



CHED Honors RTU with EQUATE Award for **EXCELLENCE IN TEACHER EDUCATION**

Rizal Technological University (RTU) has been recognized as a preeminent recipient of the Excellence in Quality Assurance in Teacher Education (EQUATE) Award, a commendation bestowed during a formal academic ceremony held at the Manila Hotel on April 2, 2025. The event was inaugurated with a cultural prelude by RTU's choral group, Himig Rizalia, who rendered interpretations of the Philippine National Anthem, Doxology, Commission on Higher Education Hymn, and the Bagong Pilipinas Hymn.

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NCR Clinches Overall Championship Once Again at the National SCUAA Games 2025

The National Capital Region (NCR) Delegation has once again secured the Overall Champion title at the recently concluded National SCUAA Games 2025, after collecting an outstanding total of 272 medals — 149 gold, 49 silver, and 74 bronze.

In a vibrant and emotional closing ceremony held today, NCR officials and sports directors from various member institutions proudly received the championship trophy — a symbol of the delegation's collective hard work, dedication, and athletic excellence throughout the games.

From intense matches to inspiring performances across various sports disciplines, the NCR Delegation displayed outstanding teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship, making them the undeniable champions of this year's national meet.

Rizal Technological University (RTU), alongside other NCR SUCs, proudly contributed to this historic victory, with our Rizaliano athletes giving their best efforts in every arena. Congratulations to all the athletes, coaches, and officials who made this achievement possible! Your commitment and passion continue to bring pride and honor to the NCR — and to the entire RTU community.

Mabuhay, NCR Delegation! Mabuhay, Rizalianos!



*NCR Delegation Marches Proudly as Defending Champion
in National SCUAA Games 2025 Opening Ceremony*






Proud moment for Pandayang Rizalia as our Rizalianos represent with heart and hustle!



Delegates Gather for National SCUAA Games 2025 Solidarity Meeting in Camiguin

Delegates from across the country convened at the New Camiguin Gymnasium in Balbagon, Camiguin, on April 22, 2025, for the National SCUAA Games 2025 Solidarity Meeting. The event officially opened with a welcome message from Dr. Macario B. Oclarit, President of Camiguin Polytechnic State College, the host institution for this year's national games.

SCUAA officials then facilitated the orientation, highlighting essential information, including the official schedule of events and reminders for the week-long competition. The gathering concluded with breakout sessions for each sporting event, where technical guidelines and game rules were discussed to ensure fairness and consistency throughout the games.

The Solidarity Meeting marks the official start of the SCUAA National Games 2025, reinforcing the values of sportsmanship, unity, and excellence among participating state universities and colleges. 




RTU Researchers Win Prestigious International Awards at 6th RDE Management Congress

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam — Three faculty researchers from Rizal Technological University (RTU) were recognized for their outstanding contributions to research and development management during the 6th International Research, Development, and Extension (RDE) Management Congress held on March 18–20, 2025, at the Saigon Business School.

The team composed of Prof. Cheryl Lyn C. Ayuste, Deputy Director of the Research Development and Innovation Office (RDIO); Dr. Ryan Manuel D. Guido, RDIO Director; and Prof. Jason B. Kalaw, Head of the Center for Astronomy Research and Development, along with Prof. Richard E. Nepomuceno from Southern Luzon State University, received the Best RDE Management Paper Award for their paper titled “The Evolving Global Landscapes of Research and Development Management: A Scientometric Investigation.” The award recognizes research excellence in the field of R&D management, particularly studies that explore internationalization as a key pathway for growth and innovation.

In addition to the Best Paper award, the research group was also conferred the Prof. Diosdado P. Zulueta Internationalization Award, an honor given to papers that exemplify global research perspectives.

The awarding ceremony was part of the annual congress organized by the Philippine Association of Research Managers, Inc. (PHILARM), which aims to highlight best practices, innovative frameworks, and impactful studies in the field of RDE management. It was attended by academic leaders, researchers, and development practitioners from different countries, further emphasizing the significance of the RTU team's achievements on the global stage.

RTU extends its heartfelt congratulations to the awardees for their remarkable achievements and for exemplifying excellence in research and development management. Their success continues to inspire the RTU academic community and strengthens the university's role as a leading institution in research and innovation. 



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CHED Honors RTU with EQUATE Award for Excellence in Teacher Education

This accolade, conferred by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), acknowledges exceptional Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) throughout the Philippines that have demonstrated sustained commitment to pedagogical excellence and innovative educational methodologies. The EQUATE Awards recognize institutions that implement and maintain stringent quality assurance protocols while contributing to developing competent educational practitioners within the country.


