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2025 TUKLAS RESEARCH DEFENSE HIGHLIGHTS INNOVATION EFFORTS AT RTC-KORPHIL, DAVAO

♦ MARY GRACE ARELLANO

Last April 14, 2025, TESDA Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KorPhil), Davao held the 2025 TUKLAS Research Defense as part of its continuing efforts to promote a culture of innovation, sustainability, and research excellence in technical-vocational education. This initiative, highlighted under RTC Memorandum No. 376, series of 2025, was spearheaded by the Innovation, Research, and Green TVET Team in support of TESDA's broader mandate to integrate research into training, advance intellectual property awareness, and encourage the publication of research outputs.

Held at RTC-KPVT, Davao APACC Room, the defense served as a culminating academic requirement for graduating Diploma of Technology trainees, particularly those who had submitted research abstracts and fulfilled the documentation requirements, including a PowerPoint presentation, hardbound manuscript, and publishable copies of their research.

This initiative further reinforced RTC-KorPhil's institutional commitment to embed sustainability, critical inquiry, and innovation into the core of technical training, aligned with the Green TVET Framework and TESDA's vision

for transformative and responsive education.

The TUKLAS Research Defense, created last 2024, also served as the new basis for the Best in Research Award to be conferred during the 2025 graduation ceremonies. Panel members from the Innovation, Research, and Green TVET Team evaluated each presentation for its relevance, originality, technical soundness, and practical application, particularly its potential contribution to industry and community development.

The 2025 TUKLAS Research Defense showcased the ingenuity and technical competence of RTC-KorPhil, Davao's graduating trainees, as they presented innovative projects responding to practical problems in engineering, agriculture, and construction. Two research entries received Silver Awards for their exemplary work.

From the Diploma in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Technology (DABET), the research titled "Modification and Performance Evaluation of Vermitea Vortex Brewer" earned a total of 151.75 points and was awarded a Silver Medal and Certificate. The presenting authors, Elvira D. Durano and Rizly Kringle B. Sadon, were supported by their trainer-researcher, Engr. Jeric F. Bilita, and research adviser, Mary Grace P. Arellano.



Meanwhile, the Diploma in Civil Engineering Technology (DCET) team garnered a total of 150.67 points for their research titled "Development of a Low-cost Time-controlled Drum Concrete Mixer." Presenting authors John Lhennard H. Dillera and Ruben F. Paduhinog Jr. led the project, which was guided by trainer-researcher Engr. Vincent T. Vasquez and research adviser Marvin I. Santosidad.

The evaluation process, conducted by seasoned members of the Innovation, Research, and Green TVET Team, provided

trainees with professional-level feedback, helping them enhance the academic rigor and applicability of their outputs.

Overall, the event not only celebrated the culmination of the trainees' research journey but also strengthened RTC-KorPhil, Davao's institutional research culture. By integrating innovation and sustainability into its core training programs, RTC-KPVT, Davao continues to fulfill its role as a hub for green innovation, intellectual growth, and transformative education within TESDA Region XI.

TRAINER-RESEARCHERS FROM RTC-KORPHIL, DAVAO ATTEND THE 2ND TVET RESEARCH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

♦ MARY GRACE ARELLANO



The Regional Training Center-Korea Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVT), Davao proudly sent four of its trainer-researchers to the 2nd MinTVET Biennial Research Conference, held on May 19-20, 2025 at the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), Davao City.

With the support of the Training Center's Administrator, Engr. Constantino B. Panes Jr., EdD, four trainer-researchers and members of the Innovation, Research and Green TVET Team attended the biennial conference, namely, Engr. Louigno A. Miguel, Engr. Jeric F. Bilita, Engr. Ailyn R. Tejero, and Ms. Mary Grace P. Arellano.

The event, organized by the Mindanao Technical-Vocational Education and Training Association (MinTVET) in partnership with UniTVET, PEAC, and USEP, carried the theme: "Data to Decisions: Building Future-Ready TVET through Research (Evidence. Excellence. Engagement)." It gathered TVET stakeholders, trainers, school administrators, and researchers from across Mindanao and beyond.

The conference provided significant opportunities for participants to interact with a large network of TVET professionals and share their perspectives on evidence-based innovations in vocational education. The event encouraged collaborative learning and knowledge exchange through keynote talks, paper presentations, and open forums, intending to improve the country's skills development, delivery, and direction.

This research conference highlighted the Training Center's ongoing commitment to supporting a research-driven culture and developing trainer competencies following TESDA's 8-point agenda and the National Technical Education and Skills Development Plan.

The presence of trainer-researchers not only increased RTC-KPVT, Davao's exposure in the larger TVET research community, but also reaffirmed the institution's advocacy for excellence and innovation in technical education.

Furthermore, this event represents a step forward in enhancing institutional capacity and developing future-ready, data-informed TVET in the Davao region.



RTC-KORPHIL DAVAO HOLDS SUCCESSFUL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DRIVE IN BUHISAN

◆ DINA CATANTAN

The initiative, titled “KorPhil with a Heart: A Community Coastal Clean-Up Drive,” is part of RTC-KorPhil’s continuing efforts under its Greening TVET program, which integrates sustainable practices and environmental responsibility into the institution’s technical-vocational education framework.

Dozens of trainees, trainers, and members of the RTC-KorPhil community joined the activity, working together to collect trash and marine debris from the shoreline. The event not only contributed to a cleaner and safer coastal environment but also served as a learning experience for participants on the importance of collective environmental action.

The clean-up was spearheaded by TESD Specialist II Edison C. Tasic,

who also serves as the NSTP Focal Person. He was joined and supported by NSTP Trainer Dina T. Catantan, along with Jay Mark Nuevo, Manuel Ceasar Beltran Jr., Johanna Rheasle Fernandez, and Ma’am Ianna Marie Pioquinto. Their leadership helped guide the smooth implementation of the activity.

