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## Good Morning Tarlac guests CCLGSPD

RTV Tarlac Channel 26 invited the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD) for a live interview in its show Good Morning Tarlac aired last October 4, 2023.

Veteran Radio Anchor and Television Host Ms. Leng Tiamzon opened Good Morning Tarlac with the introduction of Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, CCLGSPD Director, along with the unit heads Dr. Francelle L. Calub (Community Empowerment and Advocacies), Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson (Local Governance and Policy Development), and Mr. John H. Lanuzo (Training and Knowledge Development).

Dr. Quiambao provided an overview of the center. The different unit heads also presented their respective units and functions. When asked about the current project of the center, the Sustainable Training and Revitalize Teaching or Project START, spearheaded by Dr. Quiambao, was emphasized. The project will run for three



years, according to the director, and is set to improve the teaching strategies of child development workers primarily in the eight municipalities of Tarlac, including Anao, Gerona, Pura, Ramos, Paniqui, Moncada,

San Manuel, and Victoria. “Naka-MOA po kami [LGUs] and we intend to replicate

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## CCLGSPD represents Region III on CBMS Training Program

Community Empowerment and Advocacies Department Unit Head, Dr. Francelle L. Calub, represented Region III in a five-day training course on “Data Processing and Analysis of Volunteer Data from the Community-Based Monitoring System” last August 21–25, 2023, at the Upper Class Tower, Quezon Ave. Corner Scout Reyes, Paligsahan, Quezon City.

The Data Processing and Analysis Using Descriptive Statistics was co-created by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and the Philippine Statistical Research and

Training Institute (PSRTI). The training arm of CBMS is mandated under Section 5 of Rule VI of the IRR of Republic Act No. 11315, or known as the CBMS Act.

The training sought to provide participants with the skills and expertise necessary to produce CBMS data tabulations using the Census Survey Processing System (CSPRO) and Microsoft Excel programs. The results would be helpful for policy-making activities and program implementations that use evidence-based planning.



## CEAD Head initiates Project Aytalakad Ing Lahi



In a remarkable step toward preserving the rich cultural heritage of the Mag-anchi community, the Project Aytalakad Ing Lahi recently conducted its Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Signing with its generous benefactors at the College of Arts and Social Sciences' Theatre Room, Tarlac State University last September 29, 2023.

Project Aytalakad is a long-term extension project spearheaded by the College of Arts and Social Sciences, with a noble mission to rebuild the community's cultural and linguistic heritage through education for future generations. The initiative is not merely focused on preserving traditions but also on equipping teachers and community members with the tools to revitalize the indigenous language and culture along with outreach activities to help improve the over-all well-being of the community. This is achieved through active community involvement and the empowerment of individuals to read and write in their native language. The MOA Signing event commenced with an opening address via Zoom by Dr. Aloysius T. Madriaga, the Dean of the College of Arts and Social Sciences. Dr. Madriaga emphasized that this partnership serves as a crucial platform to address shared concerns, identify common interests, foster greater understanding, and collectively tackle the challenges faced by the Aeta community. He expressed profound

gratitude to the benefactors for their unwavering support, which has made this project possible.

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Development office (CCLGSPD) Community Empowerment and Advocacy Unit Head Dr. Francelle L. Calub, also the overall project head, shed light on the project's origins and objectives. Drawing from her extensive experience with various Aeta Mag-anchi groups in Tarlac, she highlighted the significance of community engagement. Dr. Calub presented the Problem Tree Analysis for Project Aytalakad, the Gantt Chart, and the terms outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement to the benefactors.

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## RTV Tarlac Channel 26 donates books to TSU Library



As part of the continuous effort to deliver services for the betterment of the public, the RTV Tarlac Channel 26 donated books to the Tarlac State University Library.

The said local station through one of its prominent anchors Ms. Marilyn L. Tiamzon sent a letter of intent to the university to donate books. According to the veteran anchor, the books are from Hong Kong and are good references for college students studying business-related courses.

In partnership with the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development

(CCLGSPD), Mr. John H. Lanuzo, Training and Knowledge Development Department (TKDD) Unit Head, scheduled the pick-up of the books in the said station on October 27, 2023.

