

UEP at the 2024 WURI Global Conference

The University of Eastern Pangasinan attends the three-day **2024 WURI Global Conference** at Seoul, South Korea, from September 24-26, 2024.

At the WURI Day 1 Conference, Dr. Evelyn Abalos-Tomboc, President of the University of Eastern Pangasinan (UEP), and Ms. Jolina A. Reyes, University Research Coordinator, delivered impactful presentations. Dr. Tomboc discussed the “Adopt-an-Estero” program, which focuses on the rehabilitation and maintenance of local waterways. This initiative has successfully improved water quality, reduced pollution, and enhanced community resilience by involving students, faculty, and local residents. The “Adopt-an-Estero” program was UEP’s entry for the WURI 2024 Crisis Management Category, which earned them a rank of 28 in that category.

Ms. Reyes presented a proposal entitled “Project SHEALP” (Sustainable, Health, Education, and Livelihood Program) as a comprehensive crisis management strategy. This proposal aims to integrate sustainable practices into health, education, and livelihood initiatives to empower communities. By providing essential health services, educational opportunities, and sustainable livelihood options, the project seeks to build long-term resilience and support community development.

Both presentations highlighted the significant role universities play in crisis management and sustainable development, inspiring other institutions to adopt similar programs.