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NEUST as one of the FOI CHAMPIONS for 2020

On November 25, 2020, the Freedom of Information held its 1st virtual FOI Awarding ceremony. Out of the hundred SUCs nominated in the 2020 FOI awards, there were only three universities that were acknowledged and given special recognition: the University of the Philippines, the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, and the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology headed by its president, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba. These three universities were awarded as FOI Champions.

The basis in the selection was the excellent performance in the implementation of the Freedom of Information, being part of the University's daily operation in terms of the clientele's request



for information; consistency of early compliance relative to the PBB requirements; early submission of the other requirements asked by the FOI management office; and constant coordination with the FOI Management Office for some queries and update on FOI matters.

The people behind the success of the NEUST FOI are Dr. Sarah Alvarez (Planning and Development Office Director); Dr. Arceli Millan (University Publication and Media Affairs Office Head and FOI Focal Person/Receiving Officer); and Engr. Christopher Ladignon (University Record Office Head and FOI Decision Maker).

Long live NEUST!

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Passing the 2nd ISO Surveillance Audit!



The Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology, being an ISO Certified, once again passed the two-day 2nd ISO Surveillance Audit for 2020. It was held on

December 1-2, 2020, at the President's Conference Room, Sumacab Campus.

During the audit, all the NEUSTians were hoping and praying for the positive results of the surveillance. Everybody shouted for joy when the auditors announced the positive result of the surveillance.

The audit aimed at determining if the University's

management system works in its day-to-day operations. It involved planning of the operations; trainings, research, and extension **(Continue to Page 4)**



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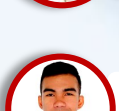
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ABOUT THE NEST

The “**NEST**” is the official publication of the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology provided by the National Library with an International Standard Serial Number of 2672-3743. This was established and approved in April 2018. The NEST aims to disseminate information regarding the fundamental undertakings of the faculty, administration, and staff for one whole year.

SYMBOLS AND MEANINGS:

The NEST stands for “**Nurturing Ethical, Socially Responsible, and Task-driven Professionals**”. Its logo is akin to a nest (the White Head) composed of people who are working together, nurtured and safeguarded by a reputable leader (The **Hand holding the Head**). Inside the **HEAD** are the **TORCH** that represents the Quality Services provided by the University, academically and non-academically, to its clientele; the **BULB** that symbolizes the **ENLIGHTENMENT** of the **MIND** and **HEARTS** of the students through the **WILL POWER** of every Faculty to help them be excellent in their chosen fields. Inside the bulb are: the **GEAR** that epitomizes the “Education” and the Mobility of Development, Growth, and Progress; the **ATOM** that symbolizes the NEUST being a Science and Technology institution; the **HEAD** symbolizes the NEST where the NEUST workforce resides with the leadership of a President; the **TWO HANDS WITH TWO DIFFERENT COLORS** holding the head that represent the stability of the President in handling the whole University and the people working together with one goal, and the two colors of the hands stand for the NEUST employees’ **DIVERSITY** of views and opinions, expertise, attributes, uniqueness, situations, and contentment. With these, the President shows mobility and flexibility in handling these diversities with stability, tenacity, and decisiveness.

As to its color representation, white symbolizes the fundamental and noble vision, mission, and core values of NEUST, being a government institution that aims to serve the whole community and its stakeholders; Light Blue epitomizes the virtues that the Nueva University of Science and Technology has been inculcating to its employees- upholding loyalty to the institution, honesty, and transparency to the people served and dealt with, commitment, dedication, and trustworthiness as NEUST employees; Gold represents the characteristics of what a government employee should have possessed for the welfare and interest of the people served; and green which signifies the healing power that can help enhance stability and endurance like the University President who shows great stability and commitment to put the University on the right track.

Safeguarding the Health and Safety of the Teaching and Non-teaching Personnel in the Face of the Global Covid-19 Pandemic

According to World Health Organization (2019), a coronavirus (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus known as the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The first human cases of COVID-19 were identified in Wuhan City, China in December 2019 (WHO, 2020). As soon as the person gets infected with corona virus, when he/she coughs, there is an excretion of contaminated fluid or droplets. Close contact with an infected person can be a means to possibly breathe in the droplets released through coughing. Other way on how a person can be badly affected by the virus is through touching contaminated objects like ballpen, tables, cellphones, and others.

With the emergence of this global Covid-19 pandemic, people all over the world felt a sudden strong fear and nervousness, depression, and even anxiety. In consequence, nobody wanted to go outside his/her house; some business establishments ceased to operate; some of the youth got depressed; and many workers lost their jobs. However, despite the pandemic, life must go on regardless of the current situation. People need to work to earn money needed to sustain the basic needs in life.

Earning a living is very vital to survive. One of the very fundamental aspects of life is education. With this, educators need to continuously risk their lives to provide instruction to students. But how can they be protected in the workplace while doing their responsibilities as educators? How can they be safe while teaching the students? How can their health be guarded without being afflicted by the tedious corona

virus? All these issues must be addressed to ensure the health and safety of the educators from the threat of virus.

In response to this, different schools and universities have been trying their best to protect the health and safety of the teaching and non-teaching personnel for they need to continuously report to school in spite of the undesirable situation. They need to risk their lives for the students to still be given quality education. These are done based on the guidelines released by the Inter-Agency Task Force.

Classes are executed through online platforms to avoid face-to-face contact. When the covid-19 proliferated around the world, classes were held using the online platforms such as zoom application, google meet, Schoology, FB page, and others.

Teaching and non-teaching personnel are given the option of working from home scheme. According to Republic Act No. 11165, the telecommuting employees must be provided with an option of working outside of the company or institution where they are working. Though they are outside the office, they are also given the same benefits as employees working in the office.

Safety protocols are observed in the workplace. Follow protocols in the workplace like putting up faucets in the school premises; providing disinfecting supplies such as alcohol, hand sanitizer, and others; lessening interactions with clients (transact through windows only); non-essential travels are discouraged; and providing webinars to be familiar with the do's and don't's in the workplace to avoid the virus.

Physical distancing is followed appropriately. Maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet from other people; posting of signages for the clients to be reminded of the required distance from others; and installing of floor markers for the clients to have guide to follow while entering an establishment or while waiting for their turn to be accommodated, become of the essence.

Students are not allowed to go to school for their safety. Face-to-face classes are not permitted for the students' and teachers' health and safety. If modules are to be provided to students, the parents are the only persons allowed to get in touch with the teachers.

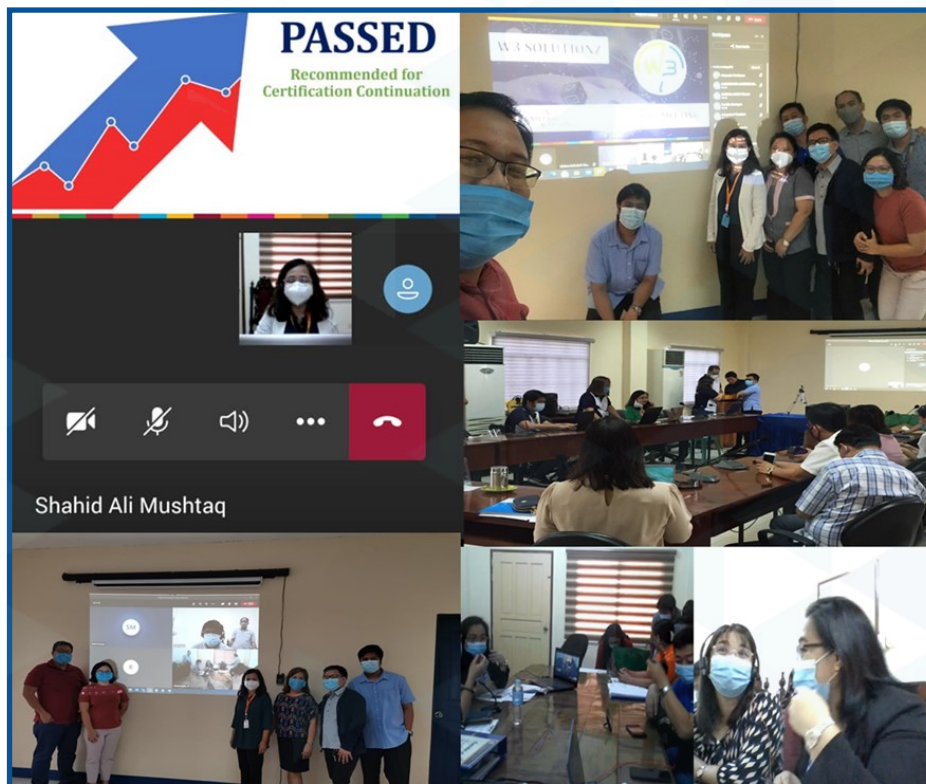
At the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology, the administration led by the University President, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba, ensures that all the employees are safe and healthy by way of providing the 5 ways mentioned above. The University has been implementing the safety protocols according to the Department of Health and Industry. The administration strictly follows what the IATF is putting into action to make sure that the teaching and non-teaching personnel are safe and sound, especially in the workplace.

The pandemic is already existing in the world, and we cannot do something about it. What we can do to avoid the threat of the virus is just to follow the set of rules and guidelines on how to be unscathed in the place where we go, especially in the workplace. Doing these things means being free from danger and being secured from the perilous nature of the covid-19 pandemic. (ARM)

Passing the 2nd...

works; identification of the requirements of services; identification of the legal and other requirements; monitoring of the services/trainings provisions, product realization and safe products planning; control of service provision; control of nonconformities; identification and traceability prevention; consultation, inspection, and testing; sales process; job completion process; release of the products/services; responsibility, authority, and communication competence; human resources; knowledge management; books and documents management; issuance and maintaining of the materials; and others.

The University made it well. The two-day ISO Surveillance Audit was made possible thru the combined efforts of the three Vice Presidents, Dr. Rhodora R. Jugo (VPAA); Dr. Honorato P. Panahon (VPABF); and Dr. Rachael R. Moralde (VPRET), Deans, Directors, Unit Heads from different colleges and campuses, and with the ISO Team headed by Dr. Analyn Gamit (Director, Quality Assurance / QMR); Mr. Angelo R. Santos (ISO, Unit Head / University Document

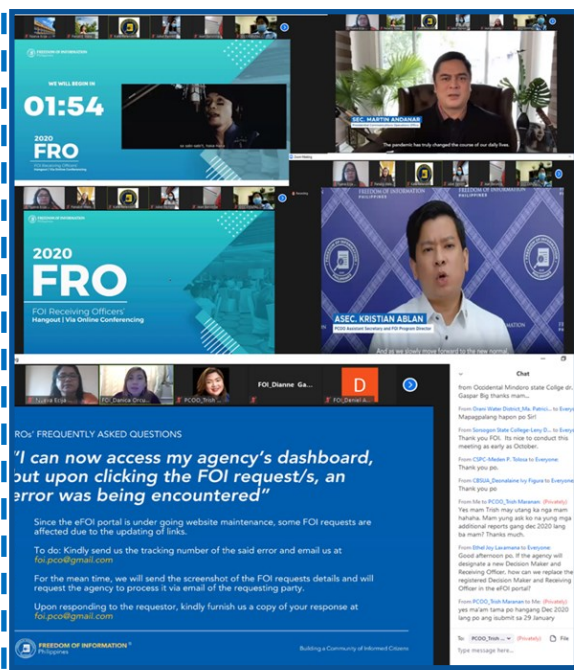


Control Officer); and Mr. Khriz N. Fernandez (Internal Lead Auditor) with the guidance and supervision of the

University President, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba. A big, big hand to the NEUST family! Well done!