RTU President, Dr. Ma. Eugenia M. Yangco served as the institutional representative at the conferment proceedings, formally accepting the recognition on behalf of the university. She was also accompanied by Dr. Rodolfo L. Ducut, Vice President for Finance and Administration (VPFA); Dr. Kristine Y. Opulencia, Vice President for Academics and Student Affairs; and Dr. Rizaldy E. Garcia, Director of the University Review and Related Instructions Office (URRIO).

RTU's recognition manifests its unwavering dedication to fostering high-quality teacher education programs. The university's College of Education (CED), under the deanship of Dr. Wendelyn Samarita, and the Institute of Human Kinetics (IHK), headed by its director, Dr. Mark Joseph Santos, have consistently demonstrated academic excellence by producing performing graduates in the Board Licensure Examination for Teachers (BLEPT).

The ceremonial proceedings featured addresses from distinguished academic and governmental figures who collectively emphasized the importance of quality teacher education in nation-building. The discourse centered on contemporary challenges in educational development and the strategic imperatives for advancing pedagogical excellence across the Philippines.

A substantive component of the academic event included the articulation of CHED's strategic educational framework for Philippine teacher education. The discussion emphasized the importance of maintaining rigorous academic standards and quality assurance mechanisms across educational institutions nationwide.

As the highlight of the program, the Technical Panel for Teacher Education facilitated the formal recognition of awardees, during which RTU was officially acknowledged for its outstanding scholarly contributions to the discipline, receiving praise from the academic community.

This recognition not only establishes RTU's academic preeminence as a center of excellence in teacher education but also heralds a new epoch in the institution's storied legacy of pedagogical innovation. As the Philippines navigates the complexities of educational transformation in the global knowledge economy, RTU stands as a beacon of scholastic achievement and intellectual leadership—illuminating pathways for future generations of educators who will shape the nation's intellectual capital and cultural patrimony. Through its unwavering commitment to educational excellence, RTU embodies the transformative power of knowledge in cultivating a society where education serves as the cornerstone of national development. 



RTU Gears Up for a Research-filled 2025: Conducts 14th Research Colloquium and 25th Research Forum

Pandayang Rizalia starts the second quarter of the year with an academic and scientific bang through the conduct of the 14th Research Colloquium and the 25th Research Forum. From April 2 to 4, the Research Development and Innovation Office, under the headship of Dr. Ryan Manuel D. Guido, organized a hybrid-style colloquium and forum to evaluate almost a hundred research proposals and over 30 completed research papers by the faculty of different colleges and institutes under the university.

Held at three locations in the R&D Building of the Mandaluyong Main Campus, the faculty researchers presented various research proposals and papers in 11 different fields of knowledge, including Business and Economics, Education and Learning, Sustainability and Community Development, Sciences, STI Foresight, Technology and Innovation, Policy Studies, Social Sciences, and Science and Technology. These fields of knowledge exemplify Rizal Technological University's range in the pursuit of scientific knowledge.

Various distinguished experts in research development were enlisted to sit in the different panels of evaluators, namely Dr. Jackie D. Urrutia, Dr. Rizaldy E. Garcia, Dr. Marie Paz Morales, Dr. Ruby Ann Dela Cruz, Dr. Faith Micah D. Abenes-Balbin, Dr. Ruth S. Guzman, Dr. Lynn M. Besa, Dr. Ira C. Valenzuela, Dr. Adonis P. David, and Dr. Glen R. Mangali. Through the expertise of these evaluators, the quality of the proposals and papers was reviewed and scrutinized.

It is a priority of RTU to contribute to the pursuit of scientific knowledge through quality research. By conducting activities such as this, the university enables its faculty members to contribute to their respective fields and enrich their knowledge through research. Pandayang Rizalia looks forward to the success of these papers and a year filled with fruitful research. 🇵🇭



RTU Admission Committee Conducts Meeting Session to Discuss Seamless Process

The Admission Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Rodrigo DP. Tomas, the dean of the Office of the Student and Alumni Affairs Services (OSAAS), conducted the AIMS: Admission Information Meeting Session from April 2 to 4, 2025, at the Mandaluyong Main Campus and Pasig Branch. This event served as a crucial platform for all colleges and institutes to gain comprehensive insights into the admission process.

The meeting reflected the institution's dedication to transparency and the importance of collaboration in creating a seamless admission experience. Attendees received detailed information about the admission procedures, ensuring everyone was on the same page. The event also had an open discussion where participants could ask questions and raise any concerns they had regarding the upcoming admission process.

By fostering clear communication and collaboration, the AIMS meeting streamlined the admission process, ultimately enhancing the experience for prospective students. The Admission Committee is committed to ensuring that the transition into the new academic year is as smooth and efficient as possible. 🇵🇭

COA Conducts Exit Conference with RTU; Financial and Administrative Operations Evaluated


RTU Mandaluyong Main Campus – The Commission on Audit (COA) conducted its official Exit Conference with Rizal Technological University (RTU) on April 8, 2025, concluding its audit of the university's financial and administrative operations for the previous calendar year (2024).

