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Dr. Robles participates in Phil-HECS PLP, IAV to Taiwan

Dr. Hernando D. Robles, University President, recently participated in Philippine Higher Education Career System (Phil-HECS) Presidential Leadership Program (PLP) International Academic Visit (IAV) to Taiwan, 5-12 March.

The PLP is Track I of the career system which is designed to engage SUC presidents, ensuring that they are updated on present trends, new government policies, and the best practices in higher education management. This track allows current SUC leaders to be significant contributors to the pursuit of higher education reform over the course of their current term, their reappointment, and their succeeding roles after their term as president, up to their eventual retirement. Moreover, the Program is a continuing education program for incumbent SUC presidents, enabling them to be effective leaders of their institutions.

Twenty-four state universities and colleges (SUCs) in the country, recognized for excellence in agriculture and technology programs were identified by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to form the delegation of international academic visit to Taiwan, including the University.

The focus of the said academic visit to Taiwan was on agricultural and technological programs, with the Taiwan Ministry of Education (MOE) as the implementing partner.

The MOE learning mission offers the opportunity for delegates to learn from esteemed agriculture and technology universities in the country and further enhance and update their leadership competencies.



Dr. Hernando D. Robles (left) receiving the certificate of completion from the deputy minister (right), Ministry of Education of Taiwan during the Phil-HECS PLP

According to Dr. Robles, most of the Universities visited by Phil-HECS delegates are all high-performing Universities and considered to be the best in Taiwan and Asia, if not the world. "They have very impressive facilities from buildings, laboratories, offices, equipment, grounds and the whole campus are very clean and visitors ready, very impressive and outstanding faculty profile, and they are all comprehensive Universities and excellent in their respective banner disciplines such as Agriculture, Science and Technology, Engineering, Veterinary Medicine and others that Cavite State University could benchmark in terms of facilities, program offerings and governance", he said.

Moreover, the delegation visited National Taiwan University (NTU), considered as the leading government-run University in Taiwan and consistently rank in QS and Asia University Ranking in the last ten years. Another university visited, with an impressive research and development activities

was National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST), considered to be the largest in Southern Taiwan.



Seated 2nd from left is Dr. Robles together with other delegates of Phil-HECS PLP at the National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST)

With the learnings and experience gained from the one-week visit in Taiwan, Dr. Robles laid down his plans and programs for the University, as follow: prepare CvSU Strategic Plan 2017-2020 to include learnings acquired from the International Academic Visit; exert extra effort to find partner-university for collaborative research; improve university facilities and equipment to be at par with Taiwan Universities visited and the rest of ASEAN; re-focused University in Research Development and Extension Agenda and Program (RDEAP), considering the current development in ASEAN Region; establish a more reliable and effective Industry-Academe Linkages; engage faculty in more publishable researches and technology generation activities; and institutionalize quality assurance and accreditation of programs and institution.

The IAV delegates were not only academically and technically enhanced but also experienced the rich culture and generous hospitality of Taiwan and its people. May be different in belief and economic status, Taiwan and Philippines share a common vision that Universities shall provide quality education and lifelong learning for students of the next generation not only of



The group, taking their pose at Taiwan National Palace Museum

their own citizens but for the whole world. "The Phil-HECS visit to the Cultural and Tourist sites was an unforgettable experience for we were able to witness the love and concern of Taiwanese people for mother-nature and environment", he concluded.

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CvSU hosts KP Cupping Competition

The Philippine Coffee Board, Inc. (PCBI), ACDI/VOCA and Coffee Quality Institute held the Kape Pilipino or KP Cupping Competition, 28 February to 4 March, with the University as host.

International judges, headed by Mr. Samuel Eli Gurel, President of Torch Coffee, arrived a week earlier to taste almost a hundred samples from all over the country and to search for the best coffee this harvest season.