FOI Receiving Officers' Hangout Via Online Conferencing

by: Mr. John Rey Quinones



On October 1, 2020, an online seminar was conducted by the Freedom of Information for updates on FOI Programs. The 2020 Enhanced FOI PBB requirements, development of one-page FOI Manual (FOI Memorandum Circular no. 1, s. 2020), and other important FOI matters were clearly discussed.

The webinar's participants were inspired by the PCOO Secretary and FOI Champion, Sec. Jose Ruperto Martin M. Andanar. It was followed by the welcome remarks from the Assistant PCOO Secretary and FOI Program Director, ASEC. Kristian Ablan.

The University was represented by Dr. Arceli R. Millan, being the FOI Receiving Officer of the University. During the online conference, the FOI matters were distinctly discussed and explained by the FOI representatives like the FOI Agency's compliance status, FOI reports template, FOI manual, FOI Requirements for PBB 2020, FOI Awards Guidelines and nomination procedures, Status of the FOI Bill, and the agency's Dashboard in the eFOI Portal.

The last part of the webinar was an open forum wherein the attendees' queries were clearly and accurately answered.

120th Philippine Civil Service Commission Anniversary Celebration at NEUST

by: Engr. Billie Jack DR. Pasion



Presidential Proclamation No. 1050, series of 1997 declares the month of September as the Civil Service Month. The Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 12, s. 2020, calls the attention of the Heads of the Constitutional Bodies Departments, Bureaus, and Agencies of the National Government; Local Government Units; Government-owned and/or Controlled Corporations with Original Charters; State Universities and Colleges; and the Local Water Districts to participate in the 120th CSC celebration.

The Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology community as

civil servants, participated in the celebration of the 120th Philippine Civil Service Commission Anniversary with the theme: "Philippine Civil Service @ 120: Public Sector in the Age of Digital Transformation".

In the digital age, the government sector must remain competitive and flexible enough to adapt to the changing needs of its clientele. The NEUST Administration through Human Resource Management Office, spearheaded by Mrs. Myra S. Concepcion, together with her colleagues, prepared the different activities for the whole month of September, listed below:

September	Activity
1 – 30	Hanging of Streamer in all Satellite Campuses
3	Flag Raising Ceremony
11	Keeping Schools Safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic
14, 16 & 18	Virtual Family Day
24	Virtual PRAISE Awarding
29	Virtual Orientation for the New Employees

One of the highlights of this month long anniversary celebration was the free webinar entitled: Keeping Schools Safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic. It was conceptualized and organized by the University Health Services directed by the University Physician, Dr. Belinda V. Gamilla, with the support of the University Training Department head, Dr. Jo Neil Peria.

According to the CSC Rules (RA 11058), this webinar aimed to present more information regarding the

significant and vital ways and means to protect the University Personnel from the unseen foe of the world in the workplace. Dr. Jeanne V. Tiangha-Gonzales served as the Guest Lecturer.

Another activity conducted was the Virtual Family Day. Online competitions such as Scavenger Hunt, Tiktok Battle, Virtual Talent Show, Mobile Legends, and Dota 2 had been administered during this three-day competition. Listed below were the winners of the virtual games. [\(Continue to Page 6\)](#)



SCAVENGER HUNT

Campus/ College/Office	Members	Rank
College of Industrial Technology	Billie Jack DR. Pasion, T3 DC. Salmos, Cherrylyn L. Trinidad, Tranquilino J. Lucas & Joevenson I. Lacanilao	1 st
Hotel and Tourism Management	Khriz Fernandez, Alma Pia Garcia, John Paolo Nagaño, Anna Margarita De Leon & Alec De Leon	2 nd
College of Engineering	Marben Bartolome, Odette Libunao, Roselle Gonzales, Kevin Lester Mabalay & Amor Judith Cabanesas	3 rd
San Isidro Campus	Jomell Santiago, Lester Linsangan, Edgelly Vitug, Clarizza De Leon & Angelo Santos	3 rd

TIKTOK BATTLE

Campus/ College/Office	Members	Rank
San Isidro Campus	Kenneth S. Samonte, Neriza C. Suarez, Kenneth P. Reyes, Jordan DC. Manuel & Rosenell B. Florez	1 st
Atate Campus	Fhrizz De Jesus	2 nd
College of Engineering	Jean N. Guillasper, Cheena B. Mallari, Jhonee F. Balmeo, Honey Joy N. Sebastian & Archito L. Dela Cruz	3 rd



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MOBILE LEGENDS

Campus/College/Office	Members	Rank
College of Engineering	Tyrone John B. Diaz, Christian S. Castillo, Elmar B. Germino, Mark Louis Dogma, Bryan Domic G. Padua & Gerald P. Galvez	1 st
Non-Teaching	Joshua Villar, Keith Camaya, Gerald Ignacio, Mark Anthony Caluag, Sheila May A. Bayubay & Marc Amiel Domingo	2 nd
College of Arts and Sciences	Raymond P. Senia, John Rowell Obligado, Leo Jay Salvatierra, Jaymart Capital Ligas & Andrelenz Buenaventura	3 rd

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Name of University Personnel	No. of Years in Government
Abesamis, Mario Jr. Mallare	20
Ang, Roel Sanchez	15
De Vera, Marianne Rivera	10
Faronilo, Melissa Belinda Puno	35
Gabriel, Jocelyn Padilla	10
Guillen, Linofe Aglubat	15
Manuel, Manuel Bondoc	10
Mendoza, Danilet VI Muncal	10
Pascual, Ronaldo Fernando	20
Quijano, Ma. Lourdes Rodriguez	30

VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW

Campus/College/Office	Members	Rank
College of Engineering	Alberto S. Tinio, Albert A. Capulong, John Harold P. Santos & Joshua Elijah A. Ortiz	1 st
Health Services Unit	Divina Gracia M. Bote	2 nd
San Isidro Campus	Kenneth Samonte, Neriza Suarez, Emerita Caymo, Jordan Manuel, Kenneth Reyes & Rosenell B. Flores	3 rd

DOTA 2

Campus/College/Office	Members	Rank
Non-Teaching	John Karlo G. Canonigo, Gian Carlo Nieves, Rain Mar Pangilinan, Marc Amiel Domingo, Jan Kester Domingo & Gerald Ignacio	1 st
Non-Teaching	Joshua Villar, Christian Vilorio, Jose Benjamin Dela Cruz, Jomasel Savellano, Rey John Aguilar & Sonny Armillos	2 nd
College of Engineering	Jayvee Dela Cruz, Erbert Alison Benedicto, Alberto Tinio, Erish Ken Domingo & Mark John Dela Cruz	3 rd

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Name of University Personnel	No. of Years in Government
Adigue, Andrea Padre	10
Alfonso, Norman Villanueva	15
Amaranto, Jennifer Lacanilao	20
Castro, Teresa Leaño	40
Dela Cruz, Teresa Tomas	40
Francisco, Christopher Guio	15
Gotico, Ronald Santos	20
Mangahas, Jose Jr. Galvez	25
Mangansat, Nancy Joy Mayangat	10
Rufino, Marlon Valdez	20
Santos, Gemma Dela Cruz	10

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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Name of University Personnel	Years
Antimano, Conrado Rafael	20
Bernardo, Estrelita Ladignon	20
Del Mundo, Renato Tinio	40
Espineda, Enrique Sandaan	35
Florencondia, Noel Tecson	20
Sablaya, Charito Domingo	35
Villar, Michael John Mendoza	10

COLLEGE OF CRIMINOLOGY

Name of University Personnel	Years
Bañez, Randy Matutino	10

COLLEGE OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Name of University Personnel	Years
Esplana, Lourdes Sagun	25
Lucas, Tranquilino Jacinto	20
Ipurong, Felipe Sta. Maria	35

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Name of University Personnel	Years
Alcantara, Gloria Muralla	25
Alvarez, Sarah Calma	15
Leona, Rodibelle Figueroa	25
Oliveros, Apple Grace Galang	10
Torres, Rhoel Anthony Garcia	20

COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

Name of University Personnel	Years
Domingo, Suzette Dela Cruz	10
La Penia, Rhea Lyn Fajardo	20
Paet, Elenita Razon	15
Pascual, Marilou Puno	10
Santos, Mercedes Dulay	25
Villacorte, Rhea Malaca	10

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Name of University Personnel	Years
Adriano, Alejandro Sapang	20
Cayman, Frederic Reyes	10
Concepcion, Myra G. Sandoval	35
Cruz, Rodrigo Capinpin	10
Dela Cruz, Romeo Galay	35
Eaquivel, Maria Teresita Garcia	10
Garcia, Carlito Jr. Mendillo	10
Supena, Michelle Antalan	10
Villanueva, Ireneo Santos	20

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Name of University Personnel	Years
Galac, Janela Fernandez	20

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Name of University Personnel	Years
Moralde, Rachael Reyes	30
Trajano, Mercedes De Guzman	30

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Name of University Personnel	Years
Mejia, Jaimie Jacinto	10
Tolentino, Marissa Corpuz	15
Villegaz, Marivic Navarro	10

ATATE CAMPUS

Name of University Personnel	Years
Garcia, Merlina Culala	10

FORT MAGSAYSAY CAMPUS

Name of University Personnel	Years
Quijano, Ma. Florisa Tadianan	10

GABALDON CAMPUS

Name of University Personnel	Years
Arenas, Marietta Sebastian	35
Dumayas, Marites Dulay	25
Elegado, Aileen Morales	20
Lopez, May Nerissa Santos	10
Mallari, Ma. Remedios Morales	10
Mangulabnan, Celia Hermosa	40
Salazar, Remelie Dacumos	25

SAN ISIDRO CAMPUS

Name of University Personnel	Years
Bustillos, Reynante Grospe	10
Galano, Joannie Aglubat	10
Osabel, Arnie Cucio	10
Reyes, Ellen Jane Galang	10
Salas, Rodella Figueroa	15
Sison, Maricar Herrera	20

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES (Gabaldon Campus)

Name of University Personnel	Years
Ballesteros, Severina Pacatang	35
Blas, Ronaldo Pascual	20
De Leon, Gil Jr. Estacio	10
Madronio, Rictorion Panis	20

Aside from recognizing the length of service of the University Personnel as public servants, other awards like Loyalty, Best Organizational Unit, Personal Motivation and Incentive, and "Ang Masinop Award" had been granted.

The recognition of the Loyalty Awardees was spearheaded by the University President, Engr. Felician P. Jacoba. Accompanying her during the awarding was the HR officer, Mrs. Myra G. Sandoval Concepcion, with the Faculty and Staff Union President, Dr. Arneil G. Gabriel, FSU Executive Vice President, Dr. Rodelio R. Pascual, and FSU VP for Faculty, Prof. Robert M. Orfrecio.

