



# BATANGAS STATE UNIVERSITY

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## Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo takes Oath of Office as NIC Executive Member, representing academe

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, President of Batangas State University (BatStateU), The Philippines' National Engineering University, has pledged to be at the forefront of driving innovation as he officially took the oath as an Executive Member - Academe Representative of the National Innovation Council (NIC) in accordance with R.A. No. 11293, the Philippine Innovation Act.

The oath was officiated by Hon. Arsenio M. Balisacan, the Secretary of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), marking Dr. Ronquillo's formal assumption of the role. The solemn oath-taking ceremony occurred on July 6 at BatStateU's innovation hub, the Knowledge, Innovation, Science and Technology (KIST) Park Center, in the STEER Hub Building at BatStateU Alangilan.

Dr. Ronquillo's acceptance into the NIC signifies his dedication to fulfilling the mandates outlined in Republic Act No.

11293, including developing the country's strategic vision for innovation, engaging in strategic and innovation policymaking using technological expertise and strategic intelligence, coordinating with sectors and agencies to ensure policy coherence, and communicating innovation policies to both local and international audiences. NIC executive members are also tasked with implementing an action agenda for the development of the country's capacity for innovation, monitoring the progress of strategic innovation programs, including publicly-funded research, development, and extension (RD&E) projects, establishing and managing the Innovation Fund, and providing annual reports to Congress on the Act's progress.

Following the official oath-taking ceremony, President Ronquillo and Secretary Balisacan engaged in a productive discussion regarding initiatives aimed at leveraging the





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KIST Park to expedite innovation within the academic and industrial sectors, aligning with the objectives outlined in the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028. This collaborative effort signifies their shared commitment to catalyzing innovation and driving sustained progress in the country.

As the Presidential Communications Office declared, Dr. Ronquillo joins the esteemed ranks of the NIC's newly appointed executives under NEDA. He is entrusted with the significant duty to lead projects and programs that catalyze innovation across the country's economic and technological sectors.

His well-earned appointment is a great honor to the BatStateU community. It underscores the institution's commitment to nurturing leaders who push the boundaries of innovation and foster a culture of innovation, research, and entrepreneurship within the academe and beyond.

The National Innovation Council (NIC) is the highest policymaking body for national innovation development in the Philippine government. Chaired by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, the NIC is a 25-member policy advisory body with the NEDA Secretary as Vice-Chairperson, 16 Department Secretaries, and 7 Executive Members from different sectors as members.





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#### BatStateU strengthens disaster response efforts through partnership with key agencies



Batangas State University, The National Engineering University, took a significant step toward enhancing its disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) capabilities by hosting a partnership with key agencies on June 21.

The meeting chaired by BatStateU President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo convened prominent regional, provincial, and city officials, including Hon. Reyan Derrick Marquez, OIC-Regional Director of the Office of Civil Defense – CALABARZON; Mr. Ronald G. Generoso, Chapter Administrator of the Philippine Red Cross Batangas Chapter; Dr. Amor Banuelos Calayan, Head of the Provincial DRRM Office – Batangas; and Mr. Rodrigo Dela Roca, Head of the City DRRM Office – Batangas City.

Central to BatStateU's efforts is the renowned Adaptive Capacity-Building and Technology Innovation for Occupational Hazards and Natural Disasters (ACTION) Center. Endorsed by the Regional Development Council – CALABARZON as the National Center for disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) Education and Research, the Center has

established BatStateU as a premier DRRM institution.

In addition to its educational initiatives, BatStateU offers a Master's Program in Disaster Risk Management through the Disaster Risk Education for Adaptation and Mitigation (DREAM) Academy. CHED recognizes this program as vital in preparing DRRM practitioners, managers, and planners to meet the challenges posed by disasters.

During the partnership meeting held at BatStateUPabloBorboncampus, participants discussed opportunities for synergistic collaboration in disaster response, aiming to optimize the impact of BatStateU's technological resources and expertise. This included a cohesive and coordinated approach to disaster management.

By collaborating with esteemed disaster response agencies, BatStateU reinforces its role as a pivotal player in enhancing disaster preparedness and response efforts. This strategic partnership empowers the University to contribute innovative solutions and thought leadership, paving the way for a more resilient future.





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#### ARTA Southern Luzon fuels research collaboration at BatStateU STEER Hub through Innovation Tour



In a significant display of commitment to promoting research excellence and fostering collaboration, the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) Southern Luzon embarked on an Innovation Tour at Batangas State University.

The touring party, led by ARTA Director General and Secretary Ernesto V. Perez, aimed to explore avenues for academic, extension, and research collaboration and ignite a transformative partnership between ARTA and BatStateU.

University President, Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, warmly welcomed the distinguished guest and initiated an impactful dialogue focused on BatStateU's renowned Science, Technology, Engineering, and Environment Research (STEER) Hub, the state-of-the-art facility dedicated to advancing cutting-edge research and innovation.

In his warm welcome address, Dr. Ronquillo expressed his gratitude for ARTA's visitation and emphasized the significance of collaboration between government agencies and academic institutions in driving national development. He emphasized BatStateU's mandate to

produce research that contributes not only to advancing knowledge but also addressing the country's pressing needs.

Director General Perez and his team were given a comprehensive overview of the STEER Hub's research initiatives. The tour gave ARTA valuable insights into the university's expertise in various fields, including renewable energy, environmental sustainability, disaster resilience, and engineering solutions.

The discussion between ARTA and BatStateU centered around streamlining bureaucratic processes. Director General Perez acknowledged the importance of reducing administrative burdens and simplifying procedures to foster a conducive environment for innovation. He recognized BatStateU's pioneering efforts that will support ARTA's commitment to capacitating and empowering its stakeholders.

The collaborative efforts of ARTA and BatStateU to promote research excellence and foster innovation pave the way for transformative breakthroughs across sectors.