The conference was attended by RTU President Dr. Ma. Eugenia M. Yangco along with university officials including Dr. Rodolfo L. Ducut, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Kristine Y. Oplencia, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs; Dr. Magno M. Quendangan, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Innovation Services; and Mr. Rowell C. Marasigan, Chief Administrative Officer for Finance. Also present were directors and staff from the Budget, Accounting, Procurement, Human Resources, and other relevant offices.

Representing the COA were Ms. Cecilia E. Bernales, Supervising Auditor for State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), and Mr. Christian Luis T. Rivero, Auditor – together with the other members of their group.



The COA audit covered RTU's financial statements, fund utilization, procurement procedures, and compliance with applicable accounting and auditing standards. Administrative controls and documentation practices were also reviewed and assessed. The COA team presented its findings and recommendations during the conference, providing guidance on areas for compliance and improvement.

RTU administrative and finance units acknowledged the audit results and are expected to respond with appropriate compliance measures within the prescribed period. The exit conference forms part of the government's regular audit cycle to ensure transparency, accountability, and efficient use of public resources in SUCs. 

Pandayang Rizaliano Debate Team Crowned Champions of the 2nd AUAP English Debate Competition



The 2nd English Debate Competition, organized by the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP), in partnership with the Master's Institute Development Academy and Seminary (MIDAS), brought together student delegates from universities across the Philippines and other parts of Asia on April 8–9, 2025.


Rizal Technological University hosted this two-day event through the International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO), led by Director Instr. Donato Z. Estocada and his team, alongside AUAP Executive Secretary Ms. Supaporn Chuangchid.

The program officially opened with warm welcoming remarks from AUAP Secretary-General Dr. Arup Swaroop, who emphasized the importance of critical thinking and clear communication in today's fast-paced world. He encouraged participants to actively engage in the debates, highlighting how such experiences promote academic excellence, personal growth, and self-confidence. His message set a positive tone for the competition, underscoring the value of diverse perspectives and respectful discourse.

University President Dr. Ma. Eugenia M. Yangco followed with her opening remarks, stressing the significance of debate as a tool for sharpening critical thinking, enhancing creativity, and developing effective communication skills. She urged participants to make the most of the opportunity to share their ideas while engaging in a spirited yet respectful exchange of views with fellow debaters.

A panel of distinguished judges ensured the integrity and excellence of the competition. Among them were Dr. Arup Swaroop, Secretary-General of AUAP; Dr. Yhing Sawheny, Deputy Director of International Affairs of Siam University; Dr. Rolando C. Garcia, Treasurer of AUAP; Atty. Rodolfo R. Nicolas, Jr., Professor at World Citi Colleges; Dr. Dick O. Eugenio; Ms. Bella Maria Fall, Miss Mandaluyong 2025; Dr. Ricardo P. Pama, Secretary-General of AUAP; and Dr. Glen R. Mangali, Director at Marikina Polytechnic College. Their expertise and insight helped assess the participants' arguments, rebuttals, and impromptu speeches with credibility and fairness.

The competition grew more intense as the rounds progressed, eventually narrowing down to the final teams. Rising above the rest was the RTU Debate Team, composed of Mr. Earl Jan B. Mogol, Mr. Roy II Montales, and Mr. Mark Christian Miñon. They were guided by their coach, Mr. John Peter De Leon, who was also awarded Best Coach. Mr. Roy II Montales received the Best Male Debater award, further highlighting RTU's outstanding performance. Visayas State University claimed the 1st Runner-Up position, while Daffodil International University from Bangladesh placed as 2nd Runner-Up.

This victory marks a proud and memorable moment for RTU. After their intense preparation and dedication, the Pandayang Rizaliano Debate Team demonstrated not only their intellect and composure under pressure but also their embodiment of RTU's core values: Integrity, Excellence, Nationalism, Inclusivity, and Innovation. 



RTU ECSO Launches Adopt-a-School Advocacy Program for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support, Signs MOA with PGSES

The Adopt-a-School Advocacy Program for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (ASAP for MHPSS) officially launched its inaugural phase at Pattiqui-Gabur Sur Elementary School (PGSES) in Santa Cruz, Ilocos Sur, on April 10, 2025. The groundbreaking event represents a significant milestone in promoting mental health and well-being in educational settings across the region.

The initiative, spearheaded by the RTU Psychology Department in collaboration with PGSES, aims to create a supportive environment for students, teachers, and parents through comprehensive mental health resources and activities.

The event commenced with an opening program featuring an invocation, the national anthem, the Ilocos Sur Hymn, and the RTU March. Mrs. Heidi G. Laus, head teacher of PGSES, delivered a warm welcome address to all attendees, setting a positive tone for the day's activities.