Support from the local community was equally vital. Purok Leader Roselyn Caranguit and Joebert Jumalon, former Center Foreman of the KorPhil Davao Student Council and now serving as the secretary of Barangay Tibungco, also played key roles in organizing and mobilizing volunteers.

The clean-up served not only as a response to environmental challenges but also as a concrete example of RTC-KorPhil’s ongoing

commitment to community involvement and sustainability. The event demonstrated how technical education can go hand-in-hand with values formation, civic responsibility, and environmental awareness.

More outreach programs and eco-centered activities are lined up under the Greening TVET initiative, reinforcing the center’s goal of producing not only skilled workers but also socially aware and environmentally responsible individuals.



RTC-KPVTC, DAVAO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN TREE PLANTING AND CLEAN-UP DRIVE IN BRGY. CARMEN, DAVAO CITY

◆ ALANAH TAMARAH MILLAN



As part of its Green TVET Program and in celebration of Earth Month, the Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVTC), Davao actively participated in a tree planting and clean-up drive held on April 27, 2025, in Barangay Carmen, Baguio District, Davao City.

The RTC-KPVTC Davao team, composed of ten members and led by Admin Head Aenon Prince A. Alporte, contributed to the planting of trees along the Hamungaya Farm vicinity and joined the clean-up operation at Panigan River. The activity was organized in cooperation with the Barangay Carmen local government, under the leadership of Barangay Captain Hon. Socrates Estomata.

This initiative was conducted in collaboration with other TESDA-affiliated institutions, including the TESDA XI

Davao City District Office (DCDO), Provincial Training Center (PTC) Davao, and Wangan National Agricultural School.

RTC-KPVTC Davao’s active involvement underscored its commitment to environmental protection and community engagement—core values embedded in the Green TVET advocacy.

“This is more than just a one-day event—it reflects the values we try to build in our trainees and staff,” said Admin Head Alporte. “We want to be a Training Center that not only trains skilled workers but also responsible citizens who care for the environment.”

The event aimed to support local reforestation efforts, raise environmental awareness, and contribute to the preservation of the Panigan River, a key natural resource in the area. It also aligned with Earth Month’s global message of

climate action and sustainable living.

By participating in initiatives like this, RTC-KPVTC Davao continues to play a vital role not only in technical education but also in promoting sustainable practices and civic responsibility in the communities it serves.



RTC-KorPhil Joins Plastic-Free TESDA XI Challenge to Promote Eco-Friendly Practices

◆ MARY GRACE ARELLANO

In support of TESDA Region XI’s campaign to promote environmental sustainability, TESDA RTC-KorPhil Davao launched its participation in the Plastic-Free TESDA XI Challenge beginning April 21, 2025, through RTC Memorandum No. 409, series of 2025. The initiative, which ran until April 25, 2025, was implemented as part of the institution’s broader environmental efforts aligned with Earth Month, Green TVET Week, and TESDA’s commitment to embedding sustainability into technical education.

The campaign encouraged all trainees, trainers, and staff to reduce their use of single-use plastics by adopting eco-friendly alternatives such as reusable utensils, tumblers, lunch containers, and cloth bags. Organized across departments and trade areas, the activity aimed to promote daily sustainable practices within the Training Center. Anchored in the Green TVET Framework, the Plastic-Free Challenge supports the pillars of “Greening the Campus” and “Greening Institutional Culture”, advancing the center’s commitment to creating a clean, responsible, and climate-conscious training community.

This initiative complemented the Training Center’s ongoing sustainability programs, including the Greening the Campus Garden Project, and reinforced institutional support for low-waste and climate-smart practices. More than a symbolic act, the Plastic-Free Challenge served as a platform for building new habits, increasing awareness, and promoting accountability among the entire RTC-KorPhil community.

As a result, the campaign not only reduced visible plastic waste on campus but also helped embed environmental values into the behavior and decision-making of trainees and staff. The activity also offered experiential learning that supports RTC-KorPhil Davao’s broader alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—especially those related to climate action, responsible consumption, and quality education.

By successfully implementing the Plastic-Free TESDA XI Challenge, RTC-KorPhil Davao reaffirms its role in promoting Green TVET implementation—creating a learning environment that is not only technically excellent but also ecologically responsible and future-ready.



RTC-KORPHIL CELEBRATES EARTH MONTH WITH GREEN TVET WEEK AND CAMPUS GARDENING INITIATIVE

◆ MARY GRACE ARELLANO

In celebration of National Garden Month, TESDA Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KorPhil), Davao, officially launched a campus-wide greening initiative on April 21, 2025, which will run until June 2025, with the theme “Growing Green at RTC-KorPhil: Planting Seeds for a Sustainable Future.”

The activity, spearheaded by the KorPhil Davao Student Council in collaboration with the Innovation, Research, and Green TVET Team, is part of a broader institutional campaign for sustainability. It aligns with Earth Month and TESDA Region XI’s Green TVET Week.

Guided by TESDA’s Green TVET Framework, the initiative supports “Greening the Campus” and “Greening Institutional Culture.” It reflects RTC-KorPhil Davao’s efforts to embed sustainability into the training and daily practices of its Diploma of Technology trainees. With support from Center Administrator Engr. Constantino B. Panes, Jr., Ed.D., the campaign brought together students, trainers, and staff to cultivate both literal and symbolic green spaces.

The greening effort consists of two phases:

Phase one, which began on April 21, 2025, involved site cleaning, bed preparation, and the initial sowing of vegetables, herbs, and ornamentals using organic and recycled materials. Phase two, running from April 22 to 26, focuses on garden maintenance and sustainability monitoring, with each trade area assigned a section to care for.

