

# The Philippine Community Herald Newspaper

New Opportunities in the Philippines to migrate to Australia



*SWSI represented by Atty. Imelda Argel conducted a meeting with the Academic Council and Board of Trustees of St. Dominic College of Arts and Sciences on the Philippines Educational Partnership Accredited by New South Wales Dept. of Education and Training. From the left are Mr. Raul Saucillo, Mrs. Zenaida Espejo, VPA Jean Rizza Dela Cruz, Dean Margaret May Ga, Atty. Imelda Argel, VEP Dr. Gregorio Andaman, Ms. Theresa Judith Orina, Ms. Marita Salandanan, Board of Trustee Mayor Monte Andaman, VPASS Domciely Mangubat.*



This September at the Global Filipino Network Conference TAFE NSW through South Western Sydney Institute (SWSI) will be signing two Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs) with partner Philippine educational institutions for the delivery of selected TAFE NSW courses in the Philippines.

The University of Northern Philippines (UNP) and St Dominic College have already signed their respective MOUs to confirm their commitment to the project.

These four Philippine partner educational institutions are:

- University of Northern Philippines (UNP) in Vigan City;
- Saint Dominic College in

Cavite;

- Jose Rizal University (JRU) in Mandaluyong Metro Manila; and
- Northwestern Visayan Colleges (NVC) in Aklan.

In addition, other educational institutions are being considered in Cebu city, Naga city and Pangasinan.

The TAFE NSW qualification will open new migration opportunities for the graduate. For example, those who complete a one year certificate III plus completion of 900 hours of work experience would qualify for a suitable skills assessment under the current TRA guidelines. Most of the diploma courses being considered for delivery in the Philippines are for occupations that will result in being awarded 60 points

for skills qualification under the qualifying Skilled Occupation List (SOL) for migration purposes.

Courses being considered for delivery in the Philippines include:

| COURSE  | DURATION | NORMAL Pathway to obtaining a suitable skills assessment     | Points Awarded | OCCUPATION   |
|---|----------|--|----------------|--|
| Certificate III in Hospitality (Commercial Cookery) | 1 year   | 6 years of relevant work experience                          | 60             | Cook   |
| Certificate III in Hospitality (Patisserie)         | 1 year   | 6 years of relevant work experience                          | 60             | Pastry Cook  |
| Certificate III in Automotive Technology            | 2 years  | 6 years of relevant work                                     | 60             | Motor Mechanic; Auto Electrician                                   |
| Diploma in Horticulture                             | 2 years  | 6 years of relevant work experience                          | 60             | Landscape gardener; Nursery Person; Green keeper; General gardener |
| Diploma in  | 2 years  | 4 year Bachelor degree + 3 years of relevant work experience | 60             | Welfare Worker   |

Other courses which will require completion of further studies in Australia:

| COURSE in the Philippines   | Duration | Further Studies in Australia   | Duration                    | TOTAL Duration | NORMAL pathway to obtaining suitable skills assessment   | Points Awarded | Occupation             |
|---|----------|--|-----------------------------|----------------|--|----------------|------------------------|
| Diploma in Nursing  | 2 years  | Bachelor of Nursing  | 2 years                     | 4 years        | 4 year Bachelor degree plus PRC Board exams plus 2 years of relevant work experience                                       | 60             | Registered Nurse       |
| Advanced Diploma in Accounting                                    | 2 years  | Bachelor of Accounting   | 2 years                     | 4 years        | 4 year Bachelor degree plus PRC Board exams  | 60             | Accountant             |
| Advanced Diploma in Information and Communication Technology (IT) | 2 years  | Bachelor of Computer Science   | 2 years                     | 4 years        | 4 year Bachelor degree plus 4 years of relevant work experience or 2 year Diploma plus 6 years of relevant work experience | 60             | Computing Professional |
| Diploma in Children's Services                                    | 2 years  | 1. Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood); OR 2. Bachelor of Teaching (Birth to School Age); OR 3. Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies (Child and Family) plus Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) | Each pathway is for 3 years | 5 years        | 4 years Bachelor degree plus Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) plus 12 months of skilled work experience            | 60             | Pre-Primary-           |

A major advantage for nursing and accounting students who complete their NSW TAFE Diploma course in the Philippines is a chance to continue their studies to complete their Bachelors degree in Nursing or Accounting in Australia and that they will not need to pass the Philip-

pine Nursing or Accounting Board exams respectively, for purposes of migration.

After two years of full time study in Australia, the nursing or accounting Bachelors degree graduate will qualify for suitable skills assessment in a shorter period of time than if they studied the normal course offered by other colleges and universities in the Philippines for the same degree.

Under the current plan, nurses need only to complete 3 semesters of TAFE NSW Diploma in Nursing in the Philippines and 5 semesters of full time studies in an Australian University or a total of 4 years to become a registered nurse in Australia. TO PAGE 43