The last day of the celebration featured the University's Yamang Katauhan Alay sa Pamantasan (YAKAP) Program. This virtual orientation seminar for the newly-hired personnel aimed to wholeheartedly welcome them as new members of the NEUST Family. During this virtual orientation, a keynote speech was delivered by the Pres. Jacoba. Then, various topics were conferred about the different institutional policies and procedures. The Vice President for Administration, Business, and Finance, Dr. Honorato P. Panahon, discussed the NEUST brief historical background, organizational structure, vision and mission, corporate values, and administrative matters. Moreover, the VP for Academic Affairs, Dr. Rhodora R. Jugo, talked about the salient academic policies, accreditation, ISO and other matters. While the VP for Research, Extension, and

Loyalty Awardee: Teresa Leaño Castro (40yrs)



Loyalty Awardee: Teresa Tomas Dela Cruz (40yrs)



Loyalty Awardee: Renato Tinio Del Mundo (40yrs)



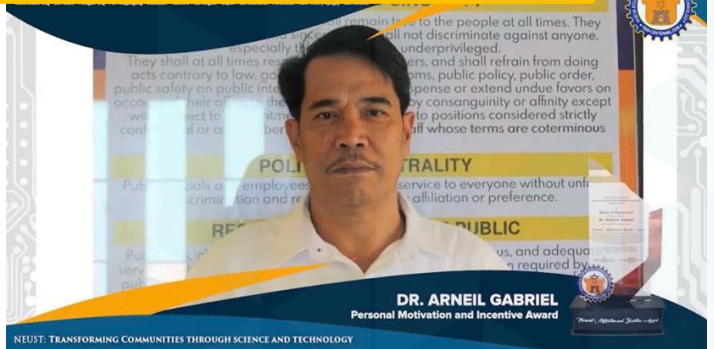
Loyalty Awardee: Celia Hermosa Mangulabnan (40yrs)



Best Organizational Unit Award



Personal Motivation and Incentive Award



Ang Masinop Award



Ang Masinop Award



COED's Faculty Exchange Program with Indonesian Universities

by: Reynaldo J. Illumin



Even in times of the pandemic, the Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Angelica Cortez, initiated in bringing the COED in the Southeast Asian Communities as part of the agenda for the internationalization of the College.

Two big Indonesian Universities, particularly the Universitas Muria Kudus and Universitas Muhammadiyah Kendari are the new partners of NEUST, specifically the College of Education for its Faculty and Student Faculty Exchange Programs. Below were the assigned faculty to teach the Indonesian students.

Ms. Sheryl Ann V. Narciso (Foreign Teaching Media)

Ms. Pauline Joy P. Gelacio (Teaching English as a Foreign

Language)

Mr. Celso P. Resueño (English Grammar in Spoken Language)

Mr. Reynaldo J. Illumin (Intermediate Reading)

On their part, four Indonesian faculty members were sent to teach in the COED. They were as follows:

Ms. Titin Rahmiatin Rahim and (from the Universitas Muhammadiyah Kendari)

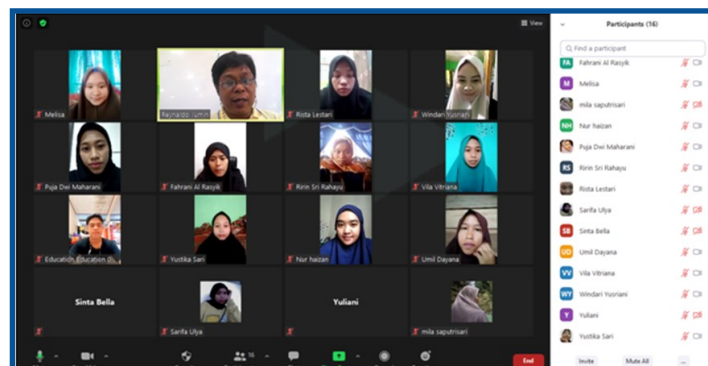
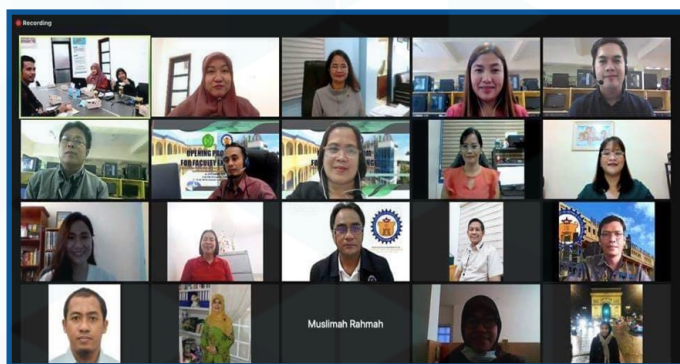
Ms. Tri Indah Rusli (from the Universitas Muhammadiyah Kendari)

Dr. Sri Endang Kusmaryati (from Universitas Muria Kudus)

The said Indonesian faculty taught the following subjects: Bahasa Language, Language Learning Materials Development, and Basic English Grammar having

three COED classes as participants of the project, of which one section from the second year level and two sections from the third year levels of the BSED curriculum program, majoring in English. The instructional platforms used for conducting classes were synchronous and asynchronous for four hours a week.

To seal the partnership for the Faculty and Student Exchange Programs, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed on October 8, 2020. Two separate virtual opening ceremonies were conducted on November 5, 2020. The Faculty and the Student Exchange Programs were conducted from November 9 to November 20, 2020.



International Webinar on Trends in Engineering in the Philippines and Indonesia

by: Engr. Allan DM. Abenoja, Jr.

The Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology in collaboration with The Universitas Tunas Pembangunan Surakarta conducted a Free International Webinar on the Trends in Engineering in the Philippines and Indonesia. This webinar was held last

July 25, 2020, via zoom meeting application and was participated in by a total of 512 Engineers, researchers, students, and academicians. The objectives of the webinar were the following: (1) to become a venue of exchange of ideas in the new trends in

Engineering in the Philippines and Indonesia; (2) to establish a collaborative and informative research culture among Engineers; and (3) to become a medium in creating a better work efficiency using the lean six sigma.

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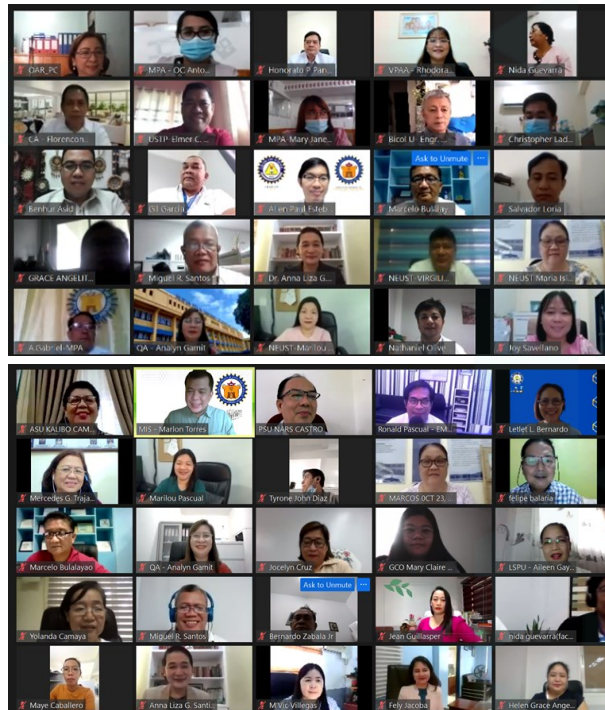
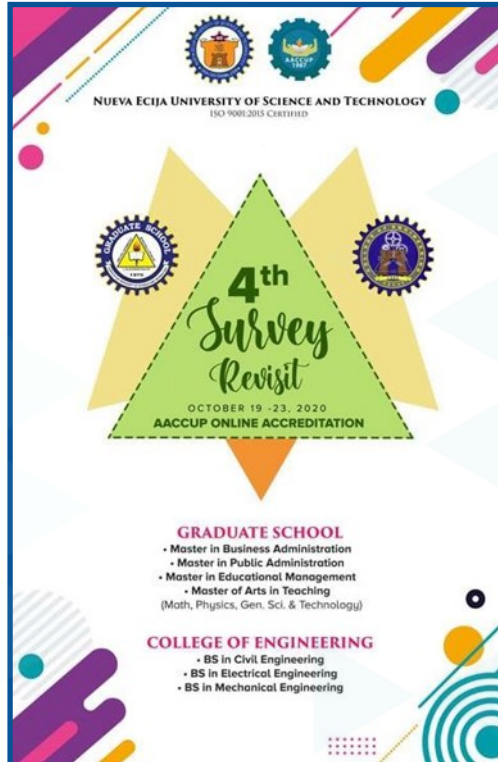
First Virtual NEUST Graduate School Accreditation

by: Ms. Irene C. Damaso

Living amidst a global crisis, the academic community is faced with challenges in its system of planning, implementation, and assessment. But with these challenges come opportunities of upgrading the system with the help of the emerging technologies.

Cognizant of the thrusts of NEUST, which is Excellence, the NEUST Graduate School has been bold and decisive in subjecting four of its programs, namely: Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Public Administration (MPA), Master of Education Management (MEM), and Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Major in Mathematics, Physics, and General Science and Technology, to the first ever virtual accreditation (4th Survey Revisit) by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP), Inc. From the tedious preparation of documents in order to comply with the previous recommendations until the uploading of such documents in the system developed by the MIS Office, team Graduate School has shown its commitment to ensure quality standards among its program offerings through this accreditation which ran from October 19 to October 23, 2020.

During the closing program where the accreditors gave their general impressions, they acknowledged and commended the positive spirit, cooperation, and collective effort of the Administration, the Graduate School faculty, the offices of the Quality Assurance and MIS, the GS Accreditation Task Force/local counterparts, and the stakeholders



university in advance for the success of the first-ever online accreditation.

Quoted from one of the lead accreditors, Dr. Anna Liza G. Santillana of PNU-Visayas: *"You are like soldiers that do not count the cost of your services, especially the risk that is brought about by the present pandemic. You all served your best for the sake of excellence and I believe, accreditation is a part of your system that flows in every vein of the members of this University."*

As a response, Dr. Jocelyn B. Cruz, Dean of the Graduate School, expressed her gratitude to the esteemed accreditors: Dr. Anna Liza G. Santillana (PNU-Visayas); Dr. Narciso F. Castro (Pangasinan State University); Dr. Grace A. Angelito (Cagayan State University); Dr. Angeline G. Regalado (Aklan State University); Prof. Maria Nina Grace C. Pastofide (Laguna State Polytechnic University); and Prof. Aileen R. Gayman (Laguna State Polytechnic University); and to the NEUST family who have extended their help to the Graduate School. She emphasized that the success of the accreditation was achieved thru their unrelenting efforts. She added that she could not do it alone without their help, no matter how big or small. She proceeded by saying: *"Our work is far from over, but what we have accomplished together has made an impact and difference in the operation of MBA, MPA, MEM, and MAT programs."* Dr. Cruz ended her speech by ensuring that the Graduate School will continue its quest for quality program offerings."

to push through with this online accreditation despite some difficulties, especially in terms of internet connectivity. With these collaborative undertakings, the accreditors congratulated the

CAS Suicide Prevention and Awareness Amidst Covid-19 Pandemic

by: Dr. Maria Cristina Ferrer



September has been marked as a National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The ever-increasing number of suicide cases caused by the Covid-19 pandemic has become alarming. In line with this, the NEUST College of Arts and Sciences thru the effort of its SBS BS Psychology Program headed by Dr. Clarinda A. Reyes, conducted an online seminar on Suicide Prevention and Awareness amidst Covid-19 Pandemic on September 22, 2020, 10:00 am. This online undertaking aimed at helping out the NEUST personnel, especially the students who have been submitting themselves to anxieties or apprehension that may lead them to commit suicide because of the said distressing pandemic. They were locked down, separated from friends, and needed to face the challenges and difficulties of online learning. This situation caused depressions and anxieties that may lead to committing suicide.

The online activity started with a doxology. Then, the chair of the SBS department, Dr. Maria Cristina Ferrer, gave her welcome remarks and an inspirational message from the Dean of the CAS, Dr. Mario M. Abesamis, Jr. Thenceforth, some lectures were delivered by the selected faculty from SBS, namely: Ms. Mary Claire D. Calura (University Guidance Counselor), Mr. Richard C. Arambulo, Mr. Vincent J. Esteban, and Dr. Clarinda A. Reyes (CAS Guidance Coordinator). Mr. Andrelenz M. Buenaventura and Ms. Tadz Nicolas acted as the moderators of the activity and Dr. Venus Vitales and Ms. Karen Jann Aquino were tasked to assist in the open forum.

