

The Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC) is duly designated by the Philippine government as an NGO accrediting body. Recently, it recognizes Tita Evasco-Branzuela, Ph.D. as one of its distinguished Evaluators, serving the Council with 13 solid years of accreditation expertise under her belt.

PCNC, a private voluntary, non-stock, non-profit corporation is a service organization, certifying non-profit organizations that meet the minimum criteria for financial management and accountability in the service to underprivileged Filipinos. Among these institutions are foundations, higher education institutions, hospitals, non-government organizations (NGOs), and others.

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PCNC HONORS TITA EVASCO-BRANZUELA, Ph.D.

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Dr. Branzuela, San Beda's Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs was conferred honor in 2009 for evaluating a minimum of 10 institutions, in 2012 for evaluating a minimum of 30 institutions, and in June 2017 for evaluating a minimum of 50 institutions. Notably, Dr. Branzuela has been her Team's Chair since 2004. Her flawless reputation and credibility in the Council also elevat-

ed her to the Chairmanship of the PCNC Election Board, a venerated body entrusted to facilitate the crucial selection of PCNC's Board of Trustees

Referring to the PDAF scam in the country, PCNC Chairman of the Board, Augusto Carpio III, said "The scandal that affected the NGO industry brought about by the misappropriation of government funds in 2013 continued to test

the reputation of the non-profit sector..."

"PCNC will continue the promotion of its certification as a seal of legitimacy, good governance, and organizational management and a proof of transparency and accountability of an organization," Carpio added. Thus, PCNC pursues the enhancement of effectivity of NGOs in the country towards greater account-



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ability, a more solid credibility, and robust capability in providing services.

In a talk with Dr. Branzuela, she said, “I view PCNC as a real catalyst for national development. It is an effective partner of the government in ensuring that only efficient and effective NGOs are certified.”

“I am most grateful to San Beda College Benedictine Educational Foundation, Inc. for making me part of its “birth” pains and for paving the way for me to be a PCNC evaluator, coach, and mentor. My sincerest appreciation to PCNC for having me as part of the volunteer evaluators’ pool these past years,” Dr. Branzuela closes.

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