

Despite the opportunities, there were also issues, concerns, and challenges that emerged. These involve Language Barriers, Network Infrastructure and Technology and Training Concerns, and Global Curriculum and Accreditation.

As a matter of fact, the pandemic greatly affected everyone. Therefore, to survive and grow, everyone must accept and adjust to the global environment’s unanticipated weaknesses, Dr. Jarin added.

Thus, Pangasinan State University will fulfill its aim of being a leading state university in the Southeast Asian Region via innovation, risk management, tenacity and dedication to be achieved with the help and participation of everyone.

**PSU visits SEAMEO Biotrop; inks MOU with Indonesia’s IPB for Research collab**

Paving the way for more international opportunities, the Pangasinan State University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Institut Pertanian Bogor University (IPB) in Bogor City, Indonesia and served as resource speaker at the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Tropical Biology (SEAMEO Biotrop)



The MOU states that both parties intend to encourage collaboration in the case of establishing academic, research and outreach partnerships. The terms of each particular programme or activity will be agreed upon by both parties through separate agreements.

The PSU was represented by its Vice-President for Research, Extension, Innovation and Gender and Development (REIGN), Dr. Paulo V. Cenas while the IPB University in Bogor, Indonesia was

represented by the Vice-Rector for International Affairs, Collaboration and Alumni Relations, Prof. Dodik Ridho Nurrochmat.

The Institut Pertanian Bogor University is ranked 41 out of 1.543 Universities in the World QS WUR Version by Subject Agriculture and Forestry in 2022.

Meanwhile, Dr. Cenas also served as resource speaker on a workshop on Sustainable Use of Ecosystem Services on Coastal and Terrestrial Areas held at the South East Asian Regional Center for Tropical Biology.



SEAMEO BioTrop is one of the Centers of Excellence under the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization with a mission to provide leadership in critical and strategic areas of tropical biology relevant to the region and promote regional networking and partnership on human resource development, research, consultancy, information dissemination and other related activities in these areas, all the while ensuring their sustainability.

Joining Dr. Cenas in this momentous event are Engr. Rex T. Basuel (head of MATIC Center) and Engr. Quincy Jones B. Bundal (head of Salt Technology and Innovation Center).

PSU, as an ASEAN Premier State University, puts premium on quality research, extension and innovation programs all for the advancement of quality education.



### PSU strengthens ties with Provincial Government

A momentous event unfolded on Thursday morning as two stalwarts of great leadership engaged in a fruitful discussion on the advancement of tertiary education in the province.



Dubbed as ‘Meeting of Minds’, the milestone meeting between the Pangasinan State University led by Dr. Dexter R. Buted and the Provincial Government of Pangasinan led by Governor Ramon Guico III, yielded positive results from both institutions.

Dr. Buted led a walkthrough of PSU’s journey as an academic institution that is characterized by numerous successes. He presented to the Governor the inventory of academic programs, faculty profile, enrolment data,