All entries received were recorded without names and were assigned codes, thus judges did not know the owners of the coffee to avoid controversy in judging. Moreover, during the scoring, only the person setting up the cupping and the head judge knew the code numbers.



The panel of judges (left) doing the cupping of entries and coded entries submitted are displayed (right)

During the preliminary round, three judges cupped all the entries and their scores were reviewed by the head judge to select 12 entries, with an average score of 80 points and above to be considered for the top 10 list. The 12 finalists were then cupped by the six judges during the final round where their scores were also reviewed by the head judge after he cupped the entries.

For Arabica coffee, Region XII and CAR tied on the third place, with an average score of 84.67, another entry from CAR landed on second place, with an average score of 84.92 and first place was Region X, with an average score of 85.75.

On the other hand, Robusta coffee winners include Region XI, third and second place, with an average score of 82.58 and 82.75, respectively, while Region X grabbed the first place, with an average score 83.42.

What made the event even more special was the conduct of a roundtable discussion on coffee quality cupping and grading with the international judges, namely: Ms. Mbula Musau; Ms. Lalida Sithipruthanon; and Mr. Shaun Ong, who are experts in coffee since they have attended CQI Q Arabica and Robusta Training. Reactions were heard from these judges regarding their experience on cupping and judging of the entries.



Participants of the roundtable discussion on coffee quality cupping and grading, together with the international judges

This momentous event was also attended by Mr. Nicholas A. Matti, Chairman, PCBI, Mr. Thelonious T. Trimmell, Chief of Party, ACDI/VOCA, Dr. Alejandro DC. Mojica, VPRECETS, Dr. Julio G. Alava, VPEBA, Dr. Henry O. Garcia, VPASS, Dr. Camilo A. Polinga, VPAA, and members of the Administrative Council.

Dr. Alvarez speaks to Vet Med students of CTU

Dr. Alvin-William A. Alvarez, dean of CVMBS was invited as guest speaker at the Veterinary Medicine Week Celebration of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Cebu Technological University (CVM-CTU), Barili Campus, 9-10 March.

With Vet Med students as his audience, he discussed animal welfare assessment and the establishment and operations of an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) with the faculty and staff. He also introduced the Philippine Network of Animal Welfare Educators, Inc. (PNAWE), which is a national organization being established as the last project for the World Animal Protection.

His speakership was an offshoot of his stint as the former Country Key Driver of the World Animal Protection, and for being recognized as one of the few experts in Animal Welfare in the Philippines.



Dr. Alvarez, delivering his message to Vet Med students of CTU

The school (CTU), is the 21st and the newest Vet School in the country and the last one to be visited by the Organization.

CED-DHEVTE faculty and students reaps awards in MinSCAT

Faculty and students from the College of Education-Department of Home Economics, Vocational and Technical Education (CED-DHEVTE), recently attended the 5th Inter-Collegiate Convention Competition and Tradeshow, held in Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology (MinSCAT), Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro, 9-10 March.

The delegation, composed of four faculty/coaches, 13 BSHRM and three BSTM students, participated in different competitions and reaped the following awards: First runners-up in tour guiding, table setting and flower arrangement, and second runner-up in table skirting.

They also joined the socialization night, where Mr. Shaquille Abel won as Runway King, Ms. Marynette Olandria (CHARMS President), Best in Casual Wear, and Ms. Jolina Novelo, first runner-up in Contemporary Dance Competition.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ruel P. Mendoza, DHEVTE faculty member, also presented his research paper during the convention.

Present during the two-day event was the president of MinSCAT, Dr. Jesse T. Zamora, whom our own faculty members had a chance to take pictures with him.



Photos taken during the 5th Inter-Collegiate Convention Competition and Tradeshow, MinSCAT, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

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Mojica culminates SEARCA professorial chair lecture



Dr. Ruel M. Mojica, NCRDEC Director during his lecture

Dr. Ruel M. Mojica, director of the National Coffee Research, Development and Extension Center (NCRDEC) of the University, concluded his professorial chair lecture entitled, “Socio-Economic and Environmental Assessment of a Microcontroller-Based Coffee Roasting Machine: Implications for Market Potential and Technology Commercialization,” 8 March, at S.M. Rolle Hall.

