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MAKING THE ICONS: 2023 Philippine Higher Education International Relations (PHE IR) Year-End Networking and Collaboration Workshop

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In a significant development during the MAKING THE ICONS: 2023 Philippine Higher Education International Relations (PHE IR) Year-End Networking and Collaboration Workshop, Dr. Josefa G. Carrillo, the Director for International and External Affairs of the University of Perpetual Help System Laguna, played a key role in the event held at the Sheraton Manila Hotel in Pasay City, last December 11 to 12, 2023. Attended by International Relations Officers (IROs) from State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Private Higher Education Institutions (PHEIs) nationwide, the workshop was spearheaded by the Commission on Higher Education International Affairs Staff (CHED IAS), led by its director, Atty Lily Milla, contributing to the overall success of the event. The workshop, meticulously designed as a comprehensive and multifaceted platform, aimed to conduct a thorough review of the notable accomplishments of the preceeding year.

Going beyond a mere retrospective, it delved into a detailed assessment of successful practices, identified specific areas for improvement, and translated these insights into well-crafted strategic plans for future initiatives. This approach was particularly relevant given the dynamic and evolving landscape of international higher education relations. The gravity of the internationalization efforts within the PHE sector received formal recognition at the recently concluded ICONS Awards 2023. The accolades bestowed upon the sector highlighted the impact and relevance of these initiatives, further emphasizing their crucial role in shaping the future of Philippine higher education on the global stage. The workshop served not only as a platform for reflection but also as a space for forward-thinking. Participants engaged in a nuanced analysis of the diverse experiences and challenges of the previous year, fostering a collaborative atmosphere aimed at advancing and refining approaches in anticipation of the evolving landscape of international higher education relations in the years to come.

The collective efforts of workshop participants, spearheaded by the active involvement of Atty. Lily Milla, contributed to a shared understanding of how best to navigate and enhance the internationalization of educational institutions in the Philippines. Dr. Carrillo's representation in the event positioned the University of Perpetual Help System Laguna as a proactive player in the on-going internationalization efforts that continue to shape the future of Philippine higher education.