A pre-judging of the gardens took place on April 29, led by trainers and administrative staff, including Mr. Joie Vincent Dagohoy, Ms. Kimberly Almario, and Ms. Rosemay Maningo, with facilitation by Engr. Ailyn R. Tejero and Mr. Barry Felicio. The evaluation focused on preparation, layout, resourcefulness, and

sustainability alignment, offering formative feedback for continued improvement.

Though still early, the initiative has already promoted environmental awareness, practical green skills, and campus beautification. Trainees are gaining experience in composting, soil care, water conservation, and waste reduction—critical skills for a green workforce.

This event highlights RTC-KorPhil Davao’s ongoing commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially in education, the environment, and community involvement. As it moves forward, the institution continues to grow not only gardens, but future-ready, sustainability-driven graduates.

RTC-KPVTTC, DAVAO LEADS 6S COMPETITION FOR A SAFER AND GREENER WORKPLACE

◆ MARY GRACE ARELLANO

In line with its ongoing commitment to Green TVET advocacy, the Regional Training Center – Korea Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVTTC), Davao successfully conducted its 1st Semester 6S Competition for 2025 on Friday, June 27, 2025.

Spearheaded by the Innovation, Research, and Green TVET Team, this regular biannual activity reinforces the Center's institutional discipline in applying the 6S principles: Sort, Set in Order, Shine, Standardize, Sustain, and Safety.

A longstanding internal initiative, the 6S Competition continues to be a vital part of RTC-KPVTTC's efforts to promote environmental sustainability, operational efficiency, and workplace safety, which hopefully makes the Training Center one of the models for Green TVET institutions.

The competition drew active participation from all departments, personnel, and trainees. Evaluation areas were divided into four categories: Trade Areas, Administrative

Offices, Dormitories, and Facilities/Services. Each group made visible improvements in their designated spaces, ranging from clean-ups and visual organization to implementing documented safety procedures, evacuation plans, and sustainability measures.

The event was formally evaluated by a six-member panel composed of technical and administrative personnel. For the Administrative Offices and Dormitories, the judges were Engr. Lougino A. Miguel, Arch. Janice S. Nadera, and Mr. Edison C. Tasic. Meanwhile, Ms. Alanah Tamarah N. Millan, Ms. Johanna Rheasle P. Fernandez, and Ms. Mary Grace L. Sijuela were assigned to evaluate the Trade Areas and Facilities/Services.

The judges convened for an opening meeting at 9:00 AM in the APACC Room before proceeding to assess the designated areas based on comprehensive 6S criteria.

Winners will be recognized during the Year-End Performance and Assessment (YEPA) with cash prizes, certificates, and plaques of recognition. The group with



the highest average score across both semesters will be declared the Best 6S Implementer of the Year.

The successful conduct of the 6S Competition once again affirmed RTC-KPVTTC Davao's dedication to quality, safety, and environmental sustainability through

shared accountability and continuous improvement. The 2nd Semester 6S Competition is scheduled for November 2025, and will serve as the final evaluation round to determine this year's top-performing teams.

TRAINEES CHAMPION GREEN ART AND GARDEN WINS IN RTC-KPVTTC, DAVAO

◆ MARY GRACE ARELLANO



To advance its commitment to sustainability and integrate environmental advocacy into technical skills training, the Regional Training Center–Korea Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVTTC), Davao conducted two major institutional contests this second quarter; namely, the School Garden Contest and the Paper Mâché Art Making Contest.

These competitions formed part of the Training Center's celebration of National Garden Month and the International Day for Biological Diversity, aligning with the principles of Green TVET and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Spearheaded by the Innovation, Research, and Green TVET Team, in collaboration with the Administrative Office and the KorPhil Davao Student Council (KDSC), the initiatives engaged the diploma trainees, who transformed everyday materials and open spaces into powerful expressions of ecological responsibility.

Each contest served as a platform for students to apply what they learn in class toward real-world sustainability practices, whether through cultivating gardens or turning wastepaper into art, thereby reinforcing RTC-KPVTTC Davao's role as a model for environmental leadership and green skills development.

The School Garden Contest, which ran from April 21 to June 20, 2025, successfully engaged trainees in planning, building, and maintaining environmentally sustainable gardens within the campus. The project emphasized teamwork, creativity, and the use of recycled and organic materials.

After the judging period, DABET was awarded first place, followed by DCET in second place, and DMET-Welding in third. Entries were evaluated based on design creativity, plant variety and health, cleanliness, teamwork, and sustainability by judges, Mr. Joie Vincent R. Dagohoy, Ms. Kimberly R. Almario, and Ms. Rosemary D. Maningo.

The Paper Mâché Art Making Contest, launched on May 22, 2025, transformed institutional wastepaper into meaningful sculptures that conveyed messages of biodiversity, harmony, and sustainability.

Trainees from various trade areas demonstrated remarkable creativity and eco-consciousness in their designs. DABET emerged as the Champion of the contest, while DMET–Machining received the Most Sustainable Entry Award, and DCET was recognized for the Most Creative Interpretation.

The judging panel, composed of Mr. Aenon Prince A. Alporte, Mr. Nelson Z. Embat, and Ms. Nadel J. Toredes, evaluated the entries based on thematic

relevance, sustainability practices, and artistic execution.

The Culmination and Awarding Ceremony, held on June 30, 2025 at the RTC-KPVTTC Library, recognized the achievements of participating teams, advisers, and organizers.

The event affirmed the Training Center's commitment to realizing a culture of sustainability through skill-based, learner-centered, and environmentally responsive activities.



