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The 1st NCEC in CvSU

Aiming to gather key players in the coffee industry, Cavite State University, through the National Coffee Research Development and Extension Center (NCRDEC), this University, conducted the 1st National Coffee Education Congress (NCEC), 6 - 9 November.

With the theme 'Recognizing the Roles of SUCs in the Development of the Philippine Coffee Industry', the congress highlighted the research and extension activities that led towards the growth of the coffee industry, along with the success stories of farmers, cooperatives and entrepreneurs. Several guests inspired more than 150 representatives from different institutions, private organizations and government agencies who participated in the said congress.

Honorable Senator Cynthia A. Villar, chairperson of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food, emphasized that research outputs be turned into extension projects to benefit the larger sector of the society, specifically the farmers. Meanwhile, Dr. Patricia B. Licuanan, chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), creatively presented the role of coffee in social psychology particularly in the culture of millennials. Among other government officials and professionals who reiterated their support towards bringing the Philippine coffee in the global market were the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Fortunato C. De La Peña, represented by Dr. Alexander R. Madrigal, DOST Region IV-A director, Dr. Reynaldo V. Ebor, DOST-PCAARRD executive director, DTI Secretary Ramon M. Lopez, represented by NEDA IV-A director, Noly Guevarra, Joel H. Lales of the Department of Agriculture- Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR), former CHED Commissioner Dr. Alexander B. Brillantes, Jr., Director Juliet P. Lucas of DTI Mountain Province, Rene Tongson of the Philippine Coffee Board (PCB), Inc., Gov. Jesus Crispin C. Remulla of Cavite and Mayor Perfecto V. Fidel of Indang.



Distinguished speakers share their message during the 1st National Coffee Education Congress

Lectures on technology particularly in coffee production, processing and distribution were also delivered by the following speakers: Mr. Thelonious Trimmel of MinPACT Project (Strengthening the Capacity of Small-Scale Coffee Farmers: ACDI-VOCA Experience); Mr. Richard Abellon, Jr. of Café Maleng-ag (Coffee Processing); Director Valentino Macanes of the Institute of Highland Farming System and Agroforestry (Highland Coffee Production); and Mr. Rodrigo H. Diloy of NCRDEC (Lowland Coffee Production).

Aside from government and private partners, recognition was also given to former CHED Commissioner Ruperto S. Sangalang and former director of NCRDEC, Dr. Alejandro DC. Mojica, Sr. whose works have contributed a lot in the development of coffee research and extension in the country.

Participants were also inspired by one of the plenary speakers for the second day, Princess Kumala S. Elardo of Sulu Royal Coffee Brand and PCBI. She discussed the 'Role of Women in the Coffee Industry Development' and shared their concept of 'from armalites to ipads' together with the story of how the coffee industry was able to help them achieve peace and order and even progress in their community.

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Senator Cynthia A. Villar receives her plaque of appreciation from Dr. Hernando D. Robles and the four vice presidents

Entrepreneurial minds were also motivated with the success stories of Steve O. Benitez of Bo's Coffee, Magsasaka Siyentista Teodoro S. Dela Cruz and Ma. Agnes Madlangasacay of Café Amadeo. Indonesian entrepreneur Ms. Rinda Sri Wulandari, awardee of Great Women in ASEAN 2017, also shared the story behind the success of Kopi Kelana, her coffee business in their country which started when she attended a training in the Philippines.

Also included in the event was the launching of Café Severino and the opening of trade fair and exhibit wherein Gourmet Farms won as Best Booth. Several photos reflecting coffee education were also awarded under the Espresso Shots photo contest. Outstanding research and extension papers are also expected to be published as part of the maiden issue of the Philippine Coffee Journal.

