training. Once certified, these scholars are assisted so they can work. Particularly at the Newtown Plaza Hotel. Ms. Beth So was named the national 1st Runner-Up Award in 2017.

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Regional recognition ceremonies were attended by (from left) PTESDC Chairperson George Apolinar, National TMEQY 1st Runner-Up Awardee Nancy Dasayon, National Tagisanay 1st Runner-Up Awardee Mary Beth So, RTESDC Chairperson Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Regional Idol ng TESDA Awardee Rasul Pundogar, PCCI Governor Juan Johnny Dela Cruz, and CARPTI President Vladimir Cayabas

6 New Employees Reinforce the Manpower Complement

This may seem a few number, but the hiring of six (6) new employees by TESDA - CAR is a very welcome development. The newly-hired personnel took their oath of government service on September 27, 2017 and will be deployed thus:

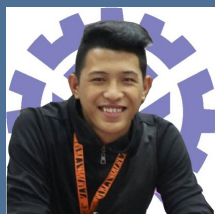
NAME	POSITION	OPERATING UNIT
Raymund M. Lapon	TESD Specialist II	Regional Training Center - Baguio
Mary Grace P. Mendoza	TESD Specialist II	Provincial Office – Apayao
Romar D. Agpes	TESD Specialist I	Regional Operations Division
Mabelle J. Panganiban	TESD Specialist I	Provincial Office – Benguet
Lea Liberty A. Wangag	TESD Specialist I	Provincial Training Center - Kalinga
Tracy Shayn P. Coloma	Admin Aide VI	Provincial Training Center - Mt. Province

TESDA-Benguet bags medals during the Regional Skills Competition

The Regional Skills Competition opened on August 15, 2017 at Beneco Multipurpose Hall, South Drive, Baguio City, showcasing the skills of 21 competitors in six different trade areas. Winners in the 3-day competition are as follows:

TRADE AREA	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	DIPLOMA
Cooking	Jevo Gygni Calaustro	Alexander Estabilo	Ariel Lomot	
Graphics Design	Geraldine Was-as	Mark Lorenz Gimeno	Jake Brandon Bantogon	Ian Ramos
Restaurant Services	Julie Buaken		Irish Ann May Nishikawa	
	Ronald Agpawa		Julius Abidal	
Web Design	John Philip Paduyao	Aristotle Gamaas		
Welding	Jayson Paul Tangliben	Eleazar Mangallay	Jarreth Guile Dulnuan	Shirly Anecito Jayvon Taguitag
IT Software Solutions for Business	Deon Paul Sadcopen	Samuel Corpuz		

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Another regional awardee is Mr. Rasul Pundogar, under the *Idol ng TESDA Award*. His excellent performance as Instructor at Informatics Baguio led to his appointment as Coach in Web Design Category during the 2016 Philippine National Skills Competition in Web Design. The competitor under his tutelage, Janie Dimacaling, won the Gold Medal. The Idol ng TESDA Award honors TVET graduates whose outstanding performance significantly contributed to the socio-economic improvements in their respective communities. Pundogar continued as Dimacaling's Coach/Expert in the ASEAN Skills Competition in Kuala Lumpur in 2016 and China International Skills Competition in 2017, where Dimacaling won bronze medals to both competitions. They were later chosen to represent the Philippines to the World Skills Competition in Abu Dhabi.



Another winner is Ms. Nancy Dasayon, Administrative Assistant III of TESDA-Benguet. She was chosen as 1st Runner-Up in the 2017 TESDA Model Employee of the Year Awards (TMEOYA) - Category I. A graduate of Civil Engineering, she facilitated the planning and construction of TESDA-Benguet Provincial Office building in La Trinidad, Benguet and saved the Agency approximately two million pesos since its inception in 2004. Ms. Dasayon is also the PO's focal on scholarships, MIS, records and documents control, special clients, and executive assistant of Provincial Director. (Audrey Hope Dayawen)

Turning 23 is a big reason for an agency to celebrate and TESDA-CAR is no exception. On September 4-5, 2017, the staff and its partners marked the memorable event through a mix of formal, sports, and social activities.

TESDA @ 23

The celebration commenced at Venus Parkview Hotel on September 4, 2017. The program focused on the recognition of partner-awardees and employees: national award-ees LGU-Apayao represented by Hon. Eleanor B. Begtang for Kabalikat Awards, Ms. Mary Beth Y. So for Tag-sanay Award, Mr. Rasul A. Pundogar for Idol ng TESDA, Ms. Nancy D. Dasayon for TESDA Model Employee Award; valued partners Regional/Provincial TESD Committees and Cordillera Association of Private Technical Institutions represented by its President Vladimir Cayabas; TESDA-CAR Loyalty Awardees; and RTC-Baguió's Best Employees.

Newly-promoted employees also took their Oath of Office during the event at Venus Parkview.

To inspire camaraderie, the awarding ceremony was followed by Sportsfest in the afternoon at Green Valley Country Club. Four teams, whose members are a mix of ROPOTI personnel, competed in parlor games, badminton, volley ball, basketball, darts, and badminton. The games extended to September 5, 2017. The Green Team emerged as the overall champion, followed by Blue and Red teams. The Violet team took 4th place.