RTC-KPVTTC, DAVAO HOLDS GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR NSTP-CWTS TRAINEES

◆ ALANAH TAMARAH MILLAN

The Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVTTC), Davao celebrated the culmination of its National Service Training Program – Civic Welfare Training Service (NSTP-CWTS) with a graduation ceremony held on June 30, 2025, at the Training Center's Multipurpose Hall.

The ceremony honored the trainees' successful completion of their civic welfare training, which focused on community engagement, social responsibility, and nation-building. The event brought together trainees, faculty members, and community partners in a celebration of service and achievement.

The program began with the singing of the Philippine National Anthem and an invocation, followed by welcome remarks from Center Administrator Engr. Constantino B. Panes Jr., Ed.D.,

who emphasized the importance of volunteerism and active citizenship in nation-building.

Barangay Captain Merjade D. Calvo, representing the partner community, also delivered a message of support, expressing her gratitude to the trainees and RTC-KPVTTC, Davao, for their contribution to local development initiatives.

A highlight of the ceremony was the Awarding of Certificates to NSTP-CWTS completers and the partner barangay, in recognition of their cooperation and active participation throughout the academic year.

An audio-visual presentation showcasing the trainees' activities and community projects during their NSTP journey was shown, followed by a photo opportunity capturing the proud faces of the graduates and their mentors.



In his closing remarks, Mr. Edison C. Tasic, NSTP Focal of RTC-KPVTTC, Davao, congratulated the graduates and reminded them that civic duty continues beyond the classroom.

With this graduation, RTC-KPVTTC, Davao reaffirms its commitment to developing not only skilled workers but

also socially responsible individuals who are ready to contribute meaningfully to their communities and the nation.

67 GRADUATES CELEBRATE SUCCESS AT RTC-KPVTTC DAVAO'S 2025 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

◆ LOURY ANN ORBESO

Sixty-seven graduates of the 3-Year Diploma Program proudly received their diplomas as the Regional Training Center – Korea Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVTTC) Davao held its 2025 Commencement Exercises on April 25, 2025. The event became more than a graduation—it was a celebration of resilience, skills, and the promise of a future workforce ready to make its mark both locally and globally.

The milestone ceremony, held at RTC-KPVTTC Davao's Multipurpose Hall, honored graduates from various specialized fields: 22 in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Technology, 10 in Automotive Technology, 14 in Civil Engineering Technology, 7 in Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration Technology, 3 in Mechanical Engineering Technology, and 11 in Welding Technology.

More than the conferral of diplomas, the event recognized the grit and determination of students who completed a rigorous three-year program aligned with the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) Level 5. These graduates are now poised to enter the workforce as globally competitive professionals—equipped not just with technical skills but with the values of perseverance and excellence.

Distinguished guests and partners lent prestige to the ceremony. Among them were TESDA XI Regional Director Ramon Evan T. Ruiz, RTC-KPVTTC Davao, TESDA Davao City District Director Ms. Novielita A. Dispo, represented by Ms. Araceli R.

Guazon, and TESDA XIFASD Chief Ms. Liza P. Panuela, together with key industry partners who reaffirmed their continued support and partnership with the institution.

One story stood out among the many triumphs: Ms. Elvira Durano, a 59-year-old graduate of Diploma in Agricultural and

Biosystems Engineering Technology, captured hearts with her inspiring journey.

Fondly called the "mother" of the batch, she walked alongside other trainees who are decades younger than her, proving that education transcends age. Her success became the emotional centerpiece of the program, embodying the spirit of lifelong learning.

The program brimmed with meaning and emotion—highlighted by the awarding of medals, certificates, and plaques to top achievers and industry partners, heartfelt tributes to parents, a loyalty pledge from graduates, and the symbolic singing of the "TESDA Way."

For RTC-KPVTTC Davao, the Commencement Exercises are more than a closing chapter—they are a testament to the institution's mission of transforming lives through quality, industry-driven education.

For the Class of 2025, it marks the beginning of a new journey—one where their skills and perseverance will help build stronger communities and a stronger nation.



RTC-KPVTVC DAVAO INAUGURATES KOICA PHASE II POST MANAGEMENT PROJECT

◆ MAILA JENE L. ASENETA (SMAC JR.)

A significant milestone in the growing partnership between the Republic of Korea and the Philippines was celebrated as the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Phase II Post Management Project was officially inaugurated at the newly renovated Multipurpose Hall of the RTC-Korea Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPTVC) on April 4, 2025.

The event was led by TESDA Director General Secretary Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez and KOICA Country Director Mr. Jung Young Sun, who, together with other TESDA and KOICA officials, took part in the ceremonial ribbon-cutting to formally open the project.

Engr. Constantino B. Panes, Jr., Center Administrator of RTC-KPTVC, opened the event with a warm welcome, acknowledging the presence of guests and participants. This was followed by a message from TESDA Davao City District Director Novielita A. Dispo, who emphasized the value of continuous support for quality technical education in the region.

In his message, Mr. Jung Young Sun expressed KOICA's ongoing commitment to strengthening technical vocational education in the Philippines. He emphasized the value of international cooperation in improving local communities and creating better opportunities for Filipino youth.

TESDA Region XI Regional Director, Dir. Ramon Evan T. Ruiz introduced the Guest of Honor and keynote speaker, Secretary Kiko Benitez, who expressed his gratitude for KOICA's unwavering support. He encouraged stakeholders to work hand in hand to build a brighter future through inclusive and transformative education.

After the inauguration ceremony, Secretary Benitez, accompanied by Mr. Jung, DDG Villanueva III, and RD Ruiz, conducted a walkthrough of the RTC-KPTVC's trade areas. The officials engaged with trainers and trainees, observing live demonstrations and discussing how the enhanced infrastructure will support the center's goal of producing highly skilled graduates ready for local and international employment.

