

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS
February 9-10, 2024
Tagum City, Davao del Norte

The Philippine Tax Academy (PTA) presented its first research paper at the 2nd National Multidisciplinary Research Conference, hosted by the Visionary Research Association Incorporated. It was a pioneering research paper aimed at furthering PTA's mandate and contributing to reforming the Philippine revenue sector.

Gathering representatives from various educational institutions, government agencies, and private organizations, the conference served as a platform for sharing insights, fostering collaborations, and enhancing interdisciplinary approaches to research and innovation. Held on February 8-9, 2024 in Tagum City, the event proved to be a melting pot of ideas and expertise.

President Gil S. Beltran and Dr. Gina A. Opiniano, head of the Research, Education, and Innovation Division, comprised the PTA delegation to the conference. Their research paper, co-written with PTA research specialists Joel D. Cebrero and Sofia Jan J. Manlapaz, titled "Revisiting Reform Initiatives in the Philippine Revenue Sector: Basis for the Reinforcement of the PTA Integrity Education Program," tackled the crucial issue of ethical integrity within the revenue sector.

During the presentation, President Beltran expounded on the proposed framework aimed at transforming revenue officials into professionals imbued with ethical integrity and a commitment to efficient service delivery. The research not only identified key challenges but also proposed tangible solutions through the Integrity Education Program (IEP) framework.

The paper which aims, among others, to bridge a research lacuna and to innovate towards a more sustainable and trustworthy revenue sector through the IEP is aptly aligned with the conference theme "Bridging Disciplines: Innovating for a Sustainable Future".

The proposed IEP framework aims to enhance public trust and revenue generation by integrating ethical considerations into training and continuing professional education. By nurturing ethical leadership and management skills among revenue officials, the PTA envisions a more transparent and efficient public finance management system.

The conference itself served as fertile ground for networking, knowledge exchange, and professional development. With workshops and presentations led by experts in various fields, attendees were provided with the tools and insights necessary for professional growth and innovation.

As the PTA continues to champion integrity and excellence in the Philippine revenue sector, its participation in the conference underscores its commitment to transformative research and collaborative efforts towards a sustainable future.





Pres. Beltran during the open forum explaining the importance of research utilization for policy reforms.



Pres. Beltran presenting the highlights of PTA's Integrity Education Program research



Pres. Beltran and the other presenters during the open forum.

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