Asst. Prof. Russelle Ane A. Dela Cruz, ASAP for MHPSS program leader, presented the partnership's rationale, emphasizing the crucial importance of mental health advocacy in educational environments.

A highlight of the launch was the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between RTU and PGSES. The signing was witnessed by key community figures including PTA President Mrs. Anabel Ablog and Barangay Captain Mr. Victor Villanueva, symbolizing a collective commitment from community leaders to enhancing youth and community mental health.

The program featured interactive activities designed to enhance emotional literacy and self-expression among students. Assistant Professor Mary Beth C. Miranda facilitated sessions that engaged children in drawing, singing, and dancing centered around understanding and expressing emotions. These creative approaches helped make mental health concepts more accessible and relatable for the young participants.

Simultaneous specialized seminars were conducted for different stakeholder groups. Professor Iris Cristelle Destrua and Instructor Jake Jason Queddeng led discussions with teachers focusing on personal well-being and strategies for managing stress while supporting students' mental health.

Meanwhile, parents participated in a dedicated seminar titled "Prioritizing Self-Care while Nurturing your Child's Mental Health and Well Being," led by Assistant Professor Dela Cruz. The session centered on cultivating children's emotional needs while emphasizing the importance of parental self-care.

The ASAP for MHPSS program is expected to continue with follow-up activities and resources throughout the school year as part of the ongoing partnership between RTU and PGSES. 





Pandayang Rizalia’s Academic Heads Meet With ReSkills for Prospective Microcredential Subscription Platform for Students


In a productive meeting arranged by Rizal Technological University’s (RTU) International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO), under the directorship of Instr. Donato Estocada, the various deans, and academic offices of the university discussed the possibility of introducing the students to ReSkills, a subscription-based online lifelong learning platform that offers microcredential certifications.

Held at the Conference Room of IALO on April 24, 2025, the discussion enjoined the college deans of RTU, including Dr. Wendelyn A. Samarita, Dean of the College of Education (CEd); Dr. Corleto R. Bravo, Dean of the College of Engineering (CEng); Dr. Jeremiah V. Pacer, Dean of the College of Arts and Science (CAS); and Dr. Kathryn D. Tria, College of Business, Entrepreneurship, and Accountancy (CBEA). Also present were Engr. Armando P. Matias, Director of the Cooperative Education Office (CoEO), Dr. Melvin N. Ambida, Director of University Curriculum and Instructional Office (UCIO); Ms. Zoe Thea R. Palisoc, as representative of the Institute of Flexible Learning and Digital Education (IFLDE); Instr. Estocada, Director of IALO; and Instr. Divine Grace Pagal as the representative of the Office of the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs (OVPASA).

The meeting mostly revolved around the products of ReSkills, which can provide relevant training on industry-based skills, leadership development, language learning, and hundreds of other distinct topics for their subscribers. The team of ReSkills, composed of Mr. CD Lee, Ms. Yen Lee, Mr. Edwin Cordenete, and Mr. Neil Patrick Libiran, discussed how extending the reach of their platform to the students will help Rizalianos find cost-effective and globally-accredited training programs, especially to graduating students who will soon enter the workforce.

Through the open discussion where the ReSkills team addressed the concerns of the university representatives, the university will soon explore connecting the students to ReSkills through IALO and CoE Office.

This prospective partnership will help bring lifelong learning and professional development closer to Rizalianos, which will improve their skills before they transition into future productive members of the working population.

Efforts like this substantiate Pandayang Rizalia’s commitment to forging not only academically excellent, but also professionally competent individuals. Even more so, IALO remains steadfast in its mission to elevate the university and the Rizalianos on the global stage. 



RTU Forges Academic Partnership with Jiaxeng University in Beijing

Beijing, China — April 10, 2025 — Rizal Technological University (RTU) marked another milestone in its internationalization efforts. It officially forged an academic partnership with Jiaxeng University in a ceremonial signing held on Thursday, April 10. The event took place at the Zhongguancun Software Park, Dongbeiwang, Haidian District, Beijing, hosted by Beijing Pihua International Education Technology Co., Ltd.


Representing RTU was Director Donato Z. Estocada of the International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO), who formalized the collaboration through a memorandum of understanding with Jiaxeng University, paving the way for academic exchanges, joint research endeavors, and cross-border learning opportunities.

Representing Jiaxing University were Director Pan Weiwei of the International Exchange and Cooperation Department, Professor Shen Yimeng of the Business School, and Officer Ye Xiaolu, Executive of the

International Exchange and Cooperation Department.

The partnership ceremony was witnessed by prominent dignitaries including Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Chairperson of the RTU Board of Regents, and Ms. Maria May-i L. Fabros, Third Secretary and Vice Consul of the Philippine Embassy in Beijing.

The agreement between RTU and Jiaxeng University underscores the growing emphasis on global education cooperation, as both institutions aim to develop innovative programs, cultural exchanges, and inclusive academic mobility.