TECHNOEYE PUBLICATION RELAUNCHES, NOW A DIGITAL MAGAZINE

◆ JERIC BILITA

Technoeeye, the official publication of TESDA RTC-KorPhil Davao, now works in renewed vigor after launching its digital magazine in a simple ceremony on May 20, 2025 at the Seminar Room of the Center in Buhisan, Tibungco, Davao City.

TESDA XI Regional Director Ramon Evan T. Ruiz together with Davao City District Director Novielita P. Dispo witnessed the program and both conveyed messages of support to the publication's milestones.

In their messages, both directors emphasized the importance of innovation and adaptability in today's digital age lauding the publication's transition to a digital platform as a significant step toward reaching a wider audience and promoting the programs and services of TESDA more effectively.

RD Ruiz himself affirmed the economic advantages of the digital magazine, noting that the Center can significantly reduce costs compared to producing traditional printed copies.

Social Media and Advocacy Focal Mr. Mario M. Dela Cerna, the brainchild behind Technoeeye since 2014, said that the digital magazine brings a new dynamic to the delivery of news and events, making them accessible to anyone, anytime, anywhere.

The new digital magazine will release an issue every quarter prepared by the SMAC members of the Center in collaboration with the select 3-year Diploma trainees forming the SMAC Jr.

Relaunching of the TechnoEye





RTC-KORPHIL CONDUCTS 5-DAY TRAINING ON ENGINE SERVICING AND MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL FOR LTO PERSONNEL

JAY MARK NUEVO

In line with its commitment to support national environmental goals and improve public service delivery, the Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KORPHIL) successfully conducted a 5-day training on Engine Servicing and Motor Vehicle Emission Control Technician (MVECT) for selected employees of the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

Held from March 31 2025 – April 4, 2025, the specialized training was facilitated by Mr. Armando Bolivar, a seasoned trainer in automotive technology. The program aimed to enhance the technical competence of LTO

personnel in engine diagnostics, servicing techniques, and vehicle emission control systems.

This initiative is in the best interest of public service and was conducted in compliance with the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999 (Republic Act No. 8749). The Act mandates the regulation and reduction of air pollutants, including those emitted by motor vehicles, to protect and preserve the environment and public health.

Through this training, participants gained in-depth knowledge and hands-on experience in handling emission-related issues and

applying proper engine servicing protocols. The competencies developed are expected to strengthen the enforcement of emission standards and contribute to the government's efforts in promoting clean air and sustainable urban mobility.

RTC-KORPHIL continues to uphold its mission of delivering relevant and high-quality technical education and skills development programs that respond to the evolving needs of government agencies and the broader community.

Profiling Activity for Rice Machinery Operations (RMO) NC II at GISACO

ALANAH TAMARAH MILLAN



On March 5, 2025, the Gravity Irrigators Sustainable Agriculture Cooperative (GISACO) in Purok Molave, Brgy. New Visayas, Sto. Tomas, Davao del Norte, successfully hosted a profiling activity for the Rice Machinery Operations (RMO) NC II qualification, aimed at enhancing agricultural mechanization and training local farmers.

Key personnel from the Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVTC), Davao, were present during the activity. Among them were Mr. Joie Vincent R. Dagohoy, Scholarship Focal, and Engr. Lougino Miguel, head trainer of the Diploma in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Technology (DABET). Mr. John Rome Balbanida, designated RMO NC II trainer, will spearhead the upcoming training sessions. Ms. Rudelyn Babayan from the Registrar's Office ensured that proper documentation and records were maintained, while Mr. Clark Von

Capul managed logistics for the event.

Representing GISACO, Ms. Jennifer Cedeño played a crucial role in coordinating the event and facilitating the participation of local farmers. The profiling activity assessed eligible participants, equipping them with both theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience necessary for national certification.

The profiling activity assessed eligible participants for training, equipping them with theoretical and hands-on experience for national certification. This initiative reinforces RTC-KPVTC Davao and GISACO's commitment to empowering agricultural workers and advancing sustainable, mechanized rice farming in Davao del Norte.



RTC-KPVTC, DAVAO EQUIPS TRAINEES FOR REAL-WORLD SUCCESS THROUGH SIL PREDEPLOYMENT ORIENTATION

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The Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVTC), Davao successfully conducted a Supervised Industry Learning (SIL) Predeployment Orientation for two batches of trainees on July 27, 2025, at the Training Center's Multipurpose Hall.

The activity was held in two separate sessions – morning and afternoon – to accommodate all participants and ensure an organized, focused, and enriching learning experience.

The orientation aimed to prepare trainees for their upcoming industry immersion by equipping them with practical workplace knowledge, safety protocols, and values essential to

succeeding in real-world environments.

In his Welcome Message, Mr. Mario M. Dela Cerna, MTE, Acting Supervising TESD Specialist of the Training Center, emphasized the importance of the SIL program as a critical bridge between classroom learning and hands-on industry experience. He encouraged trainees to approach their immersion with professionalism, integrity, and the core values promoted by TESDA.

A comprehensive overview of the SIL program followed, led by Mr. Joel A. Atablanco, Senior TESD Specialist and SIL Focal Person. He clearly laid out the trainees' roles, expectations, and responsibilities during their immersion, providing essential guidelines to ensure a smooth and productive engagement with their host companies.

To strengthen the participants' workplace readiness, Ms. Christine Joy A. Ramones, the designated Guidance Counselor of the Training Center, facilitated engaging sessions on Work Ethics and Effective Conflict Resolution and Teamwork. She stressed the importance of accountability, adaptability, and collaborative effort in any professional setting.

Mr. Atablanco returned to deliver sessions on Confidentiality in the Workplace and Workplace Safety, reminding trainees of the importance of protecting sensitive information and observing strict safety protocols during their immersion.