Driven by his passion to empower local coffee farmers, Dr. Mojica had developed the “Bravura”, a low cost, yet comparatively efficient vertical roasting machine made from locally- available materials, which highlighted the market profitability and environmental impact of the said innovation during the lecture.

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) Regional Professorial Chair aims to recognize outstanding Southeast Asian experts in the academe who have excellently promoted the Inclusive and Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development (ISARD) in Southeast Asia. It also requires grantees to deliver public lecture to SEARCA upon the culmination of the award.

Dr. Garcia attends 1st quarter 2017 CALABARZON RDC meeting

Dr. Henry O. Garcia, vice-president for administrative and support services attended the 1st quarter 2017 CALABARZON Regional Development Council (RDC) meeting, 9 March, at Queen Margarett Hotel Main, Domoit, Lucena City, Quezon.

The meeting was called to order by Dir. Luis G. Banua of NEDA Region IV-A and RDC Vice Chairperson. Meanwhile, ARD Gina T. Gacusan also of NEDA Region IV-A and RDC Secretary, acknowledged the presence of Presidential Adviser for Southern Tagalog, Secretary



Dr. Henry O. Garcia (front center) during the 1st quarter 2017 CALABARZON RDC meeting, together with the other member agencies at Queen Margarett Hotel Main, Domoit, Lucena City, Quezon

Meanwhile, Dr. Gil C. Saguiguit, Jr., SEARCA Director, in his inspirational message, commended the track record and exceptional research efforts of Dr. Mojica in coffee production to help small-scale local coffee farmers. He then announced to give \$ 15,000.00 as seed fund for coffee research.

“Your work is a symbol of excellence, the standards you have set are hard to surpass”, said Ms. Maria Soledad M. Lising, Extension Director, as she delivered her closing remarks. The lecture was attended by SEARCA officials, coffee farmers, University officials and faculty, students, LGU, Café Amadeo, as well as private spectators. Congratulations, Dr. Ruel M. Mojica!



SEARCA officials, coffee farmers, university officials, faculty, students, and representatives from LGU attending the professorial chair lecture at SM Rolle Hall

Jose Maria Nicomedes F. Hernandez in the meeting. In his speech, Secretary Hernandez said that his office is the eyes and ears of the President regarding issues and concerns of Calabarzon. Some of his mandates include: pursue matters and issues in the Region; monitor programs and projects and development in the Region; provide assistance to LGUs; and make recommendations on any actions that should be undertaken by the National Government.

On the other hand, Private Sector Representative (PSR), Engr. Ladislao L. Andal of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers - Batangas Chapter, received his appointment as RDC Calabarzon Co-Chairperson. His term as RDC Co-Chairperson is co-terminus with his term as PSR. Likewise, Mr. Joselito B. Rodriguez, Executive Director of Enrique Zobel Foundation, Inc. was endorsed by the Batangas Provincial Development Council (BPDC), as their geographic PSR to the Calabarzon RDC. Secretary Hernandez administered the oath-taking of Engr. Andal and Mr. Rodriguez.

Highlights of the meeting was the approval of 32 RDC Resolutions including RDC Resolution Nos. IV-A-10-2017 and IV-A-12s-2017, “APPROVING THE UPDATED THREE-YEAR ROLLING INVESTMENT PROGRAMS 2017-2019 OF THE REGIONAL OFFICES OF BFAR, DA, DENR, DENR-EMB, DOST, DOT, PHILFIDA, DILG, DPWH, NIA, DEPED, DOH, DOLE, DSWD, TESDA, BatStateU, CvSU, AND LSPU” and “ENDORISING THE FY 2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL OF THE CAVITE STATE UNIVERSITY TO THE CENTRAL OFFICES OF CHED AND DBM”, respectively.