The video had gained more than 10,000 views with almost 400 shares.



NEUST-SIC conducts Webinar on Remote Learning using the Google Platform

by: Mrs. Eloisa C. Gabriel

The Selected faculty members of the NEUST-San Isidro Campus (NEUST-SIC) conducted an extension service program through a Webinar on Remote Learning Using the Google Platform on June 23, 2020. It aimed to acquaint the faculty members regarding the use of the different online platforms:

Topics and Speakers

Introduction to E-Learning with -

Dr. Jennilyn C. Mina

Google Classroom -
Ms. Ellen Jane G. Reyes, MSIT

Google Hangout -
Ms. Glenda P. Bautista, MSIT

Google Meet -
Marvin DG. Garcia, MSIT

During the webinar, there were 427 professionals, non-professionals, students, and other interested

viewers who actively participated in getting equipped and knowledgeable on the use of the different Google Platforms.

The trainers organized a self-directed asynchronous webinar-training for the participants using modules/ references, video presentations, and mobile apps. FB Closed Group and Stream Yard platforms were also utilized during the webinar.

International Webinar on Trends in Engineering in the Philippines and Indonesia

Before the different speakers started their lectures, enthusing messages were delivered by the University President, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba and the Director of the International, Domestic, and Institutional Linkages, Atty. Eric G. Claudio. The webinar was composed of three (3) lectures, to wit: (1) Collaboration on Mass-Transportation, Bikers, and Pedestrians by Dr. Djoko Setijowarno; (2) Establishing Professional Probity in Research Culture of Engineers by Engr. Salvador A. Loria, Ph.D.; and (3) Introduction to Lean Six Sigma by Engr. Rick Donald Sy Manzon.

The facilitators in the said online activity were the University Training Department headed by Dr. Jo Neil T. Peria; the University Extension Department headed by Dr. Marivic N. Villegas; and College of Engineering headed by Dr. Noel T. Florencondia, PEE. The Support Staff and Facilitators were Engr. Allan D.M. Abenoja, Jr., Engr. Abelor T. Mendoza, Engr. Gina A. Lorenzo, Ms. Alma Pia Garcia, Mr. Mohammad Ali Yafi, Diyah Nur Hidayati, Bayu Adi Saputra, and Ardina Fery Saputra.



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Virtual Strategic Development Planning Workshop for 2021-2025

by: Dr. Arceli R. Millan

On December 16-17, 2020, the first "NEUST Online Strategic Development Planning Workshop for 2021-2025" was called together. It was spearheaded by the Planning and Development Office headed by its Director, Dr. Sarah C. Alvarez.

The two-day online activity started with a short prayer led by the University Research Director, Prof.

Marilene C. Hipolito, followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem. Subsequently, the University President, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba, dynamically delivered the opening remarks. For the smooth flow of the activity, the house rules were discussed by Dr. Alvarez.

The 2020 agency performance review, presentation of strategic

development plan for 2021-2025 by the deans and directors with board courses and non-board courses, and support to operation (departments/units) comprised the two-day activity workshop. After the presentation of the five-year development plan per college and campus, comments were provided by the Panel of Evaluators.

First NEUST AACUP Online Accreditation, Level III, Phase 2

by: Dr. Sarah C. Alvarez

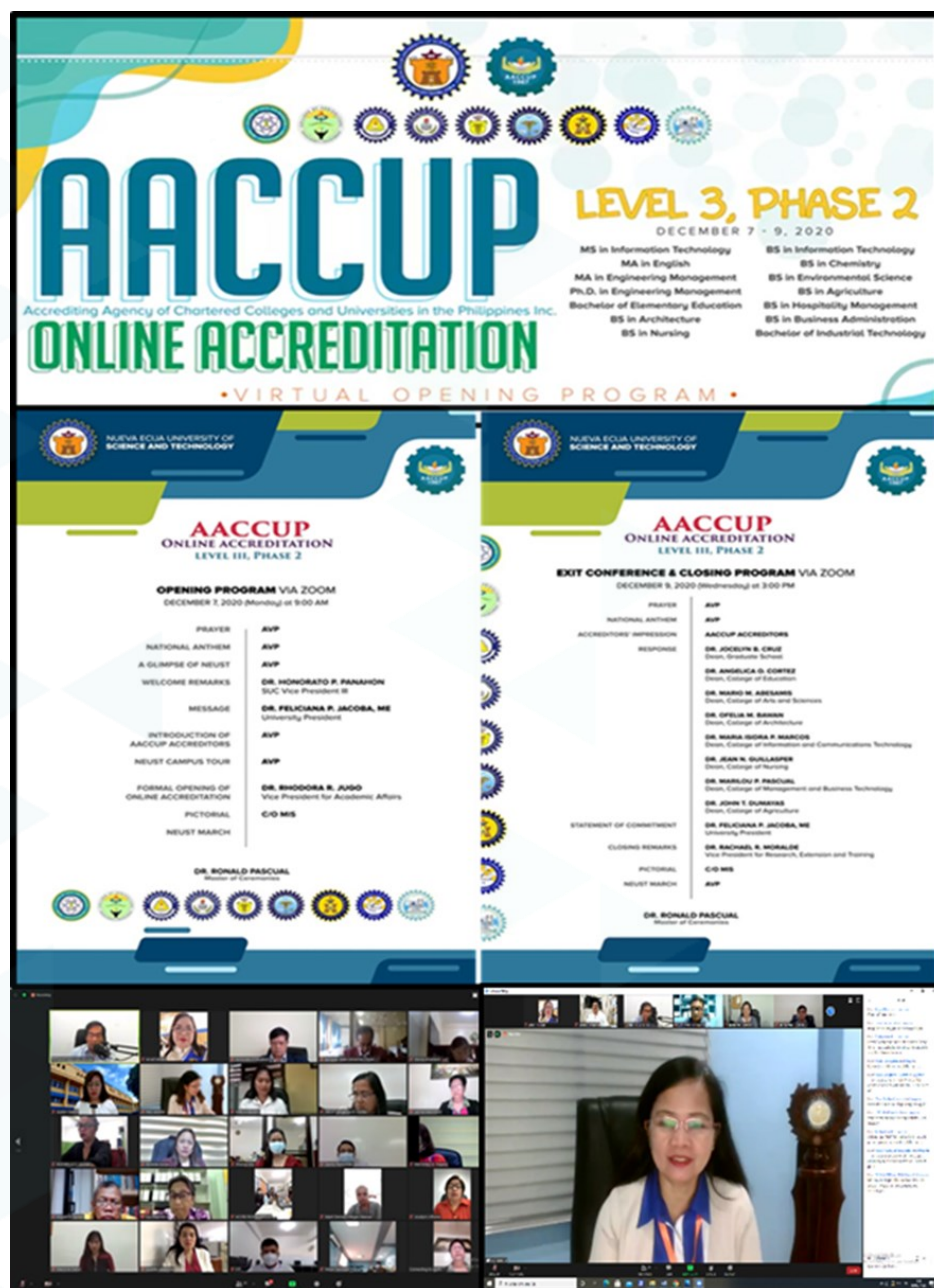


The NEUST AACUP Accreditation, Level III, Phase 2 was made online due to covid-19 pandemic. It started on December 7, 2020 and ended on December 9, 2020.

During the opening program, Dr. Honorato Panahon (Executive Vice President) gave his welcome remarks while the University President, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba, conveyed her thought-provoking message. It was Dr. Rhodora R. Jugo (VPAA) who formally opened the online accreditation.

In the evaluation process, the presentation of videos was made showing the relevant activities and practices in terms of instruction, faculty, research, and extension of the different colleges involved in the accreditation aside from the narrative and compliance reports submitted for review.

After the 3-day evaluation, the exit conference was held where the assigned accreditors per college gave their good impressions that made the deans and directors involved in the accreditation be optimistic of the end results. Their positivity was expressed in their responses. Then, a statement of commitment was delivered by the University President, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba, who thanked the NEUST family for the support and assistance provided throughout the accreditation's preparation of documents, videos, and reports. She also mentioned and gave appreciation to the generous accreditors who patiently scrutinized all the scanned documents and enthusiastically viewed the videos presented per college. The activity was ended by Dr. Rachael R. Moralde, VPRET.



The fourteen (14) programs accredited were the following:

Graduate School Programs

- MS in Information Technology
- MA in evaluation
- MA in Engineering Management
- PhD in Engineering Management

Undergraduate Programs

- BS in Architecture
- BS in Nursing
- BS in Information Technology
- BS in Chemistry
- BS in Environmental Science
- BS in Agriculture
- BS in Hospitality Management
- BS in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Industrial Technology



The New Façade of the Fort Magsaysay Campus@52

by: Mr. Arbie F. Muyot

The Fort Magsaysay Campus is considered a pioneering campus of the then Central Luzon Polytechnic College that started in the late 60s as AFPNOMS (Armed Forces of the Philippines Non Military School) situated in 5-hectares of a dusty barrio (now Barangay Militar). Among its first administrators were the officials of the 1ST Infantry (TABAK) Division of the Fort Ramon Magsaysay. The first teachers were the qualified educators and majority of them were wives of the officials and soldiers.

In the mid of the 70s, the Armed Forces of the Philippines 1ST Infantry Division (TABAK) decided to affiliate with the Central Luzon Polytechnic College (CLPC). Then, on June 10, 1978, the Fort Magsaysay

Campus had its first director, the late Dr. Maximo Macaso. From 431 students in 1978, the Fort Magsaysay Campus became the catch basin of students from the eastern and southeastern part of the province including the Aurora.

The Fort Magsaysay Campus turned 50 in 2018. Its alumni, students, faculty, and staff marked the milestone with lots of fanfare befitting a beloved icon. However, notwithstanding the festive mood of this golden anniversary. The celebration was overshadowed by the school's manifold problems. One of the problems faced by the campus was the ill conditions of its facilities and physical infrastructure due to old age and due to damages caused by the unavoidable calamities.

From 2018 to 2020, under the esteemed leadership of the University Presidents, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba and directorship of Dr. Angelita N. Masa, a total renovation has been made such as re-fencing of the whole campus, establishing of new multi-purpose gym, administration building, campus parking area, and school pathways including the Marcos Hall.

When the COVID-19 global pandemic crisis ambushed the entire world in March, the renovation was interrupted for two months. It was resumed in May 2020. The renovations were totally completed in September 2020.

Presently, the Fort Magsaysay Campus is a very nice place to stay with because of its new and modern facilities and equipment.

Before



After



Celebrating Mental Health Month with Kindness at CAS

by: Dr. Maria Cristina Ferrer

The effects of the COVID 19 pandemic are exhibited not only in the physical, social, and economic domains of humanity. The mental health of individuals is greatly affected. Due to this pandemic, changes in the daily tasks are

inevitable leading to a life characterized by a new normal. The mental health of the society must be given proper attention. In this light, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department of the College of Arts and Sciences (SBS-CAS) designed a

series of webinar and training for the Mental Health Response. This included the Psychological First Aid so that the community might be equipped to serve those who are experiencing psychological stress and distress. [\(Continue to Page 17\)](#)

Webinar on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

by: Dr. Arceli R. Millan



In accordance with the 18-day Campaign to stop Violence against Women (VAW), the NEUST Gender and Development (GAD) conducted a webinar entitled "Webinar on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace" which was held on December 10, 2020, 9:00am. It was conceptualized by the NEUST Gender and Development Office headed by Dr. Alma Galang.