With this new partnership, RTU continues to advance its vision of becoming a leading technological university in Asia, grounded in global partnerships that drive educational excellence and sustainable development. 

RTU Joins Multi-Institutional MOU Signing with Philippine SUCs and HEIs in Beijing

Beijing, China — April 10, 2025 — Rizal Technological University (RTU) joined a collective academic effort bringing together several State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from the Philippines for a multi-institutional Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremony held in Beijing, China.

The event was held at the Zhongguancun Software Park, Dongbeiwang, Haidian District, Beijing, and was organized in coordination with the Beijing Pihua International Education Technology Co., Ltd. RTU was represented by Director Donato Z. Estocada of the International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO), who facilitated the collaborative agreements with the participating institutions.

Witnessing the signing were Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Chairperson of the RTU Board of Regents, and Ms. Maria May-i L. Fabros, Third Secretary and Vice Consul of the Philippine Embassy in Beijing.

Among the partner institutions were the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), Davao Oriental State University (DORSU), Davao del Norte State College (DNSC), Southern Philippines Agri-business and Marine and Aquatic School of Technology (SPAMAST), Mabalacat City College (MCC), St. Paul University Philippines (SPUP), University of Perpetual Help System Laguna (UPHSL), and Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology (DEBESMSCAT). 



RTU's FY 2026 Budget Proposal Undergoes Technical Review at DBM-NCR

The Department of Budget and Management - National Capital Region (DBM-NCR) conducted a comprehensive Technical Budget Hearing (TBH) for Rizal Technological University's (RTU) budget proposals for the fiscal year 2026 last April 14, at the DBM-NCR Regional Office. The rigorous evaluation process served as a critical platform for examining RTU's financial allocations in alignment with the university's strategic priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.




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The RTU delegation, headed by Dr. Rodolfo L. Ducut, Vice President for Finance and Administration (VPFA), presented the university's budget proposal to DBM-NCR officials. Dr. Ducut was accompanied by a team of key financial administrators, including AO Lorilyn V. Ello, Director of the Budget Management Office (BMO); Mr. Januar Y. Realiza, Director of the Accounting Office (AO); and AO R-Cherine Heart O. Manapat, Budget Officer I. Asst. Prof. Dynehgre C. Villavicencio, Director of the Human Resource Management Office (HRMO) was also present during the review.

Ms. Ruby P. Muro, DBM-NCR Regional Director (Director IV), presided over the hearing with assistance from Mr. Joseph Cicero M. Sy, Assistant Regional Director (Director III), who facilitated the substantive discussion and evaluation procedures.

During the session, the RTU representatives elaborated on various elements of the university's budget proposals, including necessary adjustments reflecting current operational requirements, personnel needs, and institutional development priorities. The DBM-NCR review panel contributed valuable perspectives, posed clarifying questions, and provided direction to ensure the proposals conform with national budgeting policies and frameworks.

The hearing concluded with a productive exchange of recommendations and assurances for continued collaboration between RTU and DBM-NCR as they work toward finalizing the university's FY 2026 budget proposal.


The outcome of this technical hearing will play a significant role in determining RTU's financial capacity to fulfill its educational mission and institutional development goals in the coming fiscal year, ultimately affecting thousands of students and faculty members at the university. 

RTU GSDO Gathers the Executive and Technical Working Committee for a Gender and Development Focal Point System Briefing

The Rizal Technological University (RTU) Gender Development and Studies Office (GSDO) convened the Executive and Technical Working Committees for a comprehensive discussion on the Gender and Development Focal Point System (GDFPS).

The briefing was structured into two sessions held in the morning and afternoon. Atty. Allen Liberato-Espino led the morning session with the Executive Committee, focusing on the roles and responsibilities of the GFPS. She emphasized the importance of strategic direction in fulfilling gender mainstreaming commitments. In addition, Atty. Espino addressed prevailing gender stereotypes and prejudices, providing critical insights into their societal impacts. She also elaborated on the Magna Carta of Women—its legislative history, key provisions, and its significance in advancing the protection and empowerment of women in various sectors.

In the afternoon, the Technical Committee Briefing delved deeper into the operational aspects of the GFPS. The session covered essential functions and planning strategies related to Gender and Development (GAD), followed by an interactive workshop. During the workshop, participants identified priority GAD programs and activities tailored to the institutional needs of RTU.

This initiative reaffirms RTU's steadfast commitment to fostering a just, inclusive, and gender-responsive academic and working environment. By implementing such programs and continuing capacity-building efforts, the university strengthens its alignment with GAD principles and contributes to the broader goal of inclusive governance and social equity. 





RTU and IYF Brings Mind Education to Students and Administrative Personnel


The Rizal Technological University (RTU) International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO), in partnership with the International Youth Fellowship (IYF), welcomed the 2025 campus tour that featured a series of engaging cultural exchange activities.

