

## THE HEADLINE:

## Official Visit of TESDA Deputy Director General in Pangasinan Technological Institute

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On February 06, 2025, the Deputy Director General (DDG) for TESD Operations, Vidal D. Villanueva III, and DDG for Special Concerns, Felizardo R. Colambo, along with TESDA Regional Director Joel M. Pilotin, Provincial Director James T. Ferrer, and other TESDA officials, visited the Pangasinan Technological Institute (PTI) in Pangasinan. This visit was part of TESDA's ongoing efforts to monitor and enhance the delivery of technical-vocational education and training (TVET) across the country under the leadership of TESDA Secretary Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez.

The primary objective of the DDG's visit was to assess the effectiveness of the TESDA programs offered at PTI and ensure that the skills training provided aligns with industry requirements and the evolving demands of the workforce.

Upon arrival at TESDA-PTI, the Deputy Director General and other TESDA officials were warmly welcomed by the institution's administrator Mr. Abundio B. Luzadas Jr., PTI staffs and Diploma trainees. A short program was held to introduce the institution's leadership and the various programs offered. DDG Felizardo R. Colambo delivered a message in which he explained the TESDA Best 8-Point Agenda. These include: Access to TVET, Behavior and Mindset Change, Competency Standards and TRs for New and Higher Level Qualifications, Demand Driven and Data-Driven TVET, Employment Outcomes, Flexible Learning and Facilities, Global Competitiveness and Good Housekeeping, Harmonization with the SHS Curriculum, Ladderization with Higher Education and Lifelong Learning Pathways, while DDG Vidal D. Villanueva III, provided an update on TESDA's initiatives for future programs, and offered feedback on the institution's strengths and areas for improvement.

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## Community-Based Training in Skinless Longganisa Making in BJMP, San Carlos City, Pangasinan

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On February 12, 2025, a significant community-based training initiative was launched, bringing together the TESDA-Pangasinan Technological Institute, the Local Government Unit of San Carlos, Pangasinan, and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology. This collaborative effort aimed to empower Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) with valuable vocational skills in food processing, specifically in skinless longganisa making.

Led by Vocational School Administrator II Mr. Abundio B. Luzadas Jr., Vocational Instruction Supervisor Mr. Rolly B. De Vera, and CBT focal Ms. Dovie Q. Santillan, the training was designed to provide technical skills and contribute to the rehabilitation and reintegration of PDLs into society. A total of 66 participants, including PDLs and individuals from various categories, joined the training, which was structured to provide both hands-on experience and theoretical knowledge.

The training commenced with an opening prayer, followed by opening remarks from Acting City Jail Warden JSINSP Benjamin C. Dulay and an introduction to the program by PESO Manager Mr. Voltaire Enrico Cabuay. Ms. Nady A. Mangaliag delivered a presentation on behalf of TESDA Provincial Director and PTI representatives, while Ms. Rowena Dela Cruz conveyed a heartfelt message from Dr. James Ferrer, TESDA Provincial Director.

Throughout the training, participants were engaged in interactive sessions, divided into five groups to ensure active participation. Trainers Ms. Dovie Q. Santillan and Keren Joy C. Villena provided step-by-step demonstrations, followed by practical sessions where participants replicated the techniques. The training emphasized safety measures, food handling protocols, and cleanliness.

The program concluded with closing remarks from Assistant City Jail Warden SJ04 Ronald A. Wanas and the awarding of tokens of appreciation. This initiative marked a significant step towards providing livelihood opportunities and supporting the rehabilitation of PDLs.

## Compliance Audit In Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) NC I & NC II, Carpentry NC II, Driving NC II, Aquaculture NC II & Mango Processing Level II

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The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority-Pangasinan Technological Institute (TESDA-PTI) successfully conducted a Compliance Audit on Program Registration for various technical and vocational programs, including Shielded Metal Arc Welding, Carpentry, Driving, Aquaculture, and Mango Processing. Led by Vocational School Administrator Abundio B. Luzadas, Jr., the audit aimed to ensure compliance with TESDA's Unified TVET Program Registration and Accreditation System (UTPRAS) guidelines. A team of regional and provincial auditors assessed the program through a hybrid evaluation.