The activity aimed at increasing the level of awareness and understanding of the NEUST employees on the concepts and laws as regards sexual harassment - an unwelcome sexual behavior considered offensive, humiliating, or

intimidating which can be written, verbal, or physical that may happen

at work or in the school.

To begin the webinar, Dr. Arneil Gabriel gave his opening remarks, followed by the thought-provoking messages from Dr. Rhodora R. Jugo (VPAA), Dr. Honorato P. Panahon (Executive Vice President), and the University President, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba.

The activity was concluded by the OIC GAD, Dr. Alma G. Galang. The people who assisted in the webinar were Dr. Flordeliza D. Angeles (moderator) and Mr. Gregorio Villaviza (emcee). The invited resource speaker was the former NEUST President, Atty. Hilario C. Ortiz who imparted a vast knowledge on sexual harassment issues.



Yamang Katauhan Alay sa Pamantasan Program 2020 (YAKAP)

by: Dr. Yolanda Camaya

On September 30, 2020, a virtual orientation seminar for the newly-hired personnel (YAKAP) was held. Its main objective was to wholeheartedly welcome the newly-appointed personnel of the University. The online activity was opened with a prayer and with the singing of the Philippine National Anthem. After which, a keynote speech was delivered by the University President, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba. Then, different topics were discussed for the purpose of

familiarizing the new employees on the different "Institutional Policies and Procedures" as stated below:

Topic 1: NEUST Brief Historical Background, Organizational Structure, Vision, Mission, Corporate Values and Administrative Matters (VP Honorato P. Panahon, PhD)

Topic 2: Salient Academic Policies, Accreditation, ISO, etc. (VP Rhodora R. Jugo, EdD)

Topic 3: Policies, Programs,

Projects, Activities on Research, Extension, and Training (VP Rachel R. Moralde, PhD)

Topic 2: Pertinent CSC Rules and Regulations Affecting Government Employees: Public Sector Unionism (Faculty Regent Arneil G. Gabriel, PhD)

The orientation was successfully accomplished. As its closing part, the NEUST hymn was played, followed by the "Panunumpa ng Kawani Gobyerno".

Distribution of Learning Modules to Future Frontliners

by: Ms. Kristhine Abegail M. Gamiao

Reinforcing the continuation of teaching-learning in the face of pandemic, the NEUST adopted the system of Remote Learning to meet the students' needs.

Despite the pandemic situation, the NEUST and the College of Nursing faculty have been working endlessly in reaching out to the student nurses in order to provide the essential knowledge they need.

To ensure the delivery of quality education, the NEUST College of Nursing headed by its Dean, Dr. Jean Guillasper, with the faculty members, provided printed modules for the students in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Cabanatuan North and Knights of Columbus. The distribution of the learning modules was done on October 7, 2020 at the four districts of Nueva Ecija.

The impossible became possible through the spirit of "bayanihan". The activity aimed to inspire and motivate the students to study hard despite the condition that the Philippines has been facing since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. But one thing is sure, the pandemic will not be a hindrance for the NEUST Nursing students to be future frontliners.



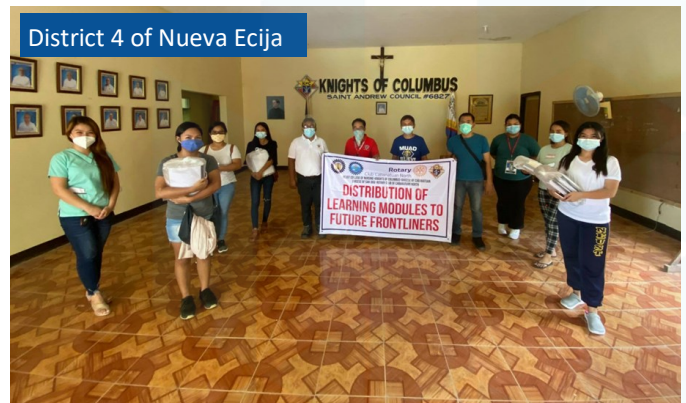
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CAS Webinar on Facebook Groups and Its Features

by: Dr. Vladimir T. Tamayo

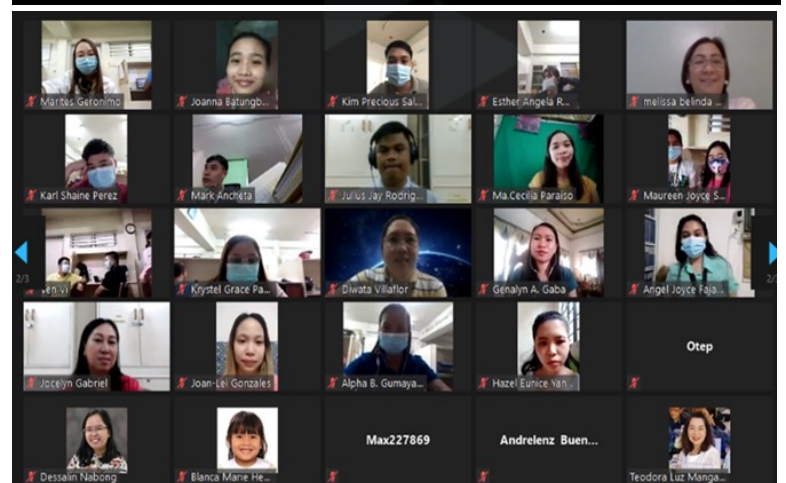
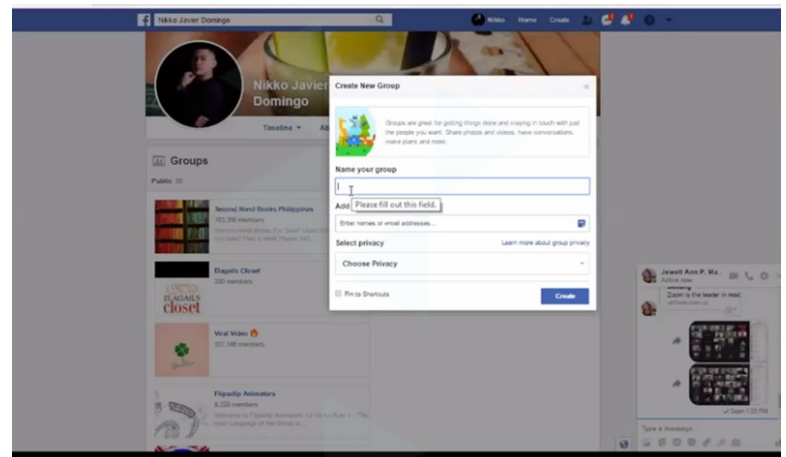


The COVID-19 pandemic is ravaging the global community including the educational system. It causes the most serious disruption to education in at least a century. However, as an educational institution, the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology could not afford to be complacent on this crisis. It has continued to provide quality education while adjusting to the new normal through online and modular settings. The NEUST Learning Management System (LMS), Zoom, Schoology, and Google Classroom are just some of the platforms that may be utilized by the faculty during online classes. However, these apps may be too “advanced” for some teachers, and may consume big amount of data on the students’ part.

With this, the College of Arts and Sciences in cooperation with the NEUST Training Department decided to introduce the use of Facebook Groups which is deemed familiar and more convenient to all as an alternative learning platform. The resource lecturer of the webinar, Mr. Nikko J. Domingo, Linguistics and Literature Department faculty, discussed the following topics:

- Creation of Private Facebook Group
- Linking Existing Groups in Two Single Admins
- Creation of Individual Class Record Using Photo Album
- Prescheduling Posts
- Synchronous and Asynchronous Activities using Facebook. After the lecture, an online forum was done for clarifications, queries, and feedbacks. Overall, the entire webinar was successful. The said webinar is very timely for it will surely assist the faculty in conducting their online classes with ease and convenience.

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Celebrating Mental Health...

(From Page 14) On October 27-28, 2020, a two-day Webinar on Mental Health Awareness with its theme “Sharing Kindness to All in the New Normal” was held at 10 AM via Stream Yard. Dr. Mario M. Abesamis

Jr., Dean of the CAS, gave an inspirational message before the start of the webinar which consisted of four lectures from the SBS faculty, namely: Tadz Mahal Nicolas (Common Anxieties Among

Students); Vincent Jan Mikhail Esteban (Distinguishing Depression from Mere Sadness); Karen Jann Aquino (Mindfulness amidst Pandemic); and Andrelenz Buenaventura (Continue to Page 21)

NEUST SIC conducts Teachers' Day Virtual Program

by: Prof. Eloisa C. Gabriel

The NEUST SIC family took a moment of respite when the faculty and staff members with their campus director, Dr. Maria Teresita C. Vega, celebrated the Virtual Teachers' Day program on October 5, 2020.

Guided with safety protocols, each department prepared different group presentations based on their crafts. They showcased their talents in singing, dancing, directing, and video editing. The non-teaching department presented its rendition of "Mamang Sorbetero" wearing floral costumes with the Philippine dirty ice cream held by a vendor in the video which made the presentation relaxing and entertaining; the Education department, headed by its Area Chairman, Dr. Pastora S. De Guzman, performed a Filipina dance to the tune of "Leron Leron Sinta" and "Aliwan Fiesta. The female faculty wore long floral skirts and fluttered them as they sweetly swayed with the music that mirrored the true Filipina beauties; different Philippine folk dances were performed by male and female faculty which served as their uniting force as they brought off enjoyment with the viewers; the CMBT Department, headed by its



The NEUST SIC Education department faculty members as they gracefully danced and moved to the tune of Aliwan Fiesta during the virtual Teacher's Day celebration.

area chairman, Dr. Joannie A. Galano, grooved to the hits of the 70's, 80's, 90's, and present music. The campus clinic personnel headed by nurse Aristotle Mercado made the viewers fall in love with their acoustic version of "Umuwi ka na Baby."

Everyone went off the wall as they laughed from the beginning up to the end of the CICT Department's presentation headed by its area chairman, Prof. Rodella F. Salas. The group created a unique entertainment concept as the female faculty performed a lip synchronization and imitation of the

ABBA's "Mama Mia." The crowd even went crazy while watching on their cellphones and laptops, especially when the male faculty group appeared in the video as members of the Meteor Garden's F4.

The University President, Dr. Felician P. Jacoba, also took her part in the said program as she virtually delivered her greetings and message for the NEUST-SIC family.

Dr. Kenneth Samonte, Mr. John Robert Galang, together with Rogenald Gaspar, conceptualized, directed, and edited the different presentations.

COED mentors even at the Height of the Pandemic

by: Mr. Reynaldo J. Ilumin

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the College of Education did not falter in continuing to reach out different communities around the country. The College maximized its resources by mobilizing series of webinars in the first semester of school year 2020. The said webinars were as follows:

(1) Webinar on Mental Health Protocol: An Ounce of

Information, A Source of Inspiration held on May 14 – 15, 2020 with 159 participant viewers. The discussants were Dr. Angelica O. Cortez, Ms. Mary Claire D. Calura, Dr. Donna D. De Guzman, Dr. Faith M. Cuevo, Dr. Gemma Santos, and Ms. Angelie E. Cabacungan

(2) Smartphone as Game Changers in Education in the Post – Covid 19 World conducted on May 22 – 23,

2020 with participant viewers of 1,958. Mr. Luijim S. Jose and Mrs. Maria Blesilda H. Agapito served as the resource speakers.

