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## The National Engineering University

### BATSTATEU BOOSTS LOCAL PRODUCT PROCUREMENT

**PHP 4,971,335.00**

#### *Total Amount of Procured Local Products*

Batangas State University (BatStateU) has recently taken a significant step to strengthen its commitment to locally sourced products. The university has implemented a new policy encouraging all of its colleges and units to actively support products originating from local sources.

In a monitoring and tracking effort conducted in 2023, a noteworthy quantity of products from local sources was documented as having been procured by BatStateU. These products encompassed a diverse range, including local delicacies, handicrafts, as well as various wet and dry goods. The BatStateU's Policy Guidelines for Sustainable Development (p.52) states that the University shall support local farmers and producers to ensure quality and affordable produce thereby sustaining the livelihood of the community. The University shall prioritize purchase products of local farmers and producers for University events, festivals and other related activities.

Source: Procurement Office

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### BARAKAHAN: BOOSTING LOCAL FARMERS AND FOOD PRODUCERS

"Barakahan" is a Tagalog term commonly used in Batangas to describe a local community market or food park where people can purchase products directly from businesses.



BatStateU Pablo Borbon Campus hosted the Barakahan 2.0: Paskuhan sa Galauran on December 4, 2023. The event was part of Tanglaw 2023, the university's Christmas Season Celebration, and aimed to support local micro-enterprises and artisans while promoting sustainability and strengthening rural communities.

Seventeen (17) MSMEs and six (6) student organization booths participated in the event, offering a variety of fresh, organic products and handicrafts for attendees to purchase. Barakahan 2.0 provided a platform for local businesses to thrive. The event also highlighted the importance of supporting sustainable and ethical practices.



Source: Center for Sustainable Development

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