The last day of the event was devoted to a business meeting for the brewing of ideas and projects as key players in the coffee industry pledged to promote the Philippine coffee industry. Meanwhile, skills demonstration was also conducted to showcase the art and science of using coffee as an ingredient. Mr. Tristan Joy P. Destura, Brand Ambassador of 1883 Syrups based in Singapore, surprised the crowd with his on-the-spot latte art (portrait) while Chef Joelina A. Dela Cruz of Aman Pulo Hotels and Resorts in Palawan shared a taste of chili beef with coffee and chocolate and some chips and her coffee-based dessert. Coffee-based products were also made with the expertise of a food technologist, Mr. Richmond Victor E. Ejanda, whose researches focused on the conversion of coffee waste into a consumable ingredient used to make coffee grounds truffles, florentine, turtle pie, nitrogen rapid cold brew coffee, coffee butter, and coffee-buttered steak.

This four-day national congress proved that coffee is more than just a staple drink of Filipinos but a powerful mechanism towards development, especially now that SUCs are forming an education network to bring back the glory of the Philippine coffee industry.



Invited guests show off their skills in the art and science of using coffee as an ingredient

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DIET ignites IE grads; They had their first on their tenth!

After years of offering Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering (BSIE), the Department of Industrial Engineering Technology (DIET), this University conducted its first Industrial Engineering Grand Alumni Homecoming at S.M. Rolle Hall, 25 November.

With the theme, **IGNITE: Involving Graduates on Noble Intentions of Transcending Excellence**, the said event was a celebration of achievements and a sharing of success stories of BSIE graduates since 2007. After the thanksgiving mass led by Rev. Fr. Anthony Q. Carreon, an inspirational message was delivered by the guest speaker, Dr. Zeny J. Lontoc of the Commission on Higher Education- Regional Quality Assessment Team (Region IV-A). Dr. Lontoc emphasized the value of excellence as a habit of touching lives and being inspired to learn, more than just an act or a call of duty.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ammie P. Ferrer, Director for Alumni Affairs, also graced the event. On the other hand, Dr. Rhodora V. Nuestro, former CEIT dean and DIET chair, sent her message and was delivered by the incumbent chair, Prof. Willie C. Buclatin. They reminded the graduates and other participating BSIE students that knowledge and experiences are valuable instruments to be able to reach their dreams beyond school grounds.

One of the highlights of the event was the awarding of the 10 Outstanding Industrial Engineers, the first award

given to the members of the IE alumni in recognition of their significant contribution in the achievement of goals and objectives of the university, considering their exceptional professional, academic, public and private service achievements as industrial engineers.

Awardees were Sarah D. Baybay, Diana Herrera-Cueno, Laarnie Perez-Carlos, Erickson G. Eyaya, Mary Joyce P. Alcazar, Joy Marquez-Castillo, Jerric D. Almanzor, Gerry M. Castillo, Eugene E. Baybay and Joyjean Dominilda R. Joaquin. Roster of certified industrial engineers who passed the examination, namely: Keres B. Daa, Mary Joyce P. Alcazar, Rhenselle Mhae Q. Arellano, Gerry M. Castillo, Joyjean Dominilda R. Joaquin and Angelique Anne V. Ramos was also recognized during the event.

Two faculty members; Profs. Liza R. Bauyon and Willie C. Buclatin also received the award as Outstanding Industrial Engineering Professors. Prof. Bauyon served as the first IE instructor of the university and is now based in Canada, while Prof. Buclatin is currently a candidate for Doctor of Technological Management.

Along with raffle draws and entertainment, the event ended with a Business Meeting, which formed the IE Alumni Association, and officers aiming to further conduct activities that will help develop the BSIE program.

Since 2002, the program has produced more than 250 graduates. It has reached Level II status as assessed by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP), Inc.



A group shot from the alumni of BS Industrial Engineering with some faculty members after they ignited the 1st Grand Alumni Homecoming

CNSC visits CvSU

The Camarines Norte State College (CNSC), Daet, Camarines Norte recently conducted a benchmarking activity as part of their preparation for the physical framework plans for its different campuses, 7 November.

