



## PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN TRAVEL REPORT

Date of Travel	Institution/ Country Visited	Nature of Visit	Highlights of Visit	Value Added/Outputs/Agreements/ Potential Collaboration
October 21-24, 2018	Chia Nan University, Tainan, Taiwan	To serve as keynote speaker during the 2018 International Conference on Information Technology and Applied Sciences and as Vice President of PASUC, serves as its representative to strengthen international collaboration with Asian university partners	<p>The two-day conference is composed of a one-day keynote lectures of speakers from Taiwan, Philippines and Thailand and a one-day laboratory and facility visits of Chia Nan University and discussions with university's senior officials and department heads.</p> <p>The topic of the keynote lecture I presented was "Curricular and Research Programs of Agricultural Institutions in the Philippines with focus in the Visayas State University" highlighting the status of Agricultural Colleges and Universities, their curricular and research programs and how students are benefited from the support of the Commission on Higher Education and the National government in giving access to our students. Visits to university facilities and laboratories was also fruitful in assessing where we are in terms of providing enabling facilities to our students, industry and other stakeholders.</p>	<p>PASUC and Taiwan Universities has a standing partnership following previous visits of Taiwan University official delegation visits sometime early this year. Together with delegations from UP, and as Vice president of PASUC and President of a leading university and Center of Excellence in Agriculture in the country, I was invited to talk on agricultural education in the country. This visit enhanced our international relations with Taiwan university partners and increased our international visibility as higher education institution in Asia.</p> <p>Two potential collaborations also came out from my discussions with the President and Vice President of Chia Nan University and the Chair of the Department of Food Science and Technology for functional foods and food packaging and labeling and the Dean of the College of Sustainable Environment for research on environmental preservation and related studies. Negotiation for an MOU to formalize this partnership is in progress.</p>

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