

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo unveils vision on Engineering Progress at Batangas Development Summit (BDS) 2022



The Batangas Development Summit (BDS) 2022, held at Lima Park Hotel, Lipa-Malvar, Batangas on December 2, welcomed a renowned figure in the academic and engineering world, Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, President of the Philippines' National Engineering University, as one of its keynote speakers.

With a focus on "The Philippines' National Engineering University: Powering the Progress of Batangas and the Philippines," Dr. Ronquillo shed light on the crucial role of engineering in driving economic and social progress. He emphasized the importance of innovation and collaboration in addressing the challenges faced by the engineering industry and the nation as a whole.

"Batangas State University is one of the 114 state universities in the Philippines, with over 11 campuses. It was founded in 1903 and has evolved over the years to become the largest engineering school in the country, offering over a hundred academic programs, 46 of which are engineering programs. As the National Engineering University, we are tasked with providing leadership in shaping a new vision in engineering education in the country," Dr. Ronquillo shared during his talk at BDS 2022. In order to create a creative, cooperative, and technologically advanced society, he also spoke about the significance of embracing research and digital transformation and expressed the university's willingness to cooperate with business, government, and other academic institutions in order to empower the development of the Province of Batangas and the Philippines.



The province of Batangas is positioning itself as an important gateway to the progress and development of the rest of the country, as stressed by Gov. Hermilando Mandanas during his speech. He acknowledged the contribution of the Batangas State University, The National Engineering University (BatStateU- The NEU), designated as the country's National Engineering University, in the province's push to be the gateway for progress and development in the CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon) region and the whole country. "Here (BatStateU), we really have the basic ingredients ... with the ideas, the creativity [and innovation]," he added.

According to Dr. Ronquillo, BatStateU- The NEU is true to its mandate by continuously producing engineers and leaders needed by CALABARZON and the rest of the country and adapting programs and courses to local needs.

Dr. Ronquillo’s insights on the engineering industry's current state and future prospects were widely praised. His thought-provoking presentation sparked lively discussions among the attendees and the media during the press conference.

The annual event, which gathers leaders from the business, government, and academic sectors, provided a platform for the attendees to exchange ideas and share their thoughts on how to further spur economic and social development in Batangas and the CALABARZON region.

The Batangas Development Summit, a gathering of like-minded individuals and organizations working towards the same goal, is a testament to the power of collaboration and its positive impact on communities and nations. Certainly, BDS 2022 has set the stage for even greater achievements in the future.