(3) Webinar on Student Publication on New Normal Scheme and Amidst Crisis Student Publication on June 15 – 16, 2020 with 996 participant viewers. Mr. Darwin M. Andres, Mr. Alfred M. Esteban Jr., [\(Continue to Page 19\)](#)

COED mentors...

Atty. Ambrosio S. Mendoza III, and Mr. Glenn Agustin were the lecturers.

(4) Webinar on Coping with the Challenges in Delivering Learning on Courses with Practical Applications on August 20, 2020 with the registered participant viewers of 808. Mr. Marlon V. Rufino, Dr. Jeniffer L. Amaranto, and Mr. Michael Andrei Paguio served as the resource speakers

(5) Parental Provision: Home Literacy in the New Normal held on October 5, 2020 with participant

viewers of 1,328. The invited lecturers were Dr. Lodyvina G. Angeles, Mr. Reynaldo J. Ilumin, Dr. Donna D. De Guzman, and Dr. Faith M. Cuevo.

A total of 5,221 participant viewers were being served in the webinars who came from the different regions in the Philippines. They were teachers, educators, school publication advisers, student – journalists, parents, guardians, and other professionals. The COED faculty members served as the facilitators of the said online activities.



Stress Management Webinar

by: Ms. Irene C. Damaso



Stress is everywhere, at work, at home, and with people around us. It is normal for people to experience a wide range of thoughts and reactions, such as feeling of

stress and anxiety or distress, especially during this time of COVID-19 pandemic. Looking after one's wellbeing in times like this can help to reduce stress and uncertainties.

To treat this emotional or physical tension with calmness and bravery, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department of the College of Arts and Sciences and the GS Guidance Office, organized an online seminar entitled: "Stress Management: Tips for Teachers, Parents, and Students" which was successfully completed on November 25, 2020, Wednesday, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon via facebook live.

This webinar provided tips on how to manage stress and negative emotions and how to help people in dealing with stressful situations and emotional struggles like depression, anger, loneliness, low self-esteem, and anxieties.

BAUERTEK-DOST(III) seals Partnership with NEUST

by: Ms. Rosalie W. Agbayani

With the consensual end-goal of producing research-based technology to help and extend services for the betterment of the community, the NEUST and BAUERTEK Corporation and DOST-Region III sealed their partnership on the 9th of October, 2020. As they convened at NEUST-Sumacab Campus, THE University President, Dr. Feliciana P. Jacoba, together with Dr. Rigel Gomez as the CEO and owner of Baurtek Corporation, and Dr. Jaycee Sicat, the Director of DOST-Region III, signed the Memorandum of Agreement for the project, Research, and Development for Production and Processing of Herbal Supplements.

The said project was amiably conceptualized and proposed to establish a proto-type demo farm for the production of moringa (malungay) and other herbal plants at the NEUST-Gabaldon Campus. Given its favorable location and climate, suitable to grow the said herbs, it has the potential to secure the raw materials, moringa and turmeric, to sustain the company's demand for their production of herbal supplements. Dr. Sicat, on the other hand, offered to provide the necessary equipment to be used in the processing of such herbs.

With its company's ideals, according to the CEO himself, which is to find solutions to problems plaguing the country with cancer being the most common. Bauertek Corporation is in pursuit of research, development, and production of all-natural herbal supplements. Bauertek is a German word in which Bauer means farm or farmer or farming, while tek stands for technology. Combined together, it means "farm-based technology". Its laboratory is located in Sitio



MOA Signing with the University President, Dr. Feliciana P. Jacoba, with the DOST Regional Director, Jaycee Sicat, Baurtek General Manager, and Dr. Richard N. Gomez, and CEO Mr. Rigel Gomez

Kabilang Bakood, Sta. Rita, Guguinto, Bulacan. Most of the food supplements developed and manufactured by Bauertek involve malunggay and other herbs like sambong, banaba, turmeric and duhat extracts.

The NEUST-Gabaldon Campus will serve as contract growers of moringa (malungay) on the first phase of its operation and growing turmeric will follow on the second phase. A five-hectare land resource in the Campus is allocated for the

demo-farm and nursery of moringa. It was visited and inspected by the Bauertek team last October 1st, 2020, prior to the MOA signing. Other than that, the University has committed man-power and facilities for the said project. The newly constructed Agriculture Training Center will be refurbished and retrofitted for the processing of moringa and other herbs, while the seeds as well as the planting materials and processing technology and protocols will be provided by the [\(Continue to Page 21\)](#)

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BAUERTEK-DOST(III) seals...



pharmaceutical company. They also have confirmed technical assistance from planting to harvesting and processing of the needed herbs.

The University seizes the opportunity to develop production and processing technology for

moringa through rigorous research in which the said project will be instrumental. For over a decade now, it has been the top priority to establish good agricultural practices and stringent regulations to guarantee the quality and stability of moringa products. Hence, the

Project Proposal-Phase 1 was already approved and green-lighted by the university research department, assured on the upshot of the project for the local farmers to be benefited from the introduction of moringa-based production and its potential market.



Pres. Jacoba with the Campus Director, Lorna G. Patoc, Dean John T. Dumayas, DOST Regional Director, Jaycee Sicat, Bauertek General Manager, Richard N. Gomez together with the other faculty-in-charge of the project during their first visit in the location of moringa plantation in Gabaldon Campus



The Campus Director, Prof Lorna G. Patoc, Dean John T. Dumayas, and other faculty-in-charge of the project together with Mr. Rigel Gomez during the second visit in the location of moringa plantation in Gabaldon Campus

Celebrating Mental Health...

(From Page 17) (Psychological First Aid). After the lectures, an open forum was conducted.

In general, the webinar intended to uphold the good Mental health condition of the NEUST

community and other workers from the different institutions in this time of pandemic. It also aimed to achieve the following: promote knowledge on depression and anxiety; learn mindful tips on stress

management; and train the community on how to respond with kindness amidst this pandemic. The activity was participated in by the students and professionals in the province of Nueva Ecija.



CAS Tara, Usap Tayo, CASama mo AKO Program

by: Dr. Clarinda A. Reyes

Depression is a worrying health condition. Many people face issues with mental health, especially in this time of pandemic. According to the Department of Health of the Philippines, 3.3 million suffers from depressive disorders with suicide rates of 2.5 males and 1.7 females per 100,000. The World Health Organization also reported that 800,000 people commit suicide every year.

Nowadays, stigma is still a huge problem to every individual receiving the care and attention they need.

In the past days, weeks, and months ahead, many cases of deaths were reported due to COVID-19 around the world. The World Health Organization made an assessment that COVID-19 is a pandemic. Pandemic, if misunderstood can cause severe fear, anxieties, or uncertainties that can lead to depression or in worst case scenario, it can lead to death. In this case, we need to address this issue because when ignored, it may lead an individual to committing suicide.

In the new normal, face to face is not possible, but this is not a hindrance to give or to help a person who needs counseling or who needs somebody to listen and to talk to.

To bring attention to this, the NEUST CAS Social and Behavioral Sciences Department (SBSD), in collaboration with the Guidance and Counseling Office proposed a project



called "Tara Usap Tayo, CASama mo AKO" which was launched on May 1, 2020. It is a Facebook page offering an online psychological first aid to frontliners, students, workers, and patients affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, not only here at NEUST but nationwide. It aims at helping people who are experiencing stress, anxieties, and the like. This page has already reached many individuals who are in need of care and comfort, especially in this time of pandemic. The telemental health program has

already served clients from different places such as, Cabanatuan City, different towns of Nueva Ecija, Nueva Viscaya, Bataan, Baler, and Negros Occidental.

The program is open to all, especially those who have been experiencing depression. Everyone is welcome to avail this well-timed service. At present, to further strengthen and stabilize the program, the NEUST CAS is planning to have MOA/MOU with the different agencies and hospitals nationwide.

> **"DEPRESSION is a common illness worldwide which causes the affected person to suffer greatly and function poorly at work, at school, and in the family"**



NEUST Rolling Palengke Fresh from the Farm

by: Racquel Mallare

In line with this year's "Nutrition Month", the NEUST Health Services, headed by Dra. Belinda V. Gamilla (University Physician), made a simple but worth mentioning campaign that aimed to promote awareness and mobilize actions to address the children's stunting. This campaign had a theme "Batang Pinoy Sana Tall, Iwas Stunting Sama All!

The Nutrition Month at NEUST was celebrated by having a "Rolling Palengke Fresh from the Farm". This was conducted on July 30, 2020, from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. The said activity intended to provide the NEUST some freshly produced vegetables came from the Municipal Agriculturist of Bongabon, Nueva Ecija and some dairy products from the Philippine Carabao Center at affordable prices.



CICT provides an Online Seminar for Cabanatuan City SK Officials

by: Dr. Ruth G. Luciano

The College of Information and Communications Technology (CICT), in partnership with the University Training Department and Extension Services Units, conducted a webinar entitled Video Conferencing for SK Officials on July 09, 2020, Thursday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

This webinar was participated in by 48 elected SK officials from different barangays in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija.

The webinars were simultaneously conducted via zoom application. It was formally opened with the Audio-Visual Presentation (AVP) prepared by Mr. Angelito I. Cunanan, Jr. This AVP contained the information they needed to know

about the University and an opening prayer. Thereafter, Dr. Maria Isidra P. Marcos, Dean of the CICT gave her opening remarks. Next to it was the self-introduction by the training team as well by the participants themselves. Afterwards, the training team introduced themselves to the participants.

Below were the topics discussed by the trainers/lecturers:

- What is video conferencing?
- What are the different video conferencing available in the market?
- What is Zoom application?
- Pros and Cons of Zoom
- Key Features of Zoom

- Who can use Zoom?
- Zoom System Requirements
- Zoom Interface and Its Uses

To ensure that the participants would get the skills/competencies they needed to achieve, the trainers gave them time to do hands-on activities and exercises. They were also given opportunities to "host" the meeting and access some important features of zoom premium which are not available in the basic zoom app (freeware) that they are presently using.