The orientation was capped with Closing Remarks from Mr. Aenon Prince A. Alporte, Administrative Officer V, who motivated the

trainees to treat their SIL deployment as a vital step toward their future careers. He emphasized that the experience would not only develop their technical competencies but also mold them into responsible and reliable members of the workforce.

Marked by active participation and engaging discussions, the activity showcased the trainees' readiness to embrace real-world challenges.

Through this orientation, RTC-KPVTC, Davao reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to producing competent, values-driven, and industry-ready graduates prepared to contribute meaningfully to national development.

RTC-KPVTC DAVAO LAUNCHES TWO NEW SCHOLARSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS IN APRIL 2025

JOIE DAGOHY

In the second week of April 2025, the Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVTC) Davao launched two scholarship training programs: Rice Machinery Operations (RMO) NC II and Food and Beverage Services (FBS) NC III. A total of 35 scholars have been officially enrolled in these programs under the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

The Training Induction Program (TIP) for RMO NC II was held on April 8, 2025, at the Gravity Irrigators Sustainable Agriculture Cooperative (GISACO) in Barangay New Visayas, Sto. Tomas, Davao del Norte. The event was led by TESDA Davao City District Director, Dir. Novielita A. Dispo, together with her team, and RTC-KPVTC Davao Center Administrator, Engr. Constantino B. Panes, Jr., along with his staff. This course, offered under the Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP), will run from April 11 to July 5, 2025, and will be facilitated by Engr. John Rome L. Balbanida.



Meanwhile, the orientation for the FBS NC III program took place on April 11, 2025, at the RTC-KPVTC Davao Mini-Theater in Buhisan, Barangay Tibungco, Davao City. This session was facilitated by Scholarship Focal Person Mr. Joie Vincent R. Dagohoy, along with Assessment Staff Ms. Marie Fe J. Gabriento. The trainees are recipients of TESDA's Tulog Trabaho Scholarship Program (TTSP) and will be trained by Mr. Mikko D. Rosell from April 12 to July 5, 2025.

Both TWSP and TTSP scholars will receive free skills training, free national

competency assessment, and a daily Training Support Fund (TSF) allowance of 160.00. To maintain their scholarship and be eligible for national certification, scholars must complete at least 80% of the total training duration and successfully pass the institutional and national competency assessments.

Through these initiatives, TESDA and RTC-KPVTC Davao continue to strengthen their commitment to empowering Filipinos with accessible, high-quality technical and vocational education.



A DAY AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM FOR DCET TRAINEES

◆ JOIE DAGOHY

On June 5, 2025, 22 second-year trainees from the Diploma in Civil Engineering Technology (DCET) program of the Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVT) Davao stepped outside the classroom for a richly immersive field trip.

Under the supervision of their trainer, Mr. Joie Vincent R. Dagohoy, and museum guide Ms. Jazze Jane B. Dumadapat, the group spent the day at the National Museum of the Philippines (NMP) – Davao, located at People's Park Compound, J. Palma Gil St., Brgy. 4A, Poblacion District, Davao City.

This outing supported their GE Readings in Philippine History and Life and Works of Rizal subjects, granting them direct access to the region's heritage.

Inside NMP Davao, the trainees explored:

Ground-floor art exhibits, including National Artist

Victorio Edades "Davao Industries", which is a powerful tribute to Davao's productive identity

Second-floor natural history displays showcasing rock specimens, marine fossils, a Stegodon replica, and a Philippine eagle exhibit

Third-floor "Bahandi" gallery featuring ritual and everyday artifacts of Mindanao's indigenous tribes

Fourth-floor "Kabalin" textile section, highlighting indigenous weaving traditions and works by National Artist Ang Kiukok

For civil engineering trainees, replicative models of indigenous structures and craftsmanship offered a real-world perspective on traditional construction techniques.

"This trip brings our class discussions into life," shared Mr. Dagohoy. "Seeing these artifacts firsthand deepens both understanding and appreciation of my trainees." What began as a class activity turned into a profound exploration of cultural identity and heritage. For many, it was a powerful reminder of how history, craft, and community intertwine—shaping the landscapes they build today.



KASH for cash: TESDA trainees, alumni and local entrepreneurs earn over P50,000 in TABO 2025

◆ JERIC BILITA



TESDA trainees, alumni, and local entrepreneurs transformed their Knowledge, Attitude, Skills, and Habits (KASH) into real earning, generating over 50,000 during TABO 2025, a three-day food bazaar organized by TESDA RTC-KorPhil Davao from May 26 to 28, 2025 at the RTC-KorPhil Multipurpose Hall in Buhisan, Tibungco. The bazaar attracted hundreds of visitors and buyers, showcasing food innovations and entrepreneurial spirit led by the trainees—turning their KASH into cash.

Held in celebration of Farmer's and Fisherfolk's Month, TABO 2025—which stands for Trabaho, Ani, Benta at Oportunidad—was spearheaded by the trainees of Technopreneurship and Introduction to Meetings, Incentives, Conference and Events (MICE) courses under the Diploma in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

Technology (DABET) and Diploma in Hotel and Restaurant Technology, respectively.

A number of alumni and local entrepreneurs also exhibited their products in the event. TABO 2025 theme "Binhi ng Lupa at Dagat, Ani Para sa Lahat" reflected the goal of TABO to bring to the consumers the bounty of the seas and land produced by the hardworking farmers and fisherfolks.

As part of the opening ceremony on May 26, resource persons were invited from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST XI), Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI XI), and Department of Agriculture – Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (DA-PhilMech). They shared insights on a wide range of programs

and technologies aimed at supporting farmers and fisherfolks, providing over 500 TESDA diploma trainees with valuable knowledge on real-world applications of science, training, and mechanization in agriculture.

