



The accreditors of the nine programs of GADTC together with the President of ALCU-COA, and GADTC President and Vice President for Academic Affairs, meet through zoom meeting on the first day of the Accreditation; students witnessed the program through Facebook Live

GADTC takes on another milestone through ALCUCOA accreditation

■ Glydel Abella

"Despite the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, our journey towards quality and excellence continues," Dr. Maricelle M. Nueva, President of Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College (GADTC), said on the 1st day of the Virtual Accreditation, November 25.

Amid the pandemic's surge, GADTC pursued to assess and further improve and ensure the quality of education that the institution has been providing to its growing population of students. The virtual Accreditation was started with a Holy Mass on Wednesday morning. The actual Accreditation, wherein teachers and students were observed in their respective virtual classrooms, happened on the following days.

The credible and qualified accreditors from the Association of Local Universities and Colleges-Commission on Accreditation (ALCUCOA) for the nine programs were: Dr. Ma. Cecilia O. Martinez, Professor 3 in the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila and is a member of the Philippine Nursing Association (PNA), was the Program Accreditor for General Midwifery; Dr. Arnel Leonardo, Associate Professor of the Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy in the College of Arts and Letters and College of Education at the University of Makati (UMAK), is

the program accreditor for Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Social Studies; Professor Catherine Catamora, the present Director of Education Technology Office at the Far Eastern University, is the program accreditor for Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Dr. Rosenda A. De Garcia, Professional Lecturer in Psychology and Educational Management courses at Polytechnic University of the Philippines since 1987 to present, is the program accreditor for Bachelor of Arts in Criminology.

The Program accreditor for Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Bachelor of Arts in Communication was Dr. Albert Madrigal, a full time faculty at University of the Philippines (UP) Los Baños and the University President of Pamantasan ng Cabuyao;

Professor Lutgarda Vallefias-Calupaz who is an Administrative and Finance specialist at U.S. commercial service and an Executive Assistant to the President in the ETI corporation in Manila, is the program accreditor for Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Human Resource Management; Dr. Danilo S. Hilario, Doctor of Education in Industrial Management at the University of the Philippines and the present Accreditor in the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities (since 1994), is also the program accreditor for Bachelor of Science in Office Administration; and Dr. Imelda Soriano, Doctor of Education Major in Educational Management,

who is currently taking up Masters in Public Management Major in Local Governance and Regional Administration at UP Open University, is the Supervising Accreditor of ALCUCOA and at the same time the Program Accreditor for Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Filipino.

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) in GADTC was also reviewed by Prof. Angelee S. Domingo, the present Director for Learning Resource Center at Diliman College and Diliman Preparatory School (since 2006) and a Member of Philippine Librarian's Association, Inc., the Area Accreditor for Library.

The said Accreditation was headed by ALCUCOA President and Executive Director, Dr. Raymundo P. Arcega. This is together with the ALCUCOA team: ALCUCOA National treasurer; ALCUCOA Vice President, Dr. Elena Presnedi, ALCUCOA National Secretary, Dr. Imelda Soriano; and the rest of the ALCUCOA officers with the supervising technical assistant, Professor Kristin Mendoza partnered with Mr. Luigi Miguel Maghinay.

This continued pursuant of Accreditation of the mentioned academic programs was to ensure the quality of instruction and services to establish a College that is the premier institution on culture and the arts.

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Dr. Nueva hails as the new College President

■ Rea Sofia Ramos

Dr. Maricelle M. Nueva was now the newly installed College President of Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College after being voted unanimously for one full term via a special meeting on November 16.

Nueva earned her Doctor in Management degree at Liceo De Cagayan University and had served the institution as Vice President for Planning, Quality Management and External Affairs from 2012-202.

During the search for the presidency, she highlighted the importance of being active in the community, which is essential in being a leader.

"I believe we can never be an effective leader, especially a president in the academe, if our family and community service and engagement are unstable. We can only influence people to do good and to do the right thing if they see in us the

passion and the spirit to become who we are, what we are, and whom we are for," she said.

She also emphasized being God-centered citizens, for it is the college's vision as being the light of the world, which in fact, her Sundays were always spent in the church.

"What I mean here is that my beauty comes from the fact that I am a child of God and I've been striving each day to be faithful through my unwavering commitment to God's service in the Church, in the community, and GADTC, a loving wife and a thoughtful mother of two kids, and a caring and generous friend to people around me," Nueva stated when Dr. Jennifer Tan asked her before the election proper.

Furthermore, on her first President's time, she extended her thanks to everyone who put effort into the Accreditation.

GADTC takes on...

The areas that the accreditors also checked were the following: Governance and Administration, Faculty, Curriculum and Development, Student Development and Services, Entrepreneurship and Employability, Community Extension and Services, Research, Library, Physical Plant and Laboratories.

On November 26th, Document Review and Validation, classroom observations, Campus Tour (Physical Plant and Laboratories), Stakeholders' conference, and Community Extension to GADTC'S adopted Barangay all took place the morning of that day. On the 3rd day, November 27, classroom observation, interviews with students, parents/guardians, and LGU Tangub City officials were conducted via zoom.

