



# AGUMAN NING BELWAN 2026

## 2<sup>nd</sup> International Multidisciplinary Research Conference

Catalyzing Research and Extension Collaboration and Frontiers:  
Shaping the Future through Discovery

**March 25–27, 2026**

5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Priscilla Hall, Tarlac State University Hotel,  
TSU–Lucinda Extension Campus

## Program of Activities





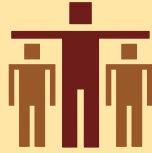
# The Conference

**Aguman** is a Kapampangan word that means *fellowship, association, club, or society*—a term used by a group of friends during their get-together.

Dr. Robert V. Marcos, the Director of the Office of University Research Development, thinking of making TSU research conferences more local and with a sense of belongingness, added the word **Belwan**, which is also a Kapampangan word for *know something or inquiry*. These terms were then combined, forming **Aguman ning Belwan** or **Society of Knowledge**.

**Aguman Ning Belwan**, a collective term for the TSU Research Conferences, serves as an avenue for researchers from around the globe to gather and collaborate, fostering an atmosphere that values different viewpoints and incorporates contributions from various disciplines. It strives to utilize humanity's collective intelligence to address challenges, develop a more equal and resilient society, promote innovation, and improve sustainable growth—creating a society of knowledge.





# Day 1 | March 25

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Registration & Recap

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Opening Program

**Hon. Susan Yap-Sulit**

*Mayor, Tarlac City*

**Hon. Christian Tell A. Yap**

*Governor, Tarlac Province*

**Dr. Arnold E. Velasco**

*President, Tarlac State University (Host)*

**Engr. Robert V. Marcos, PhD**

*Conference Convenor*

9:00 AM - 12:00 NN

Plenary Sessions

12:00 NN - 1:00 PM

Lunch Break

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Special Forum Session: Academe-Indigenous  
Research and Community Engagement:  
Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities**

5:00 PM

Awarding of Certificates



## Day 2 | March 26

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

**Registration & Recap**

8:30 AM - 12:00 NN

**Parallel Sessions**

*In-Person and Online Paper Presentations*

12:00 NN - 1:00 PM

**Lunch Break**

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Parallel Sessions**

*In-Person and Online Paper Presentations*

5:00 PM

**Awarding of Certificates**

## Day 3 | March 27

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

**Registration & Recap**

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**Parallel Sessions**

*In-Person and Online Paper Presentations*

11:00 AM - 12:00 NN

**Awarding of Best Papers &  
Closing of Conference**

# Speakers of the Plenary Sessions



**Dr. Marie Paz E. Morales**  
*Philippine Normal University*

Closing the Loop: A Circular Economy Framework  
for Regenerative STEAM Education through  
Collaborative Research and Extension

**Dr. Gabriel Facal**  
*Research Institute on Contemporary Southeast Asia (IRASEC, Bangkok)*



Agroecology in Southeast Asia:  
Harnessing Interdisciplinarity to Study  
a Strong Driver of Sustainability



**Prof. Patrick C. De Leon**  
*UP Diliman Extension Programs in Pampanga and Olongapo*

The Institutional Approach to the Study of  
Marketing as a Framework for Promoting  
Local Enterprises

**Prof. Aaron Raymond See**  
*National Chin-Yi University of Technology*



ConTact: Controller for Tactile and  
Motor Rehabilitation

**Dr. Raymundo D. Rovillos**  
*Pangasinan Polytechnic College*



WHO CAN SPEAK FOR THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES?:  
Reflections on Subjectivity, Positionality,  
and Representation

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