Before the end of the webinar, the participants were enjoined to accomplish the evaluation tool before leaving ([Continue to Page 24](#))

CICT provides ...

the meeting room. The assigned trainers and facilitators per group were as follows:

Group A

Mrs. Rosalie B. Sison (Trainer)

Facilitators:

Cris Norman P. Olipas

Andrew Ceazar A. Villegas

Rose Ann G. Cochanco

Group B

Marcelino S. Cerin III (Trainer)

Facilitators:

Ruth G. Luciano

Emilsa T. Bantug

Rhoel Anthony G. Torres

Group C

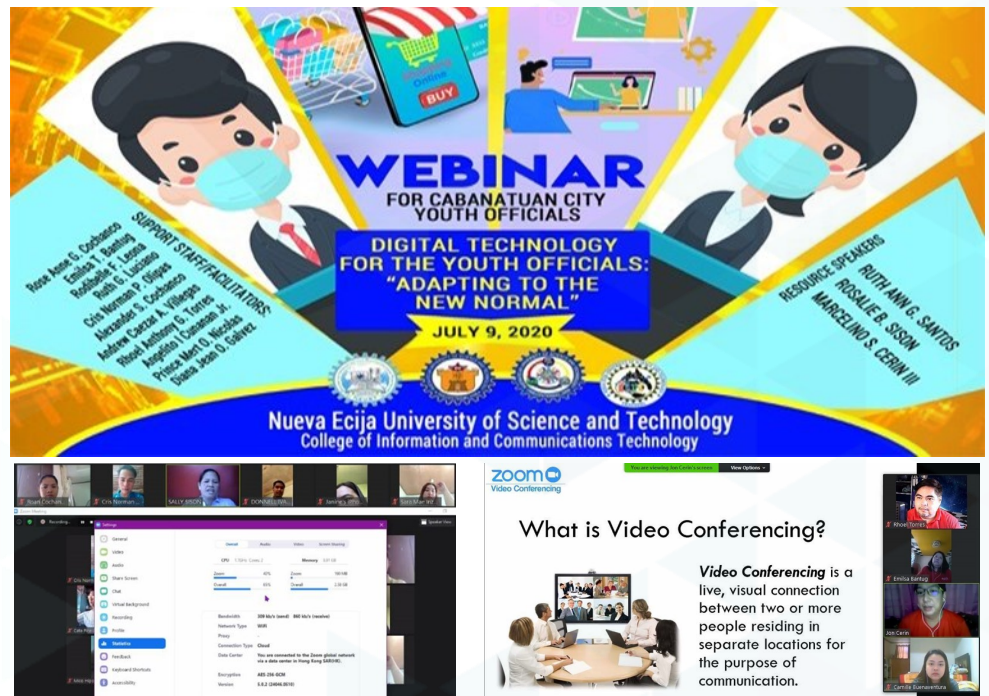
Ruth Ann G. Santos (Trainer)

Facilitators:

Prince Mert O. Nicolas

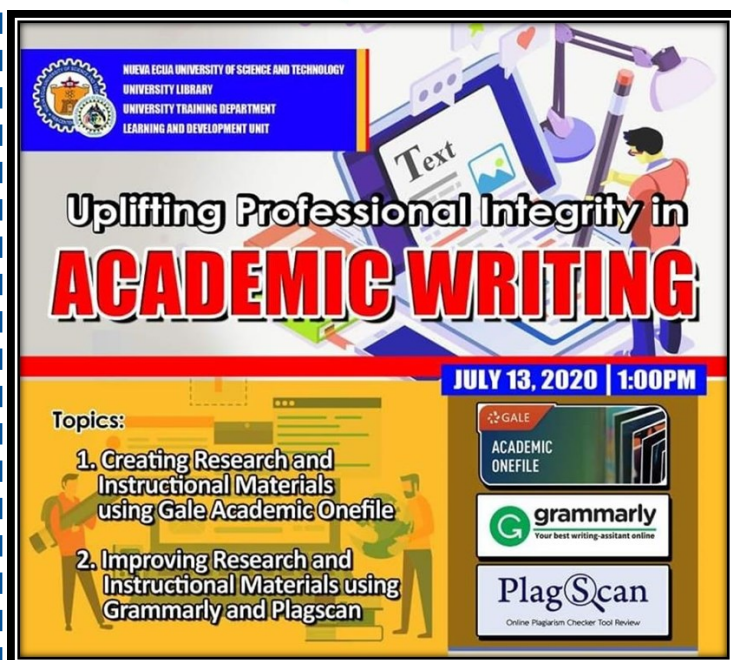
Rodibelle F. Leona

Alexander S. Conchanco



Uplifting Professional Integrity in Academic Writing

by: Prof. Marilene Hipolito



On July 13, 2020, a very significant and timely online training was conducted. This webinar was entitled "Uplifting Professional Integrity in Academic Writing". This one-day online activity was organized in collaboration with the three NEUST departments: University Training Department with Dr. Jo Neil Peria as the Director, University Library headed by Dr. Consuelo Estigoy, and the Learning and Development Unit spearheaded by Dr. Lorinda Pascual.

In particular, the webinar aimed at equipping the participants with knowledge on how to use Plagscan in detecting plagiarism; providing the participants with knowledge on how to use the Grammar Checker or Grammarly in eliminating the grammar errors of an academic paper; and equipping the participants with knowledge on how to use Gale Academic Onefile in finding accurate information and articles with ease when writing academic papers. The invited speakers were Mr. Joseph Valdez and Mr. Jeffrey Merana.

Atty. Claudio conducts series of Online Meetings with the Chinese Students

by: Dr. Arceli R. Millan



In spite of the dilemma brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, the NEUST's International Linkages Office headed by its Director, Atty. Eric G. Claudio, conducted series of meetings with the GS Chinese students. His first meeting was held on December 24, 2020 which aimed at greeting the old Chinese students a joyful Christmas.

Then, another virtual meeting was conducted on January 21, 2021. It intended to welcome the new batch of the Graduate School Chinese students. On January 28, 2021, another online conference with

the Chinese students was carried out by Atty. Claudio to accommodate all the concerns and queries of the Elite Asia Group of Chinese students which involved the following: Requirements for Graduation; Subjects for MA and PhD Programs; and the Methods of holding classes in the Graduate School in this time of global pandemic.

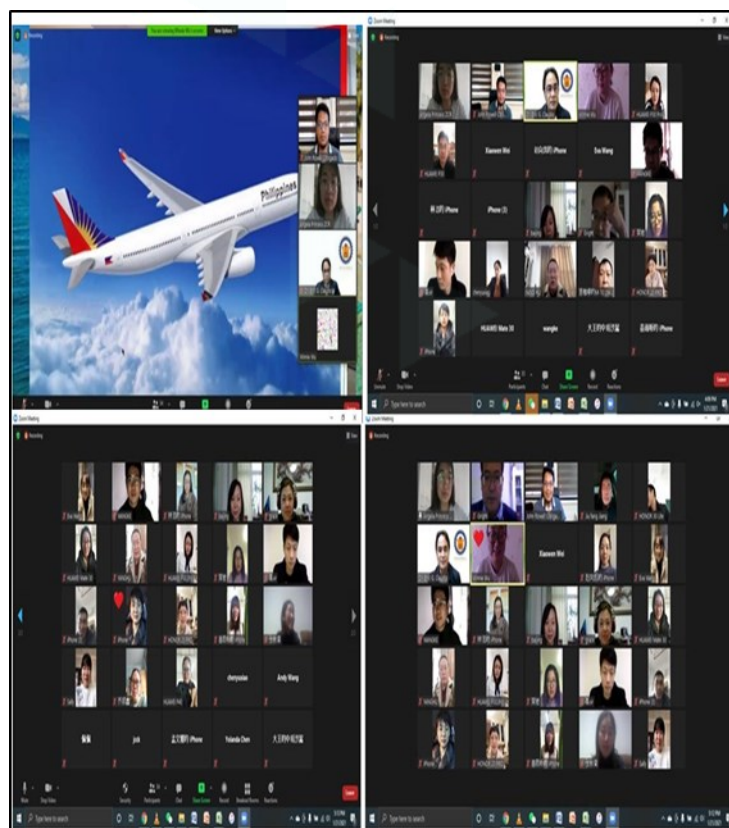
The series of meetings performed by the University, headed by its president, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba, through the effort of the International Linkages Office directed by Atty. Claudio, is another way of addressing the Chinese

students' concerns being part of the NEUST Graduate School's international program. Furthermore, Atty. Claudio wants to give an assurance that the Chinese students would continuously receive convenience and ease of access with their NEUST Graduate School professors while conducting classes using the best online platforms.

This only shows that the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology is indeed an internationally recognized University of Science and Technology.



First Online Meeting of Atty. Claudio with the Chinese students (December 24, 2020)



Second Online Meeting of Atty. Claudio with the New Batch of Chinese students (January 21, 2021)

NEUST's Evacuation Center for All!



In case of emergency like floods and other calamities, the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology, headed by Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba, is always prepared and ready to extend its assistance thru the united efforts of the Incident Management Team. One of the great supports that the University has been offering is the GTC Evacuation Center that aims to accommodate people in case of emergencies like typhoons and other calamities.

On November 1, 2020, the

typhoon "Rolly" traumatized people from its strong winds and floods. Several families from different barangays were affected from the destruction or damage caused by typhoon Rolly.

Not long after when typhoon Rolly left the Philippines, another strong typhoon named Ulysses struck the Philippines. It happened on November 11 to 13, 2020. This typhoon was stronger than Rolly because many people got affected, especially in Cabanatuan City. With

the disasters caused by typhoon Ulysses, houses and buildings were destroyed. In this kind of predicament, University is ready to give its support and assistance. The victims of the typhoon were well-accommodated in the GTC Evacuation Center. The evacuees were provided with tents, emergency lights, and other basic needs for their protection and security. Assistance was also made available by the PSWDO represented by Ms. Melanie Calupi



Keeping the University Safe during the Covid-19 Pandemic

by: Mr. June Alexis A. Santos



As part of the NEUST's participation in the celebration of the 120th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary, a webinar on how to keep schools safe during the Covid-19 Pandemic was held on September 11, 2020. This aimed to provide more information about the important ways and means to protect the NEUST personnel from the horrible covid-19 pandemic in the workplace based on the CSC Rules (RA 11058). This was conceptualized and organized by the

University Health Services directed by the University Physician, Dr. Belinda V. Gamilla with the support of the Training Department led by Dr. Jo Neil Peria, and the Human Resource Management Office spearheaded by Mrs. Myra Concepcion.

Before the webinar proper, the University President, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba gave her message to enthruse the attendees to look at the positive side of life despite the problems

caused by the covid-19 pandemic, and this was also supported by the message of the Executive Vice president, Dr. Honorato P. Panahon who emphasized the covid-19 prevention.

Dr. Jeanne Tianghe-Gonzales, the resource speaker, explained everything about Covid-19, its causes, signs and symptoms, how to prevent, and how it can be combatted with full knowledge and cautiousness.

PROGRAMME: **FREE WEBINAR** **SEPT. 11, 2020** **2:00 PM**

- Doxology & Singing of the Philippine National Anthem
- Audio Visual Presentation
- Welcome Remarks: **Dr. Honorato P. Panahon**, Vice President for Business, Administration & Finance
- Inspirational Message: **Eng. Feliciano P. Jacoba, Ed.D.**, University President
- Introduction of the Resource Speaker: **Dr. Margarita Belinda V. Gamilla**, University Physician
- Lecture Proper: **Dr. Jeanne V. Tianghe-Gonzales, MD, MAEd, MPM-HSD, FPCOM**, Physician
- Closing Remarks: **Ms. Myra S. Concepcion**, Human Resource Management Officer IV
- Moderator: **Ms. Mary Claire Calura**

FREE WEBINAR **SEPT. 11, 2020** **2:00 PM**

RESOURCE SPEAKER:
Jeanne V. Tianghe-Gonzales, MD, MAEd, MPM-HSD, FPCOM
 • Chair of the Council For Environment, Safety And Health, 4th District of Panganga
 • Chair, IATF/ Co-Head Task Force Anti-COVID and Rural Health Physician, Masantol, Panganga



PHYSICAL DISTANCING



USE HAND SANITISER



COVER YOUR COUGH OR SNEEZE



REGISTRATION MANDATORY



STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK



GO STRAIGHT HOME AFTER YOUR GAME

Webinar on Plumbing Basics

by: Engr. Roselle C. Gonzales

The University Training and Extension Departments and the College of Engineering facilitated a free webinar through zoom and Facebook live held on June 03, 2020 for Batch 1 and June 23, 2020 for Batch 2. The webinar on "Plumbing Basics" was participated in by two hundred thirty-three participants composed of Civil Engineers, Practicing Master Plumbers, and Master Plumbers Aspirants

The webinar's objective focused on understanding the concepts of plumbing systems, different plumbing fixtures, sanitary drainage, systems, and cold-water distribution system. It was emphasized in the webinar that to start a career in the plumbing industry, one must understand the fundamentals of plumbing works. The speaker also accentuated the essential topics that gave the participants the proper background on their plumbing works to better understand the different plumbing systems concepts.