An afternoon of that same day, there was also the accreditation report's finalization.

The preparation for this three-day Virtual Accreditation took GADTC Faculty, Staff, Administration 15 days or more to get all the documents and facilities ready finally.

We are immensely grateful to ALCU- COA because as we continuously move towards continued improvement, ALCU- COA has been there and will always be there for all of us LUC's. Again, thank you, ALCU- COA, through Dr. Raymundo P. Arcega's leadership. Maraming-maraming salamat po for gathering good leaders in promoting academic excellence and who help each other out in ensuring that LUC's will give the best educational experience to the generation who will inherit the country," message from Dr. Nueva.

Arcega to Alfonsos: Education is a way of life

■ Rea Sofia Ramos

Dr. Arcega heightens the opening of Virtual Accreditation through an inspirational message

Dr. Raymundo Arcega highlighted that quality education is a way of life and a culture on the three-day virtual Accreditation opening day, November 25.

Arcega was the President of the Association of Local Colleges and Universities - Commission on Accreditation (ALCU- COA) and, at the same time, the consultant of Governor Alfonso D. Tan College.

He was thankful to the college for always opening doors for Accreditation and helping the institution.

"Accreditation is a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge for us to identify opportunities for improvement and opportunity for us to learn from our team accreditors."

He also extended his gratitude to the teachers who continued molding and touching every Alfonso's life as being the light of the world.

"Teaching is a call, not an accident. That you're called among so many who wanted to join the teaching professions, but you're few among those who have

been blessed to end up touching lives through the teaching profession finally."

As to the students, he was grateful to them for entrusting their future to GADTC.

"Thank you for your dreams; who happens to be the dreams of GADTC. Thank you for entrusting your future through GADTC. Thank you for believing that education can liberate you from ignorance. Thank you for considering that education can free one from poverty."

Henceforth, nine programs of college will be accredited. Those were Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Bachelor of Arts in English, Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Human Resource Management, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Office Administration, Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Filipino, Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Social Studies, Bachelor of Science in Computer Studies and General Midwifery.

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Dr. Raymundo P. Arcega, President of the Association of Local Colleges and Universities-Commission on Accreditation (ALCU- COA) Accreditation team, commended and inspired the workforce of Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College (GADTC) during the opening of Accreditation, in their pursuit to provide excellence to Alfonsos amid the pandemic

Virtual Accreditation ends through an exit conference

■ Glydel Abella

"The virtual accreditation journey visit by the ALCUCOA is about to end officially," said GADTC President Dr. Maricelle M. Nueva on the three-day Virtual Orientation of Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College.

The conference ended through an exit conference through Zoom, afternoon of November 27. The Faculty and Staff of GADTC attended it, the Board of Trustees, GADTC consultants: Dr. GerundiaPeñas and Professor Emilio "jojin" Pascual; City Vice Mayor and member of the Board of Trustees, Hon. Alberto Peña; with the City councilors; and SangguniangPanglungsod Member and chair of the Education, SP member Hon. Philip John Yonting.

We can not just let this end without conveying our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the President and Executive director of ALCUCOA, Dr. Raymundo P. Arcega," said Dr. Nueva

On the first two days of the Accreditation, teachers of the different accredited programs were assessed and evaluated through live virtual class observation and had undergone few interviews.



"The recommendations initially mentioned a while ago are all very specific, making it easy for us to identify the steps moving forward to higher accreditation levels. The recommendations were not impossible, which only proved that with an ongoing commitment to improving our systems, policies, and programs, plus the overwhelming support from the City officials, Board of

Trustees (BOT), GADTC is still on the right track of ensuring quality in education," by President Nueva

The conduct of the virtual Accreditation was not wavered by the country's current situation. Dr. Nueva assures that the administration will try their best to let GADTC and Alfonsos know what they deserve through good governance.

OSA initiates Kumustahan with Alfonsos series

■ Glydel Abella

Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College (GADTC)–Office of Student Affairs launched a Kumustahan with Alfonsos series, a program that aimed to cater to the students' needs, especially in this time of pandemic; the last series befell on November of this year.

Mr. John Rayman P. Pondoc, Head of the Student Development and Activities said in an online interview that this program started on the second semester of the last academic year, in lieu of the pandemic's adverse effects on the students.

"Mainly, the pandemic brought us to this activity because we aimed to come up with a program that will enable us to reach to our students, knowing that we are in this challenging time," Mr. Pondoc said.

This program initially started in April this year, during the pandemic outbreak. The Kumustahan with Students series reached out to students through Facebook lives, Zoom meetings, and calling and texting them.

"As one of the Head of the Student Services, I realized that there are a lot of things that we need to address and attend to most especially in this time when students and teachers are still adjusting to the New Normal," he explained. "I realized how important proper communication and guidance is to our students."