A cowboy-themed party, organized by the Baguio City School of Arts and Trades, provided the finale to the celebration. Presentations were made by the different operating units. Ms. Proserphina Pacyado of PTC-Mt. Province and Mr. Alexander Bayanes of RTC-Baguió won the Best Cowgirl and Cowboy Awards, respectively. The activity allowed the staff to showcase their dancing and singing skills.

DDG Feliciano Reiterates Support for Special Sectors



DDG Feliciano (middle), TESDA-CAR RD Rafael Abrogar II (3rd from left), TESDA Region I RD Francisco Jucar, Jr. (5th from left) and staff from the two regions during the meeting on July 12, 2017 in Baguio City

TESDA Deputy Director General for TESD Operations Alvin Feliciano reported on the status of support given by the TESDA to special sectors. He said that there is a need for the agency to intensify its efforts in providing relevant capacity building programs so that these sectors get mainstreamed economically and socially.

The special sectors are identified in the 17-Point Reform Agenda of the TESDA: indigenous peoples, OFW repatriates, drug surrenderees, inmates, entrepreneurs, and rebel returnees.

DDG Feliciano discussed these during a meeting with the Regional Directors, senior staff and technical staff of TESDA-CAR and TESDA—Region 1 on July 12, 2017 at Newtown Plaza Hotel, Baguio City. (Glenda Marquez)

Scholarship Program Benefits Farmers



Farmers-turned-scholars of Organic Agriculture Production NC II meet pose with, RD Rafael Abrogar II, RD Efren Piñol and PD Manuel Wong. Mr. Ambrosio Acosta (3rd from left, back row) is their Trainer.

Twenty five (25) farmers from La Trinidad, Benguet became the recipients of TESDA scholarship in *Organic Agriculture Production NC II* at Master's Garden.

During a visit by the TESDA-CAR team that included RD Rafael Abrogar, RD Efren Pinol and PD Manuel Wong on September 28, 2017, the farmers expressed gratitude to the TESDA for recognizing their need for formal training in technical skills related to their field.

The Master's Garden is one of 12 farm schools in CAR whose programs are registered with the TESDA. The owner himself, Mr. Ambrosio Acosta, conducts the training program.

Farm schools are also accredited as Learning Site for Agriculture and/or School for Practical Agriculture by the Agricultural Training Institute. (Glenda Marquez)

TESDA-Benguet and DepEd Celebrate Teacher's Day



TESDA Benguet Provincial Director Manuel Wong (2nd from left) was the guest speaker during the 3rd Basic Education Summit in Benguet.

TESDA-Benguet Provincial Director Manuel Wong challenged the educators to constantly seek opportunities for growth and become models to learners, as he emphasized that "a teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

PD Wong was the guest speaker during the 3rd Basic Education Summit and Teachers' Day Celebration on September 28, 2017 at the Wangal Sports Complex.

Teachers and students of various DepEd School Divisions and TVET Institutions in Benguet gathered as one to celebrate the event. (Glenda Marquez)

TESDA Training Institutions Receive Additional Scholarship Grants

TESDA Deputy Director General for TESD Operations Alvin Feliciano awarded Scholarship Grants (SG) on Training for Work Scholarship Programs (TWSP) to the different TESDA Training Institutions (TTIs) in CAR during the graduation ceremonies of the Baguio City School of Arts and Trades (BCSAT) on July 12, 2017.

Additional scholarship slots would mean more beneficiaries in the communities where the TTIs operate.

The DDG also told the graduates that TVET graduates find jobs within a shorter period of time than graduates of degree programs.

RD Rafael Abrogar II, in his message, said that employment is the end objective of a scholarship program. He enjoined the graduates to remember and be strengthened by the 4 principles: Faith in God, Discipline, Determination/Perseverance, and Seeking counsel of experts. (Glenda Marquez)



DDG Alvin Feliciano (5th from left) issues scholarship grants to the Heads of TESDA Training Institutions in CAR. With him are (from left) Hector Laguardia of RTC-Baguio, Emmanuel Ballesteros of PTC-Abra, Felixberto Matute of PTC-Ifugao, Regional Director Rafael Abrogar, Arlene Cadalig of BCSAT, Director Angela Gabriel of TESDA-Benguet, Artemio Jose of PTC-Kalinga, and Director Gabriel Cayacay of TESDA-Kalinga.

TESDA Joins the 30th Cordillera Month Celebration



Officials and trainees of the Regional Training Center, workers from various government line agencies, local government units and representatives of the Cordillera join the other provinces to celebrate the 30th Cordillera Founding anniversary with the theme “CAR @ 30: A Celebration of Cordillera Unity.” This year’s anniversary celebration on July 15, 2017 is hosted by LGU—Benguet.