Engr. Kevin Lester L. Mabalay, one of the faculty members of the College of Engineering, a licensed Civil Engineer, and Master Plumber served as the speaker for the two webinar batches facilitated by the University Training Department headed by Dr. Jo Neil T. Peria, University Extension Department

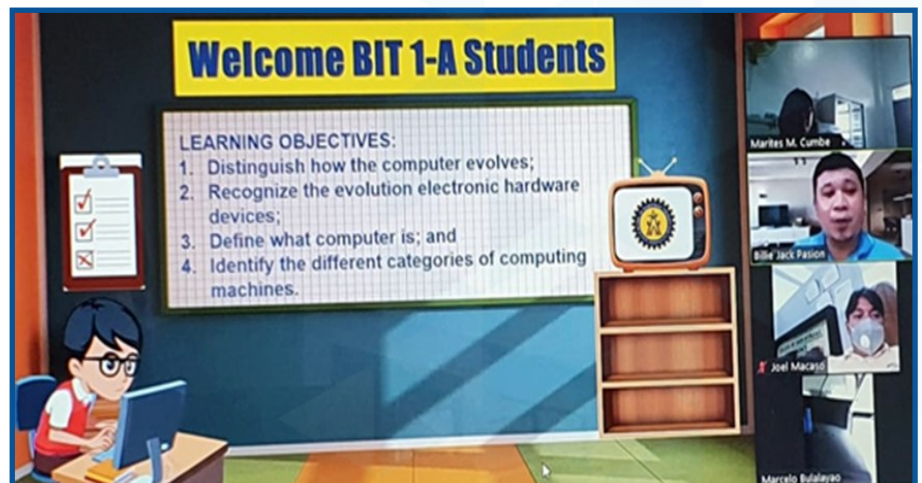
headed by Dr. Marivic N. Villegas, and College of Engineering headed by Dr. Noel T. Florencondia, PEE. The Support staff and facilitators were Engr. Allan D.M. Abenoja, Jr., Engr. Abelor T. Mendoza, Engr. P. Felicitas S. Cabrera, Engr. Roselle C. Gonzales, Engr. Rosel Verdadero, and Engr. Juan Paolo R. Mueca.

Dry- Run for Online Classes

by: Mr. Allen Paul Esteban

As part of the NEUST's preparation relative to the opening of classes on August 24, 2020, the University President, Dr. Feliciana P. Jacoba, requested all the colleges and campuses to conduct a "dry run" on online teaching using various alternative learning strategies. The dry run aimed to realize the level of readiness of the NEUST Faculty from different colleges and campuses on "Remote Teaching and Learning" as mode of instruction.

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Copyright Matters!

by: Mr. Higino D. Chavez



Nueva Ecija University of Science & Technology (NEUST)
University Training Department (NEUST-UTD)
IPOPHL-Innovation & Technology Support Office (ITSO)

In Digital Learning Environment Copyright Matters!

Overview and Application | Teacher's Edition | FB Live on July 17, 2020 9:30am

Resource

Speakers

MARILENE HIPOLITO, RCh., MAT
Director, NEUST Research Department
Researcher and Chemist
Core Member of NEUST - ITSU

KENNETH ARMAS, MBA
Director, NEUST Production Department
Product Development Consultant
NEUST - ITSU Manager

ALLEN PAUL ESTEBAN, MSIT
Faculty of NEUST Graduate School
Scientific and Technological Specialist
Core Member of NEUST - ITSU

Facilitators & Core Members of ITSU: Sheila Rose Morales, Gina Lorenzo, Abelor Mendoza, and Darwin Reyes

On July 17, 2020, 9:30am, a webinar training on "In Digital Learning Environment-Copyright Matters" was held. This online training aimed to equip the participants with knowledge on to

how to use Plagscan in detecting plagiarism; how to use Grammarly in eliminating grammar errors of an academic paper; and how to use Gale Academic OneFile in finding accurate information and articles

with ease when writing academic papers. The recipients of this very essential online training were the NEUST Faculty from different colleges and campuses.

The invited speakers on said online activity were Prof. Marilene Hipolito (NEUST Research Department Director and Core Member of NEUST- ITSU), Mr. Kenneth Armas (NEUST Production Department Director and NEUST-ITSU Manager), and Mr. Allen Paul Esteban (Scientific and Technological Specialist and Core Member of NEUST-ITSU).

It was facilitated by the other ITSU Core Members, namely: Mrs. Sheila Rose Morales, Ms. Gina Lorenzo, Engr. Abelor Mendoza, and Mr. Darwin Reyes.

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Dry- Run for Online...

Below were the selected faculty members who underwent the "Dry Run Online Teaching" on August 4, 2020 with the other faculty members as their audience.

CICT

Use of Any Desk Application - Mr. Alexander S. Cochanco. Malware - Dr. Ruth Luciano. Use of mobile-based compilers - Mr. Cris Norman Olipas in Java programming. Anydesk for synchronous - Mr. Niño Barrera (online) laboratory exercises

CAS

Video Conferencing - Mr. Jan Ramel Tumbaga and Mr. Darwin Reyes

CON

Intro to Nutrition (Zoom) - Ms. Khristine Abegail Gamiao

CRIM

- Forgery (Zoom) - Ms. Shirley Ayeo and Mr. Jake Lupos

CMBT

- Behavioral Finance (Zoom) - Ms. Kathleen Rose Jose

COED

- Modular Approach - Ms. Mary Angelie Cabacungan. Video Presentation - Mr. Jomar Urbano

CIT

- Intro to Information. Zoom and Google Classroom) - Engr. Billie Jack Pasion

FMC

- Agri Products (Zoom/Google) - Mr. Arbie F. Muyot. Newton Laws of Motion - Mr. Gerald Quijan (Google Classroom)

Lab High

- Intro to Accounting (Zoom) - Mr.

Lorenzo Gabriel. Principles of Food and Nutrition - Ms. Judilyn Mateo (Zoom)

CMBT

- Intro to Service Operation (Zoom) - Mr. June JAY Pula. Behavioral Finance (Zoom) - Ms. Kathleen Rose Jose

SIC

- PE Subject (Camtasia/Messenger) - Mr. Kenneth Samonte

Archi

- Archicadd (Zoom, Camtasia) - Arch. Oliver B. Diamante

The "Online Classes Dry Run" was well executed despite the technical problem encountered (audio) due to the unstable internet connection.



THE PRIDE OF NEUST

by: Dr. Arceli R. Millan

NEUST Champions the 2020 ASEAN Data Science Explorer National Finals

The Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology brought home the bacon in the 2020 ASEAN Data Science Explorer (ADSE) National Finals held on September 2, 2020. They are the following:

Mr. Jairus Cairo ibunao
(COED, Sumacab Campus)

Ms. Alleah Eunice Tuliao
(COED, Sumacab Campus))

A big round of applause for the great efforts exerted by the following trainers/coaches!

Dr. Joe Neil Peria
Dr. Nancy Joy Mangansat
Mr. Alfred Esteban
Mr. Jomar Urbano.

Kudos to the INCOGNITO TEAM! Kudos to our beloved University!



Congratulations to Ms. Karen Jann Aquino of CAS!



Ms. Karen Jann Aquino from the College of Arts and Sciences, under the Social and Behavioral Sciences, won the "Best in Oral Presentation and Best in Poster Awards" during the 2nd National Gender and Development Research Congress at Central Luzon State University on November 20, 2020. Her presented research was entitled "Experiences of Senior Citizens during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Basis for the Development of Crisis Adjustment Plan for Elderly".

Keep up the good work!

PBGeneral Villaflor promoted as Chief of SOSIA

It was December 18, 2020 when an alumnus of the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology was promoted as the Chief of Supervisory Office for Security and Investigation Agencies (SOSIA). The said remarkable promotion ceremonial was held at the PNP Multi-Purpose Center, National Headquarters, Camp PGen. Rafael T. Crame, Quezon City. It was presided by PGeneral Debold M. Sinas, PNP Chief.

General Villaflor finished his bachelor's degree up to his doctorate degree here at NEUST. This only shows his enormous love for the University.

Bachelor's Degree : 1986-1988 (CLPC)
Master's Degree (in Management): July 04, 2002 (NEUST)
Doctorate Degree (Public Ad.): Nov. 13, 2009 (NEUST)



Congratulations for a job well done!

NEUST as FOI Champion for 2020



The Freedom of Information held its 1st virtual FOI Awarding ceremony on November 25, 2020. Out of the hundred SUCs nominated in the 2020 FOI awards, there were only three universities that were acknowledged and given special recognition, namely: University of the Philippines, the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, and the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology headed by its president, Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba. These three universities were awarded as FOI Champions!

Congratulations to our beloved NEUST! Long live NEUST!

NEUST brings home the bacon during the 5th Central Luzon Health Research Forum



On October 7-8, 2020, the 5th Central Luzon Health Research Forum was held. It was organized by the Department of Science and Technology 3- Central Luzon Health Research and Development Consortium. It was participated in by the selected faculty from the NEUST College of Arts and Sciences headed by its dean, Dr. Mario M. Abesamis, Jr., under the Chemistry and Environmental Science Department chaired by Prof. Danilet Vi M. Mendoza.

Amazingly, the NEUST faculty and student participants brought home the bacon. They were the following:

1. MR. DARWIN F. REYES AND MR. ERWIN P. ENRIQUEZ

1ST PLACE
ORAL RESEARCH PRESENTATION CONTEST (PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY)
Title of Research: DNA-Coated Gold Nanoparticles as Sensor Probes for the Solution- Based Colorimetric Detection of Cd (II)

2. MIZPAH F. PAJIMNA, MARIO M. ABESAMIS, IVY JOYCE A. BUAN

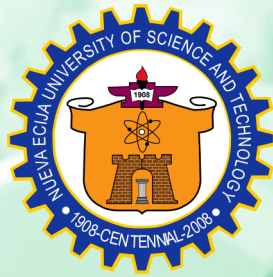
2ND PLACE
ORAL RESEARCH PRESENTATION CONTEST (STUDENT CATEGORY)
Title of Research: In silico Analysis of Pukangan (Clitoria

Ternatea) against Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV-I)

3. RICARL IRISH F. AGUNOS, DANILET VI M. MENDOZA, MICHAEL ANGELO S. RIVERA

3RD PLACE
ORAL RESEARCH PRESENTATION CONTEST (STUDENT CATEGORY)
Title of Research: Anthocyanin-based Colorimetric Film for Monitoring Food Spoilage

The University, headed by Dr. Feliciano P. Jacoba, extends its warm-hearted congratulations to all the winners!



VISION

NEUST is a locally responsive and internationally relevant and recognized University of Science and Technology

MISSION

To develop new knowledge and technologies and transform human resources into productive citizenry to bring about development impact to local and international communities

THE TAGLINE

Transforming communities through Science and Technology

CORE VALUES

Nationalism
Excellence
Unity
Spirituality
Transparency

NEUST HYMN

Way back in the days gone by
Our School was just a simple one
Now it grows to greater heights
With a symbol that will ever shine
We give a toast to mentor zeal
Who works to make a Great **NEUST**

Oh here is the country's pride
The **NEUST**
It thrives through all the years
Let's forever be loyal and true
Oh here is the nation's call
For better youth tomorrow
Hail to dear Alma Mater
Let us work with our might
Keep achieving for the glory
Of the **Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology**
(Repeat stanza II)

THE ASEAN WAY

Raise our flag high, sky high
Embrace the pride in our heart
ASEAN we are bonded as one
Look-in out to the world.
For peace, our goal from the very start
And prosperity to last.
We dare to dream we care to share.
Together for ASEAN
we dare to dream,
we care to share for it's the way of ASEAN.

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