Held at the RTU Main Campus, the event opened with inspiring remarks from Instr. Donato Z. Estocada, Director of IALO. This was followed by vibrant cultural performances, starting with the Bituin Dance Team, a showcase of Taekwondo, and a graceful fan dance. The audience was then captivated by a stirring violin performance that added a touch of classical elegance to the program.

The event's highlight was the Mind Education session delivered by Mr. Jeong Woo Lee, CEO of Indicellbio. His talk, "The Management Mindset of a Successful Leader," emphasized the importance of gaining wisdom from mentors and how our thoughts can be powerful drivers of transformation. He shared that a cultivated mindset—shaped by learning and self-reflection—can better navigate life's challenges. Mr. Lee encouraged attendees to not only seek mentors but also be mentors themselves, and to reflect deeply, becoming their own source of growth and insight.

A "mind recreation" activity also engaged both students and employees, encouraging them to form new connections and promote camaraderie through interactive experiences.

This cultural exchange event reflects RTU's commitment to diversity and international collaboration—a vital step toward realizing its vision of becoming a truly transnational university. By opening its doors to global partners like the International Youth Fellowship, RTU fosters a learning environment beyond academic boundaries. Events like this serve as platforms for students, faculty, and staff to experience different cultures firsthand, develop global mindsets, and engage in meaningful conversations about leadership, mental wellness, and cultural understanding.

It also strengthens RTU's international profile by building long-term relationships with global organizations, enriching its academic community with fresh perspectives and dynamic experiences. As the university continues to embrace programs that connect the local with the global, it empowers its community to become more adaptive, inclusive, and globally competitive. The success of this event is a testament to RTU's proactive efforts to not only broaden educational horizons but also to instill values of empathy, mutual respect, and global citizenship—hallmarks of a university striving to make its mark on the international stage. 




Rizalianos Demonstrate Pandayang Rizalia's Teacher Education Quality in National Teacher Education Quiz Bee 2025

Rizaliano Edukistas from Rizal Technological University's (RTU) College of Education (CEd) and Institute of Human Kinetics (IHK) rose up to the challenge and exhibited their knowledge on teacher education last April 21, 2025 in the Institutional Level of the National Teacher Education Quiz Bee 2025, organized by the University Review and Related Instruction Office (URRIO) headed by its Director, Dr. Rizaldy E. Garcia, in partnership with Carl Balita Review Center (CBRC).

The participating 3rd and 4th-year pre-service teachers gave their all in the battle of mental prowess, until the rise of the champion, Francis Allen Antonio, a Social Sciences major, followed by the first and second runners up, Renz Albo, a Filipino major student, and Nessly Anne C. Paja, a Science major student, respectively. These three prides of the RTU-Edukista community who exemplified the university's teacher education quality received generous prizes from CBRC, including full and partial scholarships for the CBRC BLEPT review and CBRC review books.

Antonio, who dominated the quiz bee, is now set to compete on May 15-16 as the official representative of RTU for the National Round of the competition. The university expresses its utmost esteem for his success and representation of the Rizaliano community.


Pandayang Rizalia remains proud of both the winners and the participants who showcased the Rizaliano spirit of quality education, emphasizing the strength of the university's excellence in teacher education. 



RTU Office Administration Faculty Members Spearhead COSTRAPHIL's Stenography Skills Enhancement Program – Mindanao

Four faculty members from the Rizal Technological University (RTU) College of Business, Entrepreneurship, and Accountancy (CBEA) Office Administration Department played a vital role at the 1st Mindanao Regional Convention, serving as resource persons for a critical training program focused on court stenography.


Assoc. Prof. Rosa F. Diestro, Asst. Prof. Marie Joy C. Jorduela, Instr. Ma. Victoria C. Painaga, and Instr. Marvin A. Fuentes conducted sessions during the convention held on April 10-11, 2025. The training, entitled "Empowering Court Stenography for Judicial Innovations", was designed to strengthen the competencies of educators and professionals in transcription and stenographic practices within the judicial field.

The RTU faculty members contributed their expertise to enhance the foundational skills necessary for accurate and efficient court reporting. The 1st Mindanao Regional Convention was organized by the Confederation of Stenographers and Transcribers of the Philippines (COSTRAPHIL) Mindanao Region. 

RTU Accountancy Students Win 2nd Runner Up in PICPA MMR Accounting Quiz Challenge 2025

Four BS Accountancy students from the College of Business, Entrepreneurship, and Accountancy (CBEA) showcased their Rizaliano accounting prowess by finishing as 2nd Runner Up at the recently held Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants – Metro Manila Region (PICPA-MMR) Accounting Quiz Challenge 2025 last April 22, 2025.