Guest Speaker Executive Director Rico Pableo, Jr. of the National Commission on Culture and Arts (NCCA) challenged the current officials of the Cordillera Administrative Region to strengthen cordillera culture. (Jaime Calatan)

TESDA Benguet Goes on the Air at Radyo ng Bayan



In order to reach more audiences of its advocacy programs, TESDA-Benguet inked an agreement with DZEQ Radyo ng Bayan for an hour of TESDA programs and projects every Monday.

On July 10, 2017, Mr. Rogel Marsan, owner and administrator of Cosmic Farms in La Trinidad, Benguet discussed organic farming during the program. He was joined by Ms. Glenda Marquez of TESDA-Benguet. Station Manager Andrei Amadeo hosts the weekly program. (Glenda Marquez)

Free TESDA-Abra Services Benefit 326 Residents

A total of 326 clients availed of free services provided by TESDA-Abra during the People's Day Activities conducted on the following dates: Tubo — July 1, Boliney— August 14 and Langiden— November 14. Beneficiaries of the program expressed satisfaction with the services which included body massage, manicure-pedicure and haircut.

The agency also provided free assessment in Driving NC II, Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC II, and Carpentry NC II.

Abra Gov. Ma. Jocelyn Valera-Bernos led the activities with the participation of representatives from various national line agencies aimed to promote and intensify implementation of government programs and services in the different municipalities in Abra.

The People's Day is a continuing program initiated by the provincial government to bring services to the people who are living in far-flung areas and/or who are financially unable to access the services.

More importantly, TESDA's provision of the above-mentioned services encourages the beneficiaries to consider technical-vocational occupations as viable alternatives. (Fred B. Baroña)



Skills Training Sustain Indigenous Crafts Industry

Combined efforts of public and private institutions made possible a series of skills training in loom weaving and related crafts in Peñarrubia, Abra. Eighteen (18) members of the Namarabar Indigo Natural Dye Producers Cooperative finished the skills training in Indigenous Dyeing, Loom Weaving, Sewing and Hand Embroidery from July to August 2017 at Barangay Namarabar.

The promotion and preservation of indigenous crafts and skills is one of the thrusts of the TESDA leadership. The following institutions made the Namarabar program possible: Abra Diocesan Teachers and Employees Cooperative (ADTEMPCO), DOST, DOLE, NCCA, and TESDA—Abra. (Fred Baroña)



Philippine Army Avails of Free TESDA Services



One hundred two (102) members and officers of the Philippine Army availed of TESDA's free wellness services in manicure/pedicure, haircutting, and body massage. TESDA-Abra conducted the activity in Barangay Barbarit Military Camp, Lagangilang, Abra in support of the 66th Founding Anniversary Celebration of the 24th Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army on August 16, 2017. (Fred Baroña)

TESDA Apayao hands over training facility to LGU



1-TESDA CAR Regional Director Rafael Abrogar II (middle) presents the Mobile Training Laboratory to Apayao Governor Elias Bulut (left). 2-Sample Mobile Training Laboratory on Bread and Pastry Production NC II.

LUNA, Apayao – The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Apayao provincial office hand-over mobile training facilities to the different local government units on September 14, 2017.

Apayao received six mobile training laboratory (MTL) packages equivalent to six training programs including Appliance repair, Bread and pastry, Cookery, Electrical Installation and Maintenance, Plumbing and Small Engine repair.

The mobile training laboratory consist of training equipment, tools and materials, mock-ups, curricula, and learning materials contained in portable boxes ready for transport.

This program aims to enable poor constituents in far-flung communities, especially out-of-school youth and unemployed adults, to have decent livelihood through wage-employment or self-employment and bring them to the economic and social mainstream. Qualified beneficiaries are the bonafide residents of Apayao, aged 15 to 65 years old.

Budget for this program was derived from the Philippine Amusement Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) grant to TESDA in the amount of Php50 million. This was distributed to the different TESDA offices nationwide.

Apayao Gov. Elias C. Bulut Jr. lauded TESDA for identifying Apayao as one of the recipients of this noble project. (Sunshine Sario)

New Provincial Directors Join the TESDA-CAR Directorate

Dr. Julie Ann D. Banganan assumed her post as Provincial Director of TESDA-Abra on September 4, 2017. Her previous post was in Batanes, Region 2. PD Banganan is no stranger to CAR because she used to be the Provincial Director of TESDA-Ifugao and TESDA-Kalinga.



Engr. Manuel B. Wong is the new Provincial Director of TESDA-Benguet, starting September 4, 2017. He used to head the Provincial Office of TESDA-Pangasinan. His tour of duty includes being PD of TESDA-Abra, TESDA-Ifugao and TESDA-Mt. Province.

PD David B. Bungallon is the newest addition to the TESDA executives. He was the School Administrator of the Baguio City School of Arts and Trades and Center Chief of the Regional Training Center—Baguio before he was appointed as Provincial Director of TESDA—Mt. Province on October 16, 2017.





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↑ Career guidance advocacy to students of San Jose National High School in La Trinidad, Benguet
Participants to Regional Skills Competition pose after interview at “Naimbag a Morning Kapamilya” ↑



↑ Cutting of competition chain during to signify opening of Regional Skills Competition
Panel interview during the screening of applicants for TESDA-CAR positions ↑



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