



## COA issues 2<sup>nd</sup> Unmodified Audit Opinion: BSU Reflects Efficient Fund Management

After nearly a decade of continuous efforts by the University to enhance its financial management practices, the Commission on Audit's second 'Unmodified Opinion' is a testament to BSU's pivoting toward exemplary financial documentation.

In an interview, University accountant Dr. Imelda B. Galinato asserted that the latest audit opinion attests to the reliability of the financial statements presented by the university to its diverse array of users and stakeholders. "This is one of the ways we tell the public that we mean business in the preparation of financial statements," she said.

Likewise, Chief Administrative Officer of the Finance Division, Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan expressed his resolute confidence in the university's ability to ensure that the government's resources allocated to the institution are utilized with optimal efficiency and effectiveness in the performance of its four-fold functions.

### Comprehending COA and the Art of Auditing: Processes and Operations

In the world of accounting and finance, an audit represents the meticulous scrutiny auditors undertake to examine the