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Women's month celebrated CvSU supports VAW-free RP

In support to a national advocacy of a country free of violence against women, the CvSU community celebrated Women's Month at the University Quadrangle, 16 March.

With the theme, "We Make Change Work for Women", the event started with a street dance (I am every Woman) and a parade participated in by the Gender and Development Executive Committee, League of Barangay Captains of Indang, representatives from Philippine National Police, and officials, faculty and staff from the different units and colleges of the University.



The University officials (top left) while participants from different colleges and satellite campuses during the parade on Women's Day Celebration

Ms. Marilyn E. Ogaya, Asst. Regional Director of the Population Commission Region IV, represented Director Lydio M. Español, Jr., Acting Regional Director of Commission on Population Region IV-CALABARZON and delivered his message. In his speech, he emphasized that 'real change' can only be achieved when women and men work hand-in-hand to foster an environment that is empowering to both sexes. He enumerated facts about different types of violence against women and stated some government mechanisms that were put into place to address such cases. He also mentioned that the primary aim of the national women's month celebration is to inspire and empower women and girls to be agents of change to contribute in promoting gender equality and empowerment of all women.

Additional inspiration also came from the stories of S/Insp Hazel Olga L. Delos Reyes, city fire marshall of Trece Martires City Fire Station, and SPO2 Vivian de Leon Bernas, WCPD section chief of Indang MPS.



(From left to right) Dr. Nelia C. Cresino, GAD Director, Dr. Henry O. Garcia, VPASS, Dr. Julio G. Alava, VPEBA, Dr. Camilo A. Polinga, VPAA, S/Insp Hazel Olga L. Delos Reyes, fire marshall of Trece Martires City Fire Station, SPO2 Vivian de Leon Bernas, WCPD section chief of Indang MPS and Dr. Alejandro dC. Mojica, VPRECETS during the awarding of certificates

To further become a gender-sensitive institution, a memorandum of agreement was signed between CvSU and POPCOM Region IV. Such MOA focused on MR GAS KATROPA/RPFP wherein topics pertaining to the role of men in the society will be discussed.

Different competitions such as infomercial and photo collage were also conducted to promote the said advocacy. For the street dance competition, Cavite City campus got the first place, followed by the College of Engineering and Information Technology and Imus campus on second and third places, respectively.

The afternoon session was allotted for a parallel session wherein an Orientation on RFPF Forms and Documents and Orientation on Early Teenage Pregnancy among high school and elementary students were conducted.

Inspired by the aforementioned activities, the whole CvSU community vowed to continue being an agent of change for the empowerment of women and men alike.

STAARRDEC, CETS conduct back-to-back training

The Southern Tagalog Agriculture, Aquatic and Resources Research, Development and Extension Consortium (STAARRDEC), in collaboration with the Continuing Education and Training Services (CETS) of the University conducted a back-to-back training, 8-10 and 14-16 March, respectively.

'Writing to Get Published: Training Workshop on Technical Writing for STAARRDEC Researchers, was a three-day activity aimed at producing perfect materials for publication in national and international journals. Dr. Lorna M. Calumpang, an international consultant and trainer, who has published several books, was the resource speaker.



Dr. Lorna M. Calumpang (standing) discussing the topic during the training workshop on technical writing for STAARRDEC researchers

Participants from different member institutions in the Region took the opportunity to complete the training that tackled the following topics: scientific writing; choice of the journal, ethics of publishing; structure of scientific writing; aim and style of introduction; contents of methods and materials; writing the results; writing the discussion; writing the title, running title, keywords; writing the conclusion; writing the results; use of visuals; writing the abstract; and how to write acknowledgments. They were also required to come up with outputs through different exercises. Moreover, review of grammar rules such as subject-verb agreement, commonly misused words, vague and run-on sentences, as well as voice of the sentence was also discussed.