Present in the receiving of the instructional materials are CCLGSPD Director Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson, Local Governance and Policy Development Unit Head, Mr. John H. Lanuzo, Dr. Jhonel C. Panlilio, College of Business and Accountancy (CBA) Dean, Ms. Gizelle D. Garcia, Library Management Services Staff and RTV Tarlac Channel 26 representatives.



## PGT launches OFW Helpdesk



Tarlac City Governor Susan A. Yap has recently unveiled the OFW Help Desk, a new initiative to provide comprehensive support to Filipino expatriates. The event took place on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, through the collaborative efforts of the PGT-Public Employment Service Office, the Tarlac Provincial Cooperative Enterprise Development Office, and the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office.

This one-stop platform will cater to the various needs of overseas Filipino workers as it offers a wide range of assistance to the public, addressing labor-related concerns and providing vital information and support during emergencies.

1st District Cong. Jaime D. Cojuangco, 2nd District Cong. Christian Yap and Atty. Leo Miguel, Representative of 3rd District Cong. Noel Rivera has come together to support the program.

Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, Center for Community and Local Governance Studies (CCLGSPD) Director, participated in the inauguration as part of the center's advocacy for promoting effective governance and efficient community support. The OFW Help Desk is at IT Training Center Bldg., Right Wing IT Park 1, Tibag, Tarlac City.

As Tarlac State University (TSU) marks its 117th Founding and 2nd Charter Anniversary, it's not just about the passage of time; it's about the people who have dedicated their lives to the institution's growth and success. Among these exceptional individuals

## TSU partners with ECC for Project START Child Development Workers



In its commitment to provide relevant extension services to the community, Tarlac State University signed a memorandum of agreement with Ecumenical Christian College today (October 10) at the TSU Main AVR.

Through the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD), the MOA encompasses a joint cooperative extension service titled "Provision of Professional

Services for Child Development Workers in Handling Children with Special Needs."

This extension service falls under CCLGSPD's Project START (Sustainable Training Assistance and Revitalized Teaching), aimed at addressing the needs of child development workers from eight municipalities in Tarlac Province through seminars, training sessions, and workshops to have a profound

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## CCLGSPD Director celebrates 25 years in service



is Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, whose 25 years of unwavering service have left an indelible mark on TSU.

Throughout her tenure, Dr. Quiambao has played a pivotal role in shaping the academic landscape of TSU. As a respected faculty member, she has not only imparted knowledge to

countless students but has also served as a mentor and guide, nurturing the next generation of leaders rising from the ranks of academia, she emerged as a shining star with an unwavering commitment to the field of education

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# Project S.T.A.R.T.: *A Beacon of Hope and Empowerment for Tarlac Province's CWDs*



Dr. Jessica Marie I. Dela Pena shed light on the enduring importance of tangible educational resources through her lecture titled "Teacher's Corner in Using Printed and Authentic Instructional Materials," held at Moncada Auditorium 1.

The event brought together child development workers from the municipalities of Moncada and San Manuel to discuss and upskill them on the invaluable role of printed materials in modern education.



In an endeavor to enhance the effectiveness of child development programs, a recent seminar brought together Child Development Workers from the municipality of Moncada to emphasize the pivotal role of parental engagement and involvement. The event was held yesterday, October 16, 2023, at Moncada, Tarlac Auditorium 1.

Dr. Joanne Marie I. Escalona inspires professionals in the field by sharing her experiences and promoting collaborative efforts to create a brighter future for children.



Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza expertly engaged the CDWs of municipalities of Paniqui and Anao through his vibrant delivery and captivating lecture on "Teacher's Corner: Engaging in Non-Printed and Authentic Instructional Materials" held on October 2, 2023, at Paniqui Public Auditorium.

He further emphasized the importance of possessing both solid values and a positive persona to excel in integral teaching. Child Development Workers in the above mentioned municipalities expressed their gratitude for the valuable expertise and wisdom they gained through the simultaneous training assistance conducted by Project START.