In addition to the keynote talk, the three agencies also participated as exhibitors, showcasing their services, innovations, and outreach programs aimed at uplifting the lives of farming and fishing communities across the Davao Region.

In his message, RTC-KorPhil Davao Center Administrator Engr. Constantino B. Panes Jr. EdD said that "TABO 2025 is not just a bazaar. It is a celebration of lives, of livelihoods, and of learning. It is our way of saying 'salamat' to the farmers and fisherfolks – the true heroes of our land and seas". On his part, Training Department Head Mario M. Dela Cerna, MTE bared words of support to the efforts of the trainees in organizing the event, highlighting TABO as an effective platform for the trainees to apply what they have learned from their courses.

Adding fun to the TABO celebration is the pig catching competition held at the grounds of the Center which was participated by the trainees coming from the different trade areas, whose winners received cash prizes.

Indeed, the synergy of education, enterprise, and public service made TABO 2025 a successful celebration—not only of agricultural workers—but also of the young technopreneurs preparing to make their marks in the field

Safe Spaces Begin With Us: RTC-KPVT, Davao Leads Forum on Protecting Human Dignity

BY ALANAH TAMARAH MILLAN

In a bold step toward building a more respectful and inclusive learning environment, the Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVT), Davao hosted "Safe Spaces and Stronger Communities: A Forum on Protecting Human Dignity" on May 21, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the RTC-KPVT Multipurpose Hall. The forum was mandatory for all trainers and staff across all trade areas, emphasizing the institution's firm stance on upholding safety and human rights in education.

To provide accurate legal insight and deepen participants' understanding of relevant laws, the Training Center requested resource speakers from the Philippine National Police – Davao City Police Office. The guest speakers educated attendees on four landmark legislations: the Safe Spaces Act (RA 11313), Anti-Hazing Act of 2018 (RA 11053), Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995 (RA 7877), and Anti-Bullying Act of 2013

(RA 10627). These laws served as critical frameworks for promoting safe, inclusive, and respectful environments in both academic and professional settings.

The initiative reflected RTC-KPVT, Davao's commitment to not just technical training, but also the moral and ethical development of its workforce. By deepening awareness of these protections, the forum empowered trainers to become advocates of safe spaces within their spheres of influence—ensuring that institutions like TESDA were not only centers of learning but also sanctuaries of dignity.

"We're not just teaching skills – we're nurturing people. And that means building a culture where no one fears for their safety or worth," said Engr. Constantino B. Panes, Jr., EdD, Center Administrator of RTC-KPVT, Davao.

Through this forum, RTC-KPVT, Davao made it clear: protecting human dignity isn't just a policy – it's a shared promise. And that promise begins with all of us.



RTC-KPVT, DAVAO SPARKS VITAL TALK ON MENTAL HEALTH, REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, AND DISABILITY INCLUSION

◆ MAILA JENE L. ASENETA (SMAC JR.)



With a call to go beyond technical skills and embrace civic awareness, the Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVT), Davao held a powerful forum titled "Awareness and Action: Understanding Health and Social Welfare Laws" on May 23, 2025, at its Multipurpose Hall. The event brought together trainees, staff, and guests for an afternoon of eye-opening discussions on mental health, reproductive rights, and disability inclusion, led by a panel of expert speakers.

The forum was part of RTC-KPVT's initiative to promote understanding of key national laws that protect the health and welfare of every Filipino. Through the support and coordination of the Department of Health (DOH), the event aimed to help future professionals not only sharpen their skills but also become informed citizens who understand the laws that uphold their well-being and dignity.

Three expert speakers took the stage. Ms. Louiela Jane Angcon, a registered psychometrician and mental health advocate, unpacked the Mental Health Act (RA 11036), emphasizing the right to access mental health services and the urgent need to end stigma. Ms. Fairuz C. Diamona-Dinalo, a registered nurse,

gave a comprehensive talk on the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act (RA 10354), highlighting how reproductive health education empowers families to make responsible choices. Meanwhile, social worker Ms. Estrella S. Lozada shed light on the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons (RA 7277, as amended by RA 10754), outlining how the law supports persons with disabilities in education, employment, and social participation.

"These laws exist to protect not just our trainees, but also their families and communities," said Engr. Constantino B. Panes Jr., EdD, Center Administrator, in his opening remarks. "Understanding your rights is just as important as mastering your trade. Knowledge is power – not only for your career but for your life."

The forum concluded with a strong reminder from Mr. Mario Dela Cerna, head of the Training Department, encouraging everyone to carry forward what they had learned: "Let's not stop at awareness. Let's take action and become advocates in our own circles."

As participants walked out of the hall, they didn't just leave with information – they carried with them a renewed sense of responsibility to build a society that is healthier, more informed, and truly inclusive.

605 TRAINEES OF RTC-KPVTCT DAVAO RECEIVE 2ND TRANCHE OF TRAINING SUPPORT FUND

JOIE DAGOHOY



A total of 605 trainees from the Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVTCT) Davao recently received the second tranche of their Training Support Fund (TSF) on May 26, 2025, providing vital financial assistance to support their technical-vocational education.

The TSF distribution was led by Ms. Yvonne Louise O. Micabalo, Finance Officer of the TESDA Davao City District Office (DCDO), together with the Scholarship Focal of RTC-KPVTCT Davao, Mr. Joie Vincent R. Dagohoy.

The recipients were under three scholarship programs of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA): 558 trainees are under the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA) currently enrolled in the diploma (long-term)

programs of the center; 25 trainees were under the Tulong Trabaho Scholarship Program (TTSP) who have finished their Events Management Services NC III training early this year, and; 22 trainees were under the Special Training for Employment Program (STEP) who have graduated in Support Horticultural Crop Work training late in October of 2024.

