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TESDA Palawan Team Building as One

It was such an exciting day for all the personnel of TESDA in Palawan as they convened together for a unique team-building activity last May 19 to 20, 2022 at one of the most famous tourist

destinations in the world, El Nido, Palawan. The dynamic teams from the TESDA Palawan Provincial Office (TESDA- PO) headed by PD Vivian E. Abueva, Puerto Princesa School of Arts and Trades



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(PPSAT) led by Dr. Sianita C. Tadlas, and Provincial Training Center (PTC) led by Javelin E. Obrero eagerly yet patiently sustained a five-hour drive from Puerto Princesa City to Villa Israel Eco-Hotel, El Nido. Leaving the city at dawn, the three teams arrived at the venue before noontime and consumed a delectable buffet lunch at the hotel's events hall.

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PPSAT provides competency-based training programs and strengthens linkages with partners to develop competent workers for local and global employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for quality life.

The faculty and staff of PPSAT, together with TESDA PO and PTC gathered post lunch for the opening program. To fully embrace the essence of team building through effective communication, the entire team learned from the discussion of Prof. Edna Imelda "Mae" F. Legazpi. The invited guest speaker serves as the current Director of the Public Information Office (PIO) and Gender and Development (GAD) Office

of the Palawan State University (PSU). The activity began with exhilarating and witty introduction from each group, emphasizing each employee's unique traits. All personnel actively took part and willingly presented their incomparable group introduction. From among the participants, Ms. Legazpi commended the group of Mr. David Pelotos from PPSAT for having an exceptional presentation. The second part of the learning

session focused on the importance of effective communication in a team where all personnel were regrouped to play an altered form of message relay. Each team was composed of a chief messenger who would describe an image to each member who would also relay the descriptions down to the designated artist. The artist was tasked to draw the image upon hearing only the portrayal of the object.

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From page 1. PD Abueva judged the group outputs while Prof. Legazpi processed and synthesized the learning that transpired after the game. The facilitator specially mentioned the competitive nature of the participants, especially in terms of adhering to the prescribed instructions and standards. Though it was just a simple game, the participants learned the barriers that may hamper effective workplace communication such as misperception, jumping to conclusions, and misinterpretations among others. The PSU GAD counselor, Glaiza Sebatna, assisted Prof. Legazpi throughout the session. The GAD counselor, Glaiza Sebatna assisted Ms. Legazpi throughout the session. Active participants received special tokens and prizes from the facilitators.

Moreover, one of the most exciting highlights of the teambuilding activity was the post-dinner session where personnel from TESDA-PO, PPSAT teaching group, PPSAT admin group, and PTC showcased their dancing prowess during a TikTok Challenge. VSA Tadas,



Prof. Legazpi and Prof. Corazon Manga had a hard time judging the unique and collaborative performances of each team. PD Vivian also showed her support to her employees by joining them during the dance presentation. Despite the close fight among the presenting groups, the TESDA-PO bagged the first place. PPSAT training division placed second, followed by PTC and PPSAT admin group. Personnel from the three TESDA operating units enjoyed the rest of the night by playing Bingo, singing on the karaoke, swimming in the pool, and walking by the nearby shoreline.

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From page 2. The second day of the activity was allotted for island hopping, where employees proudly paraded their colorful swimwear. The entire TESDA team dived on secret lagoon and Papaya Island, enjoyed kayaking in the small and big lagoon, and even played beach volleyball to fully enjoy each other's company. The Regional Director of TESDA MIMAROPA, Director



Dante J. Navarro also joined the TESDA Palawan, PPSAT and PTC personnel during the island-hopping activity. He conveyed his appreciation to each and everyone for doing their best for TESDA and emphasized the significance of continuously working for progress, not only for their respective office, but for the entire TESDA as well. Having El Nido as a place for a teambuilding activity seems to be a luxury for many. But for TESDA Palawan, PPSAT and PTC, spending quality time in this lovely paradise was all worth-it, specially that this was the first occasion where the three operating units combined in one big team-building activity.



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