Child Development Workers of the municipalities of Paniqui and Anao gained valuable opportunity to enhance their data handling efficiency through a recent seminar on records management spearheaded by Dr. Ninez B. Tulo yesterday, October 16, 2023, at the New Paniqui Public Auditorium.

They also expressed their enthusiasm for embracing printed and authentic instructional materials discussed by Dr. Jessica Marie I. Dela Pena during the afternoon session.

Dr. Dela Pena emphasized that authentic and printed instructional materials are essential to holistic child development, allowing children to explore, learn, and grow in an engaging manner.

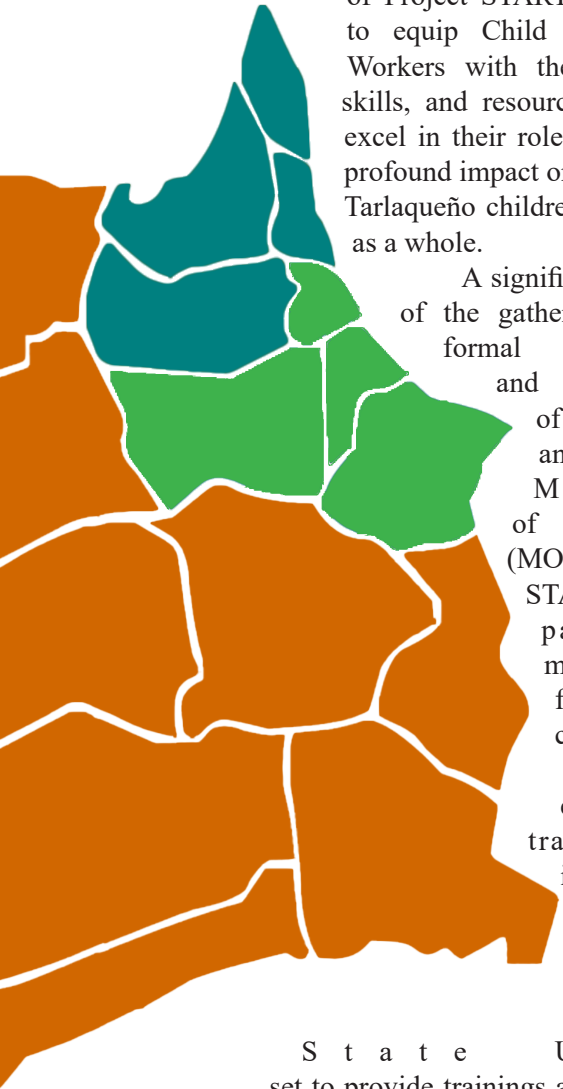
Child Development Workers contribute to the social, physical, emotional, and educational development of a child. Under their supervision activities are provided such as storytelling, scribbling, playing games and the like. Hence, managing the children's behavior when alone and interacting with other classmates as well as supervising them with their personal hygiene routines. To complete the CDWs mission, they must achieve the following: provision of a healthy and conducive environment towards holistic learning and self-development.

This long-term project entitled Project S.T.A.R.T (Sustainable Training Assistance and Revitalized Teaching) aims to capacitate the Child Development Workers on a higher level of competency specifically in Childcare Development and sustainable sound and healthy relationship with parents and barangay council. The said project is the flagship project of the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD). It started on September 5, 2023 at Moncada Auditorium. Aside from the comprehensive social preparation, the team headed by the CCLGSPD Director Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao introduced the wide array of services offered by the center, reinforcing its commitment to empowering local communities and

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# Development



Gerona, Moncada, Paniqui, Pura, Ramos, San Manuel, and Victoria, were the proud participants of this orientation and social preparation event. Their presence demonstrated their commitment to the success of Project START, which aims to equip Child Development Workers with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to excel in their roles and make a profound impact on the future of Tarlaqueño children and society as a whole.

A significant highlight of the gathering was the formal introduction and distribution of the signed and notarized Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Project START to the participating municipalities, further cementing the collaborative efforts in this transformative initiative.

