

UEP leads Innovation and Impact at Global Sustainable Development Congress 2024 in Thailand

The Global Sustainable Development Congress, held from June 10-13, 2024 at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center in Bangkok, Thailand, gathered 3,000 global thought leaders and innovators to address urgent solutions to sustainability challenges. Led by Commissioner Dr. Ethel Agnes P. Valenzuela, the Philippine CHED delegation, including representatives from higher education institutions in Region 1 such as University President Dr. Evelyn A. Tomboc and AVPAA Dr. Gloria C. Nemedez, participated in this event co-hosted by The Times Higher Education (THE) and Thailand's Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation.

Key themes discussed included the digital revolution for sustainable development, education, gender, and inequality, energy decarbonization and sustainable industry, health, well-being, and demography, sustainable cities and communities, and sustainable food, land, water, and oceans.

During the congress, Dr. Tomboc and Dr. Nemedez seized the opportunity to explore potential partnerships with international institutions and engage in firsthand discussions with administrators and professors. Additionally, at the invitation of Regional Director Dr. Christine N. Ferrer and Vice President Dr. Jonathan R. Carreon, they visited Huachiew Charlermprakiet University (HCU) in Samut Prakan, Thailand, where they were impressed by the university's environmentally friendly initiatives and infrastructure.

Reflecting on their experience, the congress was enriching and inspiring, particularly from the insights shared by esteemed speakers from international universities on their efforts to advance the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through research, innovation, and community outreach. This experience will significantly contribute to UEP's ongoing commitment to sustainability and global engagement.