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Five PH universities ranked in THE Impact Rankings; TAU only SUC in world's best universities

Five (5) Philippine universities are included in this year's Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, the only global performance tables that assess universities against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

These universities are the Ateneo de Manila University (71.0-77.4), De La Salle University (56.6-66.2), University of Santo Tomas (47.6-56.5), Tarlac Agricultural University (47.6-56.5), and Mapua University (36.5-47.5).

The 2021 Impact Rankings review and rank 1,115 universities from 94 countries/regions.

The THE Impact rankings also measure how an institution's research, outreach and stewardship delivers against the United Nations' SDGs – a blueprint to achieving a better and more sustainable future for all.

While the four private universities - ADMU, DLSU, Mapua, UST - are well known universities, only one public university - Tarlac Agricultural University (TAU) - is ranked among the world's best universities by the THE.

"TAU has continuously improved its ranking among SUCs and has achieved Level 4 status in the last CHED leveling exercise. It has also joined most of the internationalization programs of CHED, particularly with Canadian universities and has inked partnership agreements with 7 Canadian colleges and universities. This new ranking is the result of these efforts," said CHED Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III.

TAU's top 3 entries in SDG areas are in Gender Equality, Quality Education and No Poverty.

TAU is located in Camiling, Tarlac. Its major programs include agriculture, biosystems engineering, food technology, veterinary medicine, forestry and other agriculture-related programs, which cater to close to 6,000 students.

"This international ranking of TAU is a testament of the leadership excellence of our Board of Regents, headed by Dr. Ronald Adamat, the constant support of CHED through its Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III, the guidance of the CHED Director

of International Affairs and concurrent OIC Executive Director Lily Freida M. Milla and the encouragement of CHEDRO-3 Director Maria Teresita Semana for TAU to push its internationalization initiatives,” said TAU President Max P. Guillermo.

“As Chairman of the TAU Board of Regents, I know firsthand how the board has worked together especially in providing much-needed guidance and support through pertinent policies, strategies, and approaches which led to the approval of the university’s Strategic Internationalization Program in 2018, in consonance with the CHED’s program of establishing and developing world class Philippine universities,” Adamat explained.

Adamat further believes that with this milestone, TAU could now be a global player insofar as enabling and inspiring students to deliver their full potential through educational achievement, international mobility, and career development are concerned.

“The Commission will continue to support private and public HEIs to internationalize. The ranking of the 5 HEIs shows that it can be done and should be an inspiration to others to follow,” De Vera said.



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