Through the CCLGSPD, Tarlac

State University is set to provide trainings and support to address the identified needs of Child Development Workers. These needs encompass curriculum planning, the development of learning materials, effective classroom management, the facilitation of creative activities, and fostering strong partnerships with parents and barangay councils. This holistic approach aims to create an enabling environment for the all-around development of children.

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Child development centers in the municipality of Moncada have united in celebrating their 31st Family Day with the theme "Pamilyang Pilipino, Pagtugon sa nababagong Pananaw at Panahon" on October 9, 2023. Moncada Public Plaza hosted the annual event, which served as a crucial reminder of families' crucial role.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, CCLGSPD Director, offered valuable insights on fostering positive parenting and addressing the complexities of teenage pregnancy. She began by emphasizing the need for open communication between parents and their teenagers, which is critical to understanding their needs and challenges. "This event is a great reminder of the importance of spending quality time with our loved ones," said Hon. Estelita M. Aquino, Moncada Municipal Mayor, during her message. Children and parents gathered for fun-filled games, music, and food.



Dr. Jessica Marie I. Dela Pena, Head of the College of Education Graduate School in Filipino Department, imparted her expertise to the child development workers of Gerona and Victoria in a topic titled "Teacher's Corner in Using Printed and Authentic Instructional Materials." She began by emphasizing the value of authentic materials in the educational process as they present a real-world language usage and often cover highly engaging topics for students. She cited examples like photographs and artworks, which makes learning more captivating for children. Also, she conducted a workshop enabling them to unleash their understanding of authentic materials and create their non-printed instructional material.



A series of informative seminar kicked off at the Old SB Hall in Ramos, Tarlac, on October 9, 2023. The events are part of Project START's training initiatives, specifically designed for the child development workers in the municipalities of Ramos and Pura.

Dr. Marie Paz Angeles, a certified Specialist in Education in Psychology, delivered a lecture titled "Classroom Discipline: Dealing with Difficult and Challenging Children." in the afternoon session. She explicitly addresses strategies for managing classroom discipline to foster a constructive and organized educational setting, facilitating students' best development and well-being.



Hon. Rex C. Villa Agustin, Victoria municipal mayor, commenced with a warm address on the project START's effort to strengthen child development workers' skills and empower them to nurture young minds better. The training sessions were held at Victoria, Tarlac Investment Building, last October 9, 2023.

Dr. Jiyoung Lee shared a promising, innovative approach to child enrichment with the Child Development Workers of the Municipalities of Gerona and Victoria with her lecture titled "Arts and Crafts 101 for Children." In the afternoon session, Dr. Nino B. Corpuz emphasized the goal of holistic child development through his lecture titled "Parental Engagement and Involvement Frontiers 2.0." Attendees were treated to various interactive workshops and presentations.



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### *from TSU partners with ECC...*

impact on the future of Tarlaqueño children.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco committed to abide by and comply with the provisions of the MOA to enhance both institutions in contributing to a “brighter future” for the children.

Meanwhile, ECC College President Dr. Armee N. Rosel thanked TSU for extending their services.

According to Dr. Rosel, she is aware of what TSU can offer to ECC’s students and faculty members, having formerly served as the vice president of TSU’s Research and Extension Services until her retirement.

“We truly need the services of TSU, especially in terms of the expertise of the faculty members. Through this collaboration, we are continuing the humble beginnings of ECC, which started as a mission of the Tarlac United Methodist Church. This means we will also be able to serve our community and our children with special needs,” Dr. Rosel added.

The MOA is valid for two years and can be renewed by both parties.

### *from CEAD Head initiates...*

Representatives from the benefactors also shared their thoughts and commitment to the project. Mr. Rico Francis Argamino, Chairperson of Alpha Kappa Rho-TSAA, expressed wholehearted support and deep appreciation for being chosen as part of this initiative. He pledged, “We will give 101% full support to make this project meaningful and impactful for the entire community of Sitio Manabayukan, Capas, Tarlac.”

Mr. Gabriel B. Villa Agustin, President of the Junior Chamber International- Victoria Chapter, extended gratitude to Tarlac State University- College of Arts and Social Sciences for selecting them as benefactors. He vowed, “Together with my team, the JCI- Victoria Chapter will do our part by providing materials, resources, manpower, and other support to ensure the success of Project Aytalakad.”