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The TESDA-PTI program registration process underwent a thorough evaluation, including on-site inspections, documentary compliance review, and readiness assessment. The evaluation identified key areas for improvement, including a lack of required tools and equipment for some qualifications, which TESDA-PTI was given 30 working days to address.

Other concerns included the absence of the Provincial Director's signature on the Registry of Workers Assessed and Certified, the need to relocate some training areas to meet space specifications, and the requirement to update shop layouts to optimize space utilization and align with TESDA standards.

A team of officials, trainers, and support staff led by Mr. Abundio B. Luzadas, Jr. and Ms. Irene C. Garcia, conducted the assessment, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation of TESDA-PTI's compliance with training standards and program requirements.

The assessment and evaluation of TESDA-PTI's program registration led to several recommendations for compliance. These included obtaining the Provincial Director's signature on the Registry of Workers Assessed and Certified (RWAC), procuring required tools and equipment within 30 working days, relocating training facilities to meet space requirements, and updating shop layouts to enhance training efficiency. To achieve full compliance with TESDA standards, TESDA-PTI was also recommended to continue faculty development programs to strengthen trainers' competencies. The institution demonstrated its commitment to providing high-quality technical and vocational education and must now focus on addressing the recommendations within the prescribed timeline. By doing so, TESDA-PTI can ensure effective skills development and maintain its standards.

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TESDA, as the leading government agency for technical-vocational education and training in the Philippines, plays a crucial role in equipping individuals with the necessary skills to improve employability and contribute to economic development. The Deputy Director General's visit aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of TESDA programs and projects at the grassroots level and provide guidance on enhancing the quality of training services offered to the community.

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VALENTINES' DAY is a special day to celebrate love and affection on February 14th people show their partner, friends and loved ones with thoughtful gesture. Gifts and heartfelt messages from romantic dinners to sweet surprises. It's day to show appreciation and kindness. Whether you're single or coupled. Valentine's day is a reminder to spread love; kindness and joy.

~Angel Janby Galzote, HMT Trainee

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Program Title	Duration
1. Aquaculture NC II	1,276 Hours
2. Assembly of Solar Nightlight and Post-Lamp	40 Hours
3. Barista NC II	178 Hours
4. Bread and Pastry Production NC II	141 Hours
5. Carpentry NC II	301 Hours
6. Cookery NC II	316 Hours
7. Construction Painting NC II	178 Hours
8. Contact Tracing Level II	120 Hours
9. Driving NC II	118 Hours
10. Food and Beverages Services NC II	356 Hours
11. Food Processing NC II	552 Hours
12. Housekeeping NC II	436 Hours
13. Housekeeping NC III	107 Hours
14. Masonry NC II (181 hours training + 120 SIL hours)	301 Hours
15. Organic Agriculture Production NC II	232 Hours
16. Shielded Metal Arc Welding NC I	268 Hours
17. Shielded Metal Arc Welding NC II	268 Hours
18. Trainer's Methodology Level I	264 Hours
19. Barangay Health Services NC II	436 Hours
20. Integrated Organic Farming System Program	575 Hours
21. Community-based Trainers Methodology Course	40 Hours
22. Facilitate E-learning Sessions	40 Hours
23. Pest and Nutrient Management	40 Hours
24. Production of High Quality Inbred Rice and Seed Certification and Farm Mechanization	96 Hours
25. PV Systems Installation NC II	284 Hours
Diploma Programs	
1. Hospitality Management Technology	3 years
2. Fisheries Technology (Leading to BS in Fisheries)	3 years
Mobile Training Program (MTP)	
1. Food Processing NC II	552 Hours