Dr. Leyma L. Cero, planning and development director, warmly welcomed the team, specifically from the Institutional Planning and Development Office (IPDO) of the said College, headed by Ms. Emmalyn C. Guaves, IPDO director. The short meeting enabled them to gather ideas and information on the physical planning and development of the University.

Also present during the meeting was Dr. David L. Cero, physical plant services director, who also shared some insights on the operations, issues and concerns of his unit.



CNSC and CvSU officials share the spotlight after the meeting

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CvSU, TNU officially implements MoU

Finally, Cavite State University (CvSU), headed by Dr. Hernando D. Robles, university president, formally signed and officially implemented the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Thai Nguyen University (TNU), a University located in Thai Nguyen, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Three officials personally visited the University to smoothen and sign the said Understanding, in the presence of the Administrative Council members. The visit was actually a follow up of the earlier understanding made between the two universities during the official trip of Dr. Robles at Thai Nguyen Province, Hanoi, Vietnam last May 2-6 of the current year.

The MoU emphasized the purpose of strengthening the cooperation between the hereinafter referred to as Parties and focus on the mutual interests in the various research and training and other additional fields as may be mutually decided upon by the Parties.

Moreover, the Parties also agreed to develop the following collaborative activities in academic areas of mutual interest, subject to the availability of funds and resources: provision of assured high-quality education through joint initiatives in curriculum development; visits by and exchange of students for the purposes of study and research; visits by and exchange of staff for the purposes of research, teaching, and discussion; joint research activities; participation in internationally funded projects; building a network of education opportunities accessible to all; and joint participation in course development and delivery.

Meanwhile, 18 student-teachers from the main and satellite campuses were already deployed to undertake their internship program at TNU of Agriculture and Forestry and its partner universities and schools under the international cooperation on Internship Program of Student-Teachers between the two Parties, effective November 30, 2017 to May 25, 2018.

An ocular inspection was conducted, 14-19 November by a four-man team, namely: Dr. Editha G. Reyes, dean of the College of Education (CED); Dr. Lumine R. Crisostomo; Dr. Elizabeth E. Polinga; and Prof. Patrick Glenn C. Ilano, prior to the deployment of these student-teachers. According to Prof. Ilano, TNU also welcomes not only student-teachers but also tourism students of our University to undertake on-the-job training.



All out smiles from the student teachers deployed at Thai Nguyen University with some CED faculty members



Dr. Robles shakes hand with Thai Nguyen University officials after the MoU signing, Lasap Hall

The following student-teachers successfully passed the rigid and strict evaluation from the local evaluation committee and TNU screening committee and are currently performing their tasks:

NO.	NAME	CAMPUS
1	Shaira C. Lobrio	Main
2	Sheryl Anne A. Bayacal	-do-
3	Beula Mica L. Macalindong	-do-
4	Czerina Mae S. Antonio	-do-
5	Anna Y. Lozada	-do-
6	Neil Kristel F. Faigmani	-do-
7	Janina Odette S. Santiago	-do-
8	Kim H. San Agustin	-do-
9	Sheena Niel I. Lopez	-do-
10	Jessiedelle R. Credo	-do-
11	Jianne Grace Marteja	-do-
12	Vivien Ivy M. Gonzales	-do-
13	Jimmy A. Perez, Jr.	-do-
14	Christine Jay S. Biangco	Rosario
15	Arvi V. Chua	-do-
16	Nizell R. Fortuno	-do-
17	Ghezilyn E. Co	-do-
18	Rhica Mae R. Ranao	Imus

In an interview with Prof. Julie S. Guevara, OIC of CED, and who is in constant communication and monitoring with the students, said that they are giving their best to satisfy the academic areas of interest of both Parties, though they missed their families especially during this yuletide season. “What makes it more fulfilling is that, these student-teachers are enjoying benefits from TNU such as free two-way airfare, lodging and stipend of 2.5M Dong, equivalent to 100 US\$ or P5,000.00 until the expiration of the program”, she added.