Rizal Technological University's (RTU) representatives, namely Grant Martin F. Fadriquela, Elize Samantha C. Napuli, Jamil R. Baracas, and Ronald G. Mateo, under the guidance of Instr. Rholand H. Tapalla, CPA, Head of the Accountancy Department, made their mark as the 2nd runner-up winners in the said competition held at the PICPA Bldg., Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City. Their win against other academic institutions across Metro Manila reflects Pandayang Rizalia's efforts in nurturing academic excellence in the form of our future accountants.

The university expresses its heartfelt congratulations to the four students for their outstanding performance. Their accomplishment brings pride to the entire Rizaliano community, serving as inspiration for other Rizalianos to emulate. 



RTU Forges Academic Partnership with CCN University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh

Rizal Technological University (RTU) has taken another significant step in expanding its global academic footprint by officially forging a partnership with CCN University of Science and Technology (CCN-UST) in Bangladesh. The collaboration marks a milestone in RTU's internationalization efforts and underscores its commitment to cross-border academic excellence, research, and cultural exchange.

Representing RTU in the partnership was Mr. Donato Z. Estocada, Director of the International Affairs and Linkages Office. Leading the counterpart from CCN-UST was Dr. Monir Hossen, a key academic leader in the university's international outreach initiatives.


The memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between the two institutions paves the way for collaborative ventures in faculty and student exchange, joint research projects, and academic resource sharing. The agreement also reflects a shared vision of fostering innovation and strengthening global education networks.

"This partnership reflects RTU's ongoing commitment to building meaningful global linkages that enrich the academic experience of our students and faculty," Mr. Estocada said during the signing ceremony. "We look forward to working closely with CCN University of Science and Technology in achieving shared goals in research, innovation, and educational development."

Dr. Monir Hossen expressed equal enthusiasm, stating, "This collaboration represents a strategic step toward international cooperation that will benefit both institutions. We are excited to begin this journey with RTU and explore opportunities that will elevate academic quality and mutual understanding between our countries."



The partnership is expected to commence with planning sessions for academic exchanges and collaborative online programs set to begin in the upcoming academic year.


As RTU continues to strengthen its global partnerships, this latest alliance with CCN-UST reaffirms its position as a proactive institution embracing the challenges and opportunities of international education. 

RTU Forges Partnership with International Youth Fellowship

Rizal Technological University (RTU) has formally established a partnership with the International Youth Fellowship (IYF) South Korea, marking a new chapter in global collaboration and youth development.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on April 22, 2024, at the Plenary Hall of RTU. Representing IYF was Rev. Kyung Hyun Nam Abraham, President of IYF Philippines. RTU was represented by Dr. Magno M. Quendangan, Vice President for Research, Innovation and Extension Services, and Mr. Donato Z. Estocada, Director of the International Affairs and Linkages Office.

This partnership outlines several key areas of collaboration, including (1) Faculty and student exchange programs, (2) Visiting professorship initiatives, (3) Foreign language learning programs, (4) Mind Education programs for faculty, students, and staff, and (5) Hosting of the World Youth Camp.

These initiatives are aimed at enriching academic experiences, fostering cross-cultural understanding, and promoting holistic development and leadership among members of the university community. 





Rizalianos Participate in Career Preparation Seminar from Cooperative Education Office + Jobs180.com

Students of Rizal Technological University (RTU) receive career readiness insights from professionals from various industries in a two-day Marketing Me Live seminar conducted by the University Cooperative Education Office (CoEO) headed by its Director, Engr. Armando P. Matias, and Jobs180.com. Held on April 28 and 29, 2025, the webinar equipped Rizalianos with the essential tools that will aid them in navigating their career building.

Jobs180 is an IT company that specializes in providing career services aimed at enhancing the quality of job applicants and improving job matching through technology, such as real-time updated resume repositories (source: LinkedIn). It has been a trusted partner of RTU for many years, even before the pandemic.

The Day 1 session began with Mr. Kim Chua of Jobs180.com, who introduced ResumeLink, a digital tool designed to help students build online resumes and streamline job applications. He discussed the key advantages and benefits of using the tool, which will elevate fresh graduates' professional profile as they enter today's competitive job market.

Following that, Ms. Chona Sonio from TTEC delivered a timely discussion on the pros and cons of hybrid work models, equipping the students with the mindset and strategies needed to thrive in flexible work environments. She also discussed the importance of understanding various work arrangements – on-site, remote, and hybrid – and how students can position themselves for success in each. Her talk also touched on industry trends and job opportunities aligned with different work setups.


Closing the first-day session was Ms. Ma. Clariselle Alon from Shearwater Health who discussed the importance of financial literacy. It focused on understanding credits and loans and budgeting strategies that will be useful for Rizalianos in managing their finances responsibly.

On the second day of the event, Ms. Maria Danica Joy L. Ortiz from Orix Metro addressed the issues of unconscious biases in the workplace, their harmful effects in a workplace setting, and the importance of awareness about these biases.