Following the official signing of the Memorandum of Agreement, Mr. David V. Lip, CEDH, Extension Department Head, delivered his closing remarks via video message. Mr. Lip expressed profound gratitude and optimism for the Aeta Community through this collaboration. He highlighted that this partnership signifies a collective commitment to bridge the gap between different stakeholders and connect with indigenous people.

This MOA Signing event not only marks the beginning of a partnership between various stakeholders but also the commencement of a year dedicated to progress and unwavering commitment to uphold and translate the mission toward social transformation. The project represents a significant step forward in preserving the cultural heritage of the Mag-anchi community and serves as a shining example of the positive impact that collaboration and commitment can have on indigenous communities.

### *from CCLGSPD Director...*

and an unyielding drive to foster growth within the institution and its student body.

Beyond the confines of the campus, Dr. Quiambao has been a staunch advocate for community engagement. Recognizing the role of higher education in community development, she has led initiatives that bridge the gap between the university and the local community. Her commitment to social responsibility has not only enriched the university’s relationships but has also had a tangible impact on the lives of those it serves, solidifying Tarlac State University’s role as a positive force within its community.

### *from Good Morning Tarlac...*

this to other municipalities as well,” Dr. Quaimbao added.

Dr. Calub, also shared the Project Aytalakad ing Lahi, a long term extension project based from her dissertation. The project aims to help the Aeta Mag-anchi community in the areas of education, culture and arts, and healthcare. According to Dr. Calub, different organizations and groups sent intention to support the said project. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing for the said project between Tarlac State University, Alpha Kappa Rho – TSAA, and Junior Chamber International – Victoria Chapter happened last September 29, 2023.

Good Morning Tarlac was simultaneously broadcasted via RTV Tarlac Channel 26 Facebook Page, Local TV and Youtube Channel, and DZTC 828khz.

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## Meet the CCLGSPD STAFF

**Dr. Francelle L. Calub**  
*Unit Head, Community Empowerment and Advocacy*



As the CEA Department Head, the role encompasses a multi-faceted approach to serving marginalized communities. Research and Development involves in-depth research, fostering collaborative partnerships, and disseminating findings to influence evidence-based decision-making. In Extension Programs and Projects, the focus is on creating and implementing reform-oriented projects, offering capacity-building initiatives, and strengthening partnerships with various stakeholders. This function aims to empower marginalized groups, promote social inclusion, and establish an evaluation framework for progress. Additionally, her role involves providing technical support, consultancy, and input to the Training and Knowledge Development Department. Ultimately, the CEA Department Head plays a pivotal role in advancing the well-being of marginalized communities and fostering sustainable development.

**Mr. Mark Christian T. Agustin**  
*Technical Staff*




His role involves providing specialized technical expertise in fields like community development, agriculture, environment, infrastructure, health, and education. This includes assisting in baseline analysis, research, and program development for target communities. Technical guidance and training are offered to community members, while support is extended to coordinate with colleges and provide capacity development and consultancy services to beneficiaries. Collaboration with colleges on community programs is crucial, and the role involves innovative problem-solving to foster sustainable development. Monitoring, evaluation, and data analysis for progress are essential, along with engaging communities in assessing interventions. His position may also encompass additional duties assigned by the immediate supervisor.

**Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson**  
*Unit Head, Local Governance and Policy Development*



As the LGPD Department Head, the role encompasses diverse functions. In Research and Development (R&D), it involves conducting research related to the needs and challenges of various stakeholders, including policy-makers, LGUs, and CSOs. The aim is to provide valuable input for policy formulation, implementation, and monitoring, fostering evidence-based decision-making. Extension Programs and Projects involve planning and executing initiatives for LGUs, CSOs, and private institutions, along with building a skilled faculty pool and strengthening partnerships for local governance studies. Advocacy for transparent, accountable, and responsive governance, as well as promoting social justice and equity, is emphasized. She also offers technical support, consultancy, and policy recommendations for continual improvement.

