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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

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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