Accenture's Mr. Reymart Kyle Dabbay discussed how emerging technologies are reshaping industries and redefining the skills needed for future careers. He explained that the digital age has ushered improved access to tools and services that enhance efficiency and productivity. Mr. Dabbay emphasized how digital transformation enables companies to innovate and remain competitive in a rapidly evolving market, noting its potential to streamline operations. However, he cautioned against overreliance on AI, underscoring the importance of using it wisely.

In her talk focused on the future of work, Ms. Potch Tort from ADP addressed the responsible use of artificial intelligence and the essential skills needed in an AI-driven world. She discussed the evolving role of AI in today's society, highlighting how their organization integrates AI to streamline payroll processes without eliminating the human touch, emphasizing that technology should assist – not replace – people. She stressed the importance of responsible AI usage and went on to outline critical skills necessary for adapting to an AI-enhanced workplace, including the ability to future-proof one's career.

After each session, the floor was opened to students posing questions to deepen their understanding. The speakers responded with practical advice drawn from real-life experience, making the discussions even more engaging and relatable.

Events like Marketing Me Live underscore Rizal Technological University's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and the employability of its graduates. In collaboration with esteemed industry partners, RTU continues to empower Rizalianos by providing practical knowledge, career development tools, and real-world insights; equipping students with the skills and confidence needed to successfully navigate the transition from campus life to professional careers. 


RTU Advances Global Standing Through Research and Internationalization

On April 25, 2025, the Rizal Technological University (RTU) International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO) hosted a seminar-workshop titled “Research and Internationalization: Global Pathways—Navigating Internationalization and Research for Global Rankings,” held at the SNAGAH Penthouse, RTU Mandaluyong Main Campus.

The event commenced with an inspiring welcome from IALO Director Mr. Donato Z. Estocada, who delivered a strong call to action, encouraging RTU researchers to embrace internationalization, publish in global platforms, and work collaboratively to elevate the university’s global visibility. His message was further reinforced by Dr. Magno M. Quendangan, Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Services (VPRIES), who underscored the importance of participating in international conferences, seminars, and strategic research forums as a means to enhance both research impact and institutional reputation.



The seminar-workshop offered valuable insights into how strategic research engagement and active participation in the global academic community contribute to international recognition and improved university rankings. A key highlight of the event was the talk delivered by Dr. Gaudencio C. Petalcorin, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), who provided practical strategies for developing Scopus-indexed research, underscoring the role of high-impact publications in achieving academic excellence.

This initiative reflects RTU’s steadfast commitment to fostering a culture of research excellence and internationalization. By creating platforms for collaboration, encouraging global publication, and engaging in international academic networks, RTU continues to pursue its vision of global academic distinction and innovation. 

Siklab Creatives and University Public Affairs Group Collab for a Seminar on Personal Branding in the Digital Age



April 28, 2025—A dynamic group of Rizal Technological University (RTU) students from Siklab Creatives, led by 4th-year BSBA Marketing Management Students, successfully organized a highly anticipated business trend seminar titled, “Launch Your Legacy: Personal Branding in the Digital Age” at the Plenary Hall, Estolas Building, RTU Mandaluyong Main Campus. The event drew a considerable audience, eager to learn from industry experts on the art of crafting a compelling personal brand in today’s digital landscape.


The seminar, held under the guidance of Dr. Rome Sherriff G. Montoya, event adviser, in collaboration with the University Public Affairs Office, and chaired by Ms. Isabela Joy Ho, Mr. Jan Rae Castaños, and Mr. Angelo Tua, aimed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly competitive job market.

The program commenced with an engaging remarks from hosts Mr. Denn Curl Bande and Mr. John Carlo Tana, who seamlessly introduced the event title and set the tone for an informative and interactive experience. Dr. Montoya’s inspiring opening remarks further emphasized the significance of this event’s topic, encouraging attendees to take an active role in shaping their professional identities.

The first guest speaker, Asst. Prof. John Eric O. Estrellado, UPAO Director delivered a captivating presentation on the importance of personal branding, highlighting its strategic value beyond mere creativity. He stressed the need for individuals to manage their digital footprints effectively, underscoring the lasting impact of online presence on future careers.

The second guest speaker, Ms. Lui Baarde, founder of Passionate Creators, shared her remarkable journey, offering valuable insights into building a successful personal brand. Her emphasis on passion, courage, and perseverance resonated deeply with the audience, inspiring them to pursue their goals with renewed determination.

In conclusion, Chairwoman Isabela Joy Ho expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in making the seminar a success.

The seminar exemplifies RTU’s commitment to fostering a culture of innovation, creativity, and excellence. By providing students with opportunities to learn from industry experts and engage with like-minded individuals, the university continues to nurture the next generation of professionals, equipped to make their mark in the digital age. 

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