Meanwhile, the Training Writeshop on Packaging of Winning R & D Proposals was also participated in by researchers and experts of member institutions, who were divided into four groups to work on a proposal on the assigned commodities such as organic vegetables, native pig, bamboo, tilapia and milkfish.

Dr. Hernando D. Robles, University President, graced the event and warmly welcome the participants. "Let us work together and share our expertise for us to produce good outputs after the training", he said. On the other hand, Dr. Ruel M. Mojica, NCRDEC director, shared his personal experience on how to generate funding from different agencies. "There are a lot of funding agencies, national and even international that are willing to give funding for worthwhile researches. All we need are hardwork and patience in order for us to source out funding from these institutions", he said. Also present to give the R & D Updates was Prof. Almira G. Magcawas, CETS director and Deputy Consortium Director of STAARRDEC.

Dr. Edna DA Vida, Consortium Director of STAARRDEC, expressed her gratitude and appreciation to all the participants for a job well done. "The groups will still meet in different identified venues to finalize or polish the proposals", she said. The three-day workshop concluded with the submission of proposals to be endorsed by the Consortium for possible funding by PCAARRD.



Dr. Robles (left) with the participants during the training writeshop on Packaging of Winning R & D Proposals

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A way of life AACUP visits CvSU programs

“Quest for excellence is a never-ending endeavor.”

This is the motivating statement of Dr. Adolfo C. Manuel, Jr., Director for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Center, during the closing program of the AACUP Accreditation Survey Visit, held at S.M. Rolle Hall, 29 March.

Prior to the March 27-29 scheduled accreditation, an earlier survey visit was conducted, 24 March, for the two programs, namely: Master of Science in Agriculture; and Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture, both Level III – Phase 2.

A short opening program was conducted, followed immediately by the seminar proper, held at the Lasap Hall. Dr. Manuel T. Corpus, overall coordinator, introduced the panel of accreditors, composed of Dr. Luz P. Napoles, Team Leader and Dr. Maria Teresa SJ. Valdez. Likewise, he presented the statement of the purpose and procedures.

Dr. Analita DM. Magsino and Dr. Cristina F. Olo, presented the narrative profile and compliance report of the two programs.

Then, discussion followed where questions were raised by the panel.

After the discussion, the panel was given time to meet and discuss among themselves their decision. Finally, the exit conference and announcement of results followed. “I think, with the documents you presented, your two programs under survey are now ready for Level IV accreditation”, said Dr. Corpus.

On the other hand, the three-day evaluation was focused on the following programs of the Main Campus and Cavite City campus, namely: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (3rd survey); Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (3rd survey); Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering (2nd survey); Bachelor of Science in Office Administration (2nd survey); Master in Agriculture (2nd survey); Master in Management and Master of Professional Studies (2nd survey); Bachelor of Elementary Education, major in Early Childhood Education; Bachelor of Secondary Education, major in Mathematics and English; Bachelor of Science in Business Management, major in Marketing Management; Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management; and Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (all for 1st survey).

Dr. Nilo E. Colinares, overall coordinator of the survey team, was glad that everybody in the University was very cooperative which reflects the leadership of the institution. The AACUP survey showed the following results: the vision and mission of the institution are reflections of what CvSU envisions as a global university in 2020 and a research university in 2022; set of seasoned and competent faculty members is also considered a strength of the school; faculty members displayed confidence in their respective discipline and effective classroom management was evident; there is high degree of professionalism, enthusiasm and cooperation



The session proper with the panel of accreditors and the admin council members for the Level III-Phase 2 survey visit of Master of Science in Agriculture and Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture programs at the Lasap Hall

within the CvSU community; and there were also an impressive number of researches presented in national and international conferences.