The Training Support Fund helps cover essential training-related costs such as transportation, food, and basic daily needs—playing a key role in helping scholars complete their training without financial strain.

TESDA, in partnership with RTC-KPVTCT Davao, remains committed to delivering accessible, high-quality technical education and contributing to a competent, job-ready Filipino workforce.



PIPES OF PROGRESS: TESDA XI RTC-KPVTCT DAVAO LEVELS UP TRAINING WITH PLUMBING NC III PROGRAM

LOURY ANN ORBESO

From May 13 to 15, 2025, the Regional Training Center – Korea-Philippines Vocational Training Center (RTC-KPVTCT) Davao held a transformative three-day Capability Building Program and Competency Assessment for Plumbing NC III, empowering TESDA trainers and Civil Engineering Technology trainees to meet industry standards and raise the bar for skills excellence.

Authorized under TESDA XI's Office Order No. 070, series of 2025, this initiative assembled 7 seasoned TESDA trainers and 12 third-year trainees from the Diploma in Civil Engineering Technology (DCET) program to sharpen their technical competencies in plumbing. The program was held at the RTC-KPVTCT, Davao's DCET Lecture Room and Practical Area in Buhisan, Tibungo.

The event stood out not only for its hands-on workshops and technical demonstrations aligned with the Plumbing NC III Training Regulations, but also for the guidance of guest speaker and lead assessor Engr. Rey F. Escudero from Region VII. A multi-awarded industry veteran and licensed

professional in multiple disciplines, Engr. Escudero brought invaluable expertise and inspiration, highlighting the values of excellence, integrity, and adaptability in his keynote address.

Beyond personal growth for participants, the program reinforced TESDA's commitment to creating a highly skilled, globally competitive workforce in the construction sector. All participating trainees passed the competency assessment and are now qualified for National Certificate Level III, while trainers successfully completed their capability enhancement.

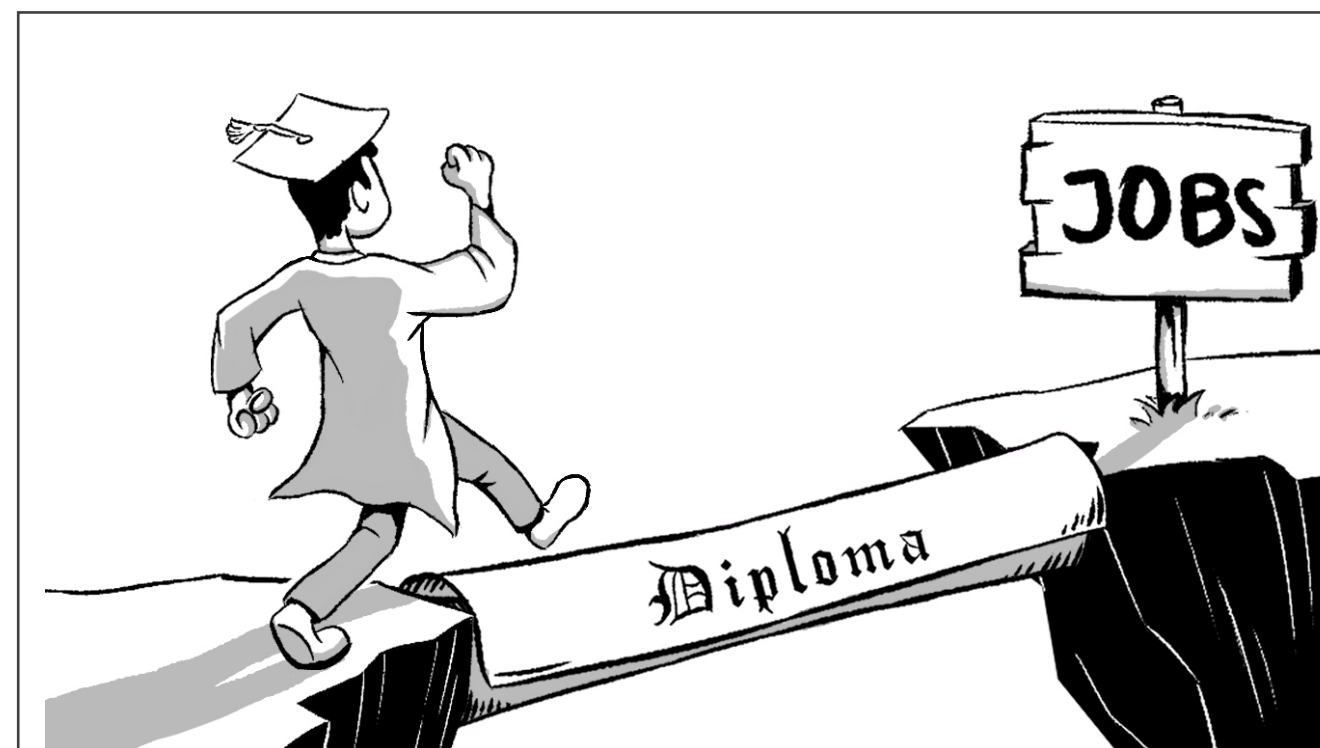
"This kind of training is exactly what we need to push our standards forward," said Engr. Constantino B. Panes, Jr., Ed.D., Center Administrator of RTC-KPVTCT, Davao. "Our trainers and trainees are better equipped, more confident, and more motivated to deliver real impact in their respective fields."

As the tools are packed away and certificates await distribution, one thing is clear: this initiative is more than just a training – it's a bold step toward building a nation of capable hands and empowered futures.



BRIDGING THE FUTURE: GRADUATES READY TO STEP INTO THE WORKFORCE

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