Dr. Robles expressed his appreciation to this international collaboration on academic programs with TNU. “Since our Student Internship Abroad Program (SIAP) is already in place with TNU, we will be pushing with the faculty and staff exchange to conduct collaborative research and teaching”, he added. “We will also establish more collaborative undertakings with universities and agencies in the ASEAN region and other international networks”, he concluded. Congratulations and Good luck!

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PAEPI sponsors capability building training

The Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementors (PAEPI) sponsored a two-day national training on 'Capability Building for Extension Program Implementors and Professionals' at Bayview Park Hotel, Manila, 16-17 November.

Ms. Shirlyn M. Rom, GAD Resource Center staff attended the said training, with the theme "Community Engagement as a Pathway towards Relevance and Advancement in Philippine Higher Education".



Ms. Shirlyn M. Rom (right) and a co-participant during the PAEPI training

CAFENR conducts seminar series; lores with guest lecturer from Thailand

As a continuing legacy to promote agriculture through various means, the College of Agriculture, Food, Environment and Natural Resources (CAFENR) conducted a seminar on "Economic Tropical Fruits of Southern Thailand" at STAARRDEC Conference Hall, this University, with guest lecturer, Dr. Chaisit Preecha of Rajamangala University of Technology (RUT), Southern Thailand, 28 November.

Dr. Preecha, an assistant professor and faculty of Agriculture of the Department of Plant Science of the said University, lores the audience with his lecture on the primary tropical fruits of Southern Thailand, such as durian, jackfruit, mangosteen, and rambutan. A short video presentation featuring the campuses and program offerings of RUT enlivened the seminar.

Faculty and staff, including students of the BS Agriculture, Bachelor of Agricultural Entrepreneurship, BS Food Technology,

During the first day, speakers discussed the following topics: Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo, Jr., Director IV, Office of Planning, Research and Knowledge Management (OPRKM) of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), 'Considerations for Planning the Extension Programs of the Future'; Dr. Anthony M. Penaso, president, Caraga State University, 'Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) Initiatives and Policies towards Strengthening Extension Services in Philippine Higher Education'; Dr. William D. Dar, president, Inang Lupa Movement, Inc., Quezon City, 'Agri-preneurship Ecosystem and the Agriculture-based Higher Educational Institutions'; and Ms. Noemi C. Liangco, manager of Amancio Farm and Hotel and business entrepreneur, Cordeon, Isabela,

'Passion and Corporate Social Responsibility towards Inclusive Agribusiness Development'.

The second day was highlighted with lectures on the following topics: Monitoring and Evaluation of Research and Extension Programs and Projects by Ms. Vanessa V. Cariedo, head, Communication and Public Affairs, ASEAN Center for Biodiversity, ERDB, UP Los Baños; Innovation Platform for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development: A New Paradigm in Extension Modalities by Dr. William C. Medrano, Vice President for Research, Development Extension and Training (RDET), Isabel State University and former CHED commissioner; and Potentials of Farm Tourism and Farm to Table Dining by Ms. Angelica F. Costales, president of Costales Farm and business entrepreneur.

and BS Environmental Science programs attended the lecture, which was part of CAFENR Faculty Seminar Series that also highlighted works and studies conducted by faculty members of the College. It likewise served as an opportunity for information dissemination and knowledge exchange between the students, faculty, and other stakeholders.

Together with Dr. Preecha, who shared his experiences in the field and their University's technology were other faculty members, namely: Assistant Professors Amporn Ratanamusik and Samphan Promhom, faculty members of Agriculture, Department of Fishery; Ms. Suwisa Chaisuwan and Ms. Acting Sub Lt. Orathai Chamnankij, faculty members of Management Technology, Department of Accounting; and Mr. Chirawit Champa and Mrs. Chusri Champa, senior lecturers.



Dr. Chaisit Preecha (seated, center) poses with some of the faculty members of CAFENR and other guests from Rajamangala University of Technology

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