**Mr. John H. Lanuzo**  
*Unit Head, Training and Knowledge Development*




The Training and Knowledge Development (TKD) Head holds several crucial responsibilities. He oversees the creation of training materials for local governance, community development, and policy development. Additionally, he curates, stores, and distributes informative materials and AVPs related to the center's activities. The TKD Head also builds strong partnerships with stakeholders to optimize resources and facilitate knowledge transfer. In the realm of Research and Development (R&D), he leads the establishment of a social sharing network system and incorporate a geographic information system (GIS) to support community development and governance practices. Lastly, he manages the development of training courses and provide recommendations for system improvement within the Center.

**Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao**  
*Director*



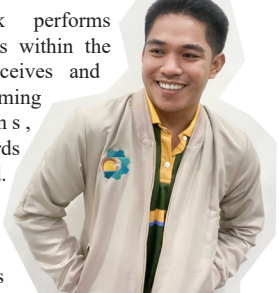
The Director plays a pivotal role in office management, offering strategic leadership aligned with the university's objectives. She oversees research and development initiatives in community governance studies, cultivating partnerships and networks. Endorsing programs to the University President and establishing knowledge-sharing networks is vital. The Director seeks funding opportunities, grants, and collaborations to support research, capacity-building, and policy development. She contributes to the center's continual improvement through policy development and budget management, while offering technical assistance. Reporting on center activities and representing the office at various events are also within her purview, making her a key figure in the organization's success.

**Ms. Rochelle Kate T. Tagara**  
*Technical Staff, Project START*



Her role entails offering specialized expertise in public administration, management, and program administration. It involves aiding in the execution and assessment of long-term projects, providing technical guidance to project beneficiaries and stakeholders, and supporting collaboration with colleges to offer capacity development, consultancy, and related services to partner beneficiaries. Her position also includes fulfilling additional duties as directed by the immediate supervisor.

**Mr. Jon-jon R. Duque**  
*Clerk*



The Office Clerk performs several key functions within the organization. He receives and document incoming communications, ensuring that records are well-maintained. He is responsible for delivering and submitting reports and documents to other offices. Additionally, he manages document filing, covering both incoming and outgoing communication, reports, and inventory. The clerk handles administrative tasks like preparing travel orders, vouchers, and requests. He consolidates reports from various departments, maintaining order and organization within the center. Meeting deadlines and adhering to schedules is crucial, and the clerk is also open to other duties assigned by their supervisor.



To harmonize towards the same direction

## OVRDE conducts Strategic Planning



The Office of the Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension (VPRDE) is undertaking strategic planning for 2024-2025, from September 21-22, 2023 at TSU Hotel, Lucinda Campus.

As part of achieving the center's all-encompassing goals and objectives, the director and unit heads of the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD) collaborate

on developing an initial plan for their respective departments.

Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, CCLGSPD Director, presented the proposed Supplemental PPMP, legal manual framework, organizational structure, functions, duties, and responsibilities. The center's accomplishment report and various initiatives undertaken were also highlighted.

Furthermore, the director also

shared the center's roadmap for the Resource Management Development Plan, Research and Community Service Development, Institutional Quality Assurance Development Plan, Information Systems, Network/Communication/Internal Development, and Technical Office Support.

The said planning was attended by different centers and offices under VPRDE.

## CCLGSPD attends Seminar on Cultural Engagement



The Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD) attended the Seminar on Cultural Engagement and Research about

Indigenous People, on Friday, September 22, 2023 at Gabriela Function Hall, Tarlac State University (TSU) Hotel.

The said seminar was organized

by the Center for Peace, Indigenous People's Resources and Development (CPIPRD) which aims to improve the knowledge of the participants on Learning and Resource Management, Capacity Awareness Building, Advocacy and Social Sharing, and Special Projects.

After the seminar proper, the speaker, Dr. Raymond D. Rovillos facilitated a workshop, wherein, participants were grouped to formulate research proposal. According to Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson, Unit Head of Local Governance and Policy Development Department, the said seminar is very timely and equally important. "It is very paramount to our center, and it is very useful to our future research endeavor," she added.