The accreditors also mentioned a list of recommendations which could better enhance the quality of education and other services that the University caters to the community. According to Dr. Camilo A. Polinga, vice president for academic affairs, CvSU needs to start preparing for a higher level of accreditation. He also assured that the administration will continue supporting the institution with everything that needs to be enhanced. “Actually, the recommendations given by the accreditors are 80% done,” he said.

With all the recommendations given, the University is willing to face all the challenges and will continue to be ‘fast and serious’ in



AACUP accreditation team during the opening program at the SM Rolle Hall

CCJ, GAD conduct seminar on gender sensitivity and VAWC

The College of Criminal Justice, thru its 7k Advocacy – Batas Project, in collaboration with Gender and Development Resource Center, conducted a seminar on Gender Sensitivity and Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004 (RA 9262), 20 March, at the International House 2, of the University.

Participants of the said seminar include lupong tagapamayapa members, kagawad for peace and order and chiefs of barangay tanod of Indang. Dr. Nelia C. Cresino, Director, Gender and Development, oriented the participants on sex and gender roles, agents of gender socialization and gender issues. Moreover, she also presented the structure of GAD Resource Center and sought suggestions on the services they would expect as stakeholders. The suggested services include the conduct of trainings/seminars on GAD, GAD-related laws and livelihood to equip them with the knowledge and skills in the performance of their job as kagawad, tanod and lupong tagapamayapa.

Meanwhile, Prof. Susan G. Tan, GAD chair for Extension discussed Republic Act No. 9262, otherwise known as Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004.



The participants during the open forum on the seminar on gender sensitivity and VAWC

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AACCUP bares criteria for 2017 Outstanding SUCs, accreditors

The criteria for this year's AACCUP awards on the "Search for Outstanding SUCs" and the "Search for Outstanding Accreditors" was approved by the Board in its meeting held last Dec. 16, 2016 per BOR Resolution No. 97, s.2016. The said criteria have set competitive standards such that it would definitely be an honor and a prestige to be included in the ranking of SUCs and accreditors, from where the Top 10 would be picked out.

At least 1-month before the conference, all SUCs were provided with the needed forms such as SUC profile and SUC accreditors' profile containing the details of accomplishments. The following are the criteria for the Search for the Top 10 SUCs:

1. Accredited Programs, which includes the level of program accreditation from Candidate to Level IV and to Institutional) and the number of accredited programs per level for a maximum of 50 points only;
2. Cooperativeness in sending accreditors during survey visits, for a maximum of 15 points;
3. IQA Unit whether it exists as a task force, formally organized, with staff, budget, and special orders, for a maximum of 15 points;
4. Participation to AACCUP Trainings, the number of participants and the frequency, for a maximum of 10 points;
5. Participation of SUC to the Mid-Year and Annual Conferences, for a maximum of 5 points;
6. Awards as top 10 for the past 5 Years, as to the level of award, for a maximum of 5 points.

Summing up, a total of 100 points would be the maximum points that a SUC may obtain. The Top 10 SUCs would be given Certificates of Recognition.

Meanwhile, the following are the criteria for the Search for Outstanding Accreditors:

1. Role in Accreditation across levels of accreditation, for a maximum of 50 points;
2. Participation in AACCUP Conferences, for a maximum of 15 points;
3. Participation in the Trainings, for a maximum of 15 points;
4. Research and Paper Presentation, for a maximum of 10 points; and
5. Participation in the OBQA Instrument, for a maximum of 10 points.

All in all, for a total of 100 points.

SUCs and accreditors were asked to accomplish the form sent by AACCUP prior to final evaluation for confirmation and verification of entries. After the evaluation, the awards committee needs to: a) recheck the entries and computations, b) validate the results from the evaluation committee, and c) finally approve the results.

AACCUP will then send notifications to awardees prior to the 30th Annual National Conference (adopted from AACCUP Newsletter, Volume 17, Issue 1 Manila, Philippines, January 2017).

