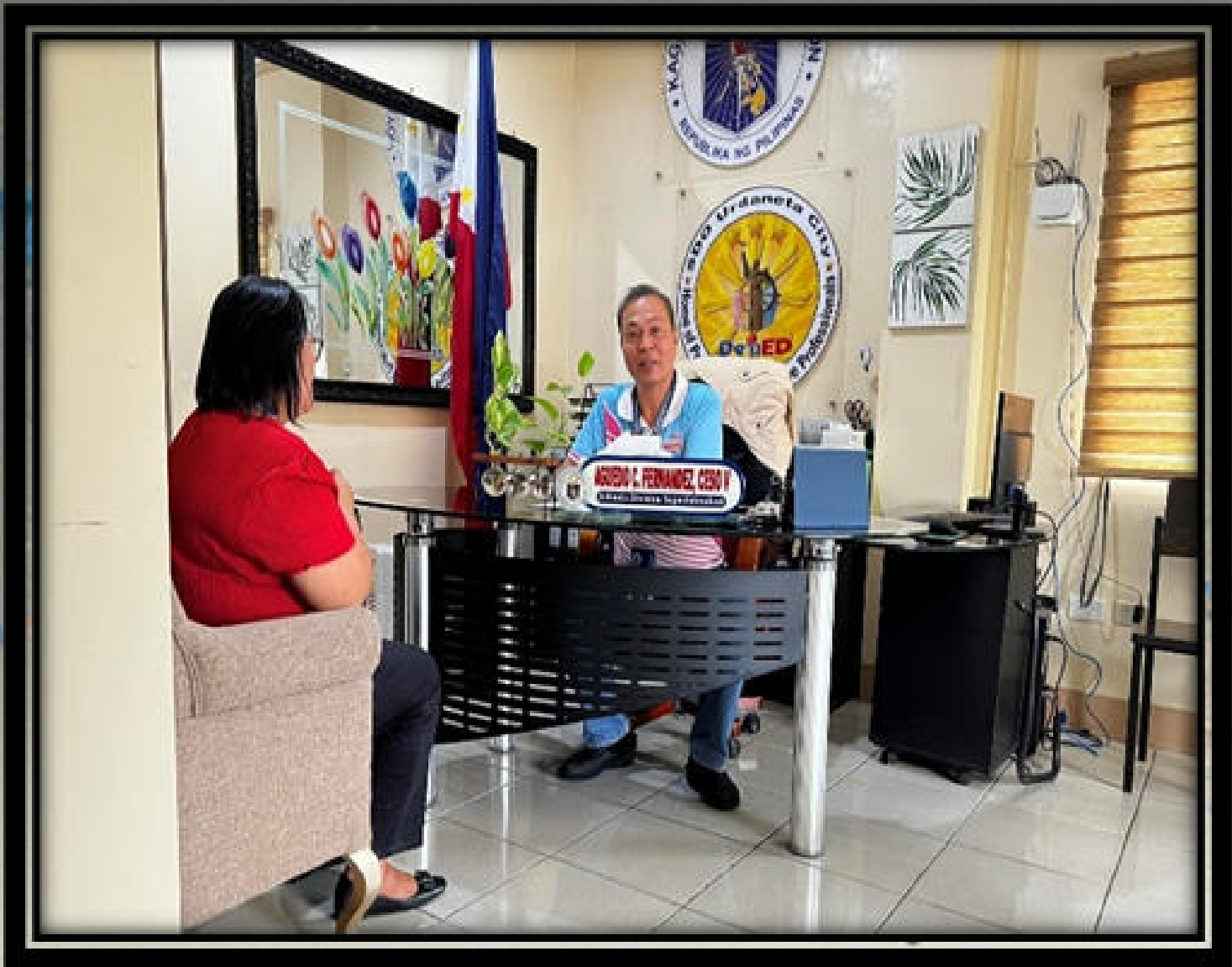


**URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY STRENGTHENS SDG COMMITMENT THROUGH COORDINATION WITH DEPED FOR BADANG BRIGADA ESKWELA PROJECT**



Urdaneta City, Philippines — June 11, 2024 — Reaffirming its strong commitment to community partnership and sustainable education, Urdaneta City University (UCU), through its Extension Office, coordinated with Dr. Aguedo Fernandez, City Schools Division Superintendent, regarding the implementation of this year’s BADANG Brigada Eskwela Project. The initiative forms part of UCU’s long-standing outreach program, “Gamit Eskwela para sa Bata at Brigada Eskwela,” which aims to support public schools in their preparation for the new academic year.

For 2024, UCU has identified 15 schools as beneficiaries of the BADANG Project, continuing its mission to assist schools in creating clean, safe, and learning-conducive environments for students. The program also promotes volunteerism and collaboration among faculty members, students, and local stakeholders—strengthening the spirit of bayanihan within the education sector.

This coordination meeting with the Schools Division Office (SDO) of Urdaneta City highlights UCU’s proactive efforts in aligning its extension and outreach activities with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs)—specifically SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals. By establishing strong ties with the Department of Education and local schools, UCU fosters a comprehensive dialogue in implementing SDG-focused initiatives that directly address community needs through education, collaboration, and sustainable action.

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