Additionally, as the Office of Student Affairs and other offices concerning student services work on this program together, they have also extended their service to other platforms such as airing live in the local radio station. Teachers and staff were allowed to talk to the students and facilitate the said program.

"Aside from reaching out (to students), we will also consolidate all of their concerns, clarifications, questions, and queries, and feedback, for a check-up and follow-ups," he stated.

Student leaders were also present on one or more episodes of the series, which shared and inspired other Alfonsos who was going through a lot. Feedback and responses of the students are recorded and assessed through filling out the Google Forms from the facilitating offices.

"With this program, we were able to know the current situations of the students either in their living spaces, at home, or even wherever they were staying at," Mr. Pondoc advocated.

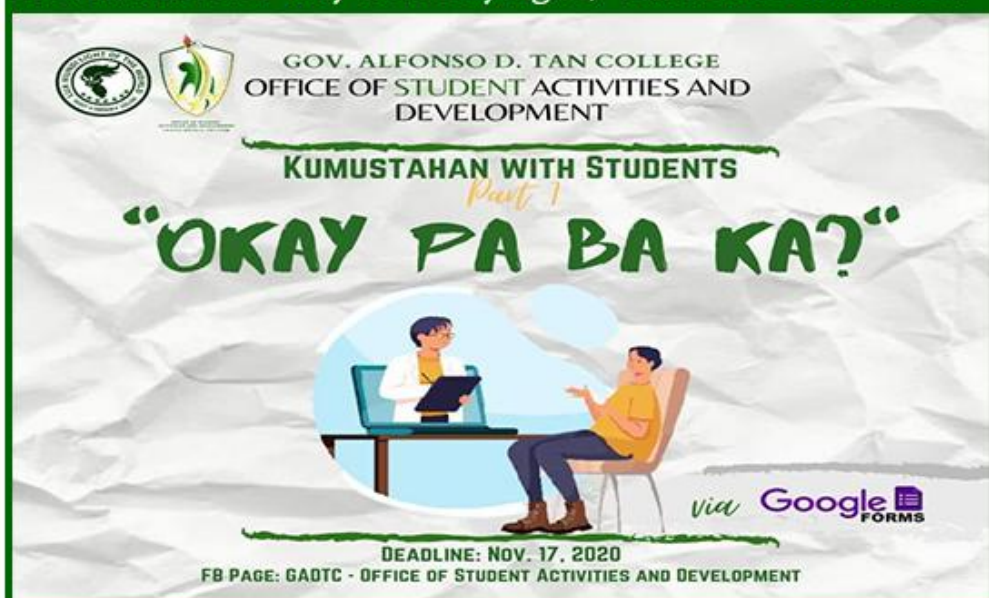


Image from GADTC-Office of Student Development and Activities Facebook page

Distribution of learning tablets rolls out on November

Veronica Laranjo

Since Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College (GADTC) is pursuing synchronous and asynchronous classes, the college provided the students with learning tablets through the cooperation of the Local government unit (LGU) of Tangub City.

Meanwhile, the distribution started last October 27. The said gadgets were also accompanied by a free subscription of monthly load allocated for two years.

Upon receiving the gadgets, the students were reminded of all the guidelines and policies. First, only regular college students with a full load or at least 15 units due to retention policy must use the learning tablet. Next off, students scheduled to graduate this A. Y. 2020-2021 are not qualified to avail of the college's learning tablet privilege. However, students who don't have gadgets and access to an Internet connection will be allowed to use the school facilities.

Aside from that, a student shall also counterpart an amount of one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) to be paid upon receipt of the unit. Fourth, the learning tablet will be logged and registered to the learner's name. Next, learners are expected to use mobile devices responsibly and following this policy. Learning tablet shall be used for learning only. Online games and unnecessary apps are not allowed. However, minimal incidental private usage is permitted.

GADTC shall retain ownership of the tablet. The student shall enjoy the beneficial use of the pill in his possession. Upon receipt of the learning tablet, Full ownership of the learning tablet shall only be transferred to the student after graduation.

Moreover, the learners should take all the reasonable and practical precautions to help the device safe from damage, loss, or thief. If the

learning tablet is lost, stolen, or destroyed, after which he/she shall replace the unit lost, learners shall also notify the college and report to the police station within 24 hours. If she/he does not report within 24 hours, he/she shall be liable for twice the value of the unit/Internet subscription plan cost.

Furthermore, the learning tablet shall be returned/surrendered in good condition to the college by the student when he/she stops from schooling to avail this same unit/new unit when he/she decides to re-enroll. Failure to return the device in good and functional condition, the following sanctions will be imposed: (a) Transcript of records, honorable dismissal, and other school documents will not be released; (b) The unit will be blocked; (c) Upon re-enrollment, he/she can no longer avail of a new Learning Tablet. The college will also conduct regular Monitoring and random inspection to ensure that the student's Learning Tablet is used responsibly and in accordance with the policy.



GADTC Through time...



Photos of faculty members and staff during the preparation for the three-day accreditation and during their class observations in the accreditation proper; struggle, honor, and accomplishment painted in their faces.