Cavite Historical Society holds monthly meeting at CvSU

The Cavite Historical Society (CHS) held its monthly meeting at the University's Hostel Tropicana, 19 March. The activity was made possible thru the Indang Historical Society (IHS), headed by Ma. Corazon S. Basa and Myrna de las Alas-Mojica, who both requested President Robles to sponsor the said meeting.

Former Prime Minister Hon. Cesar E. A. Virata, presided the meeting and acknowledged the support of the University. He formally turned over 22 history books as donations of the Society and Cavite Studies Center, Dasmariñas, to the University. Dr. Bettina Joyce P. Ilagan, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and who represented the president, received the book donations. When asked about the plans of the University in terms of history and culture, "Actually, the University has two plans: to put up the Cavite Local and Oral History Center where some of our faculty members are now working on the proposal and the other one is to put up the Sentro ng Wika at Kultura (SWK), which is a tie up project with the Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino", she said. In addition, the University Museum is soon to be re-opened, with the support of the new president, Dr. Hernando D. Robles.

Hon. Cesar Virata, then encouraged faculty members to write local histories, specifically the history of Indang. "There is already an on-going

documentation on the history of Indang and writers were tapped by the Municipal Government thru the Municipal Tourism Office", said Prof. Gil D. Ramos, chair of the Department of Social Sciences and Humanities and one of the writers of the soon-to-be written history of Indang.

Meanwhile, Prof. Palmo R. Iya, professor of De La Salle University

took the opportunity to invite faculty members to attend the General Emilio Aguinaldo lecture series to be held at DLSU – Dasmariñas. Other issues and concerns tackled during the meeting were history of dam and irrigation in Cavite, CHS publication, upcoming events and the holding of the next monthly meeting in Maragondon, 23 April.

Attendees to the meeting were officers and members of the Society, as well as some



Former PM Hon. Cesar E. A. Virata (with microphone), CAS Dean Dr. Bettina Joyce P. Ilagan (front right) and officers of the Cavite Historical Society discussing issues and concerns

CvSU faculty members. Also present was the former vice president for academic affairs of the University, Dr. Lorna L. Penales.

CvSU launches the Philippine Coffee Quality Center

Another milestone for the University as it launched the Philippine Coffee Quality Center, 31 March. Dr. Alejandro C. Mojica, Sr., Vice President for Research, Extension, Continuing Education and Training Services (RECETS) and program leader, welcomed the guests and visitors from different government agencies and private sectors. According to him, the Center is an offshoot of the program and we want to develop a protocol to come up and produce massively, seedlings for distribution. He also acknowledged the full support extended by PCAARRD, especially in funding research and development projects of the University.

Meanwhile, Drs. Julio G. Alava and Henry O. Garcia, Vice President for External and Business Affairs and Vice President for Administrative and Support Services, respectively, shared the same commitment to support all the undertakings of the Center.

Moreover, Dr. Reynaldo V. Eborra, acting executive director of PCAARRD, inspired everyone with his message. "I heard the strong commitment from the vice presidents and I would like to say that PCAARRD has also that commitment to support, commitment not because of the funding you get from coffee but because of the good proposals you are submitting to PCAARRD", he said. Although the Center is not fully operational yet, PCAARRD pledged to provide not only moral but also financial support, since they already committed certain amount of resources to the project.

Dr. Camilo A. Polinga, Vice President for Academic Affairs, who spoke in behalf of the president was thankful to PCAARRD for continuously giving the support in all its endeavors. "Rest assured, the University is more than willing to extend whatever support the Center needs", he said.

The event was highlighted with the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Center and blessing and dedication of the building. It was followed by site visits to the different laboratories and facilities like the coffee genetics and tissue culture laboratory, remote sensing and geographic information system office, coffee cupping facilities, coffee processing facilities, and coffee field gene bank visit.



Dr. Reynaldo V. Eborra, acting executive director of PCAARRD (polo white barong) and Dr. Alejandro C. Mojica, VPRECETS and university officials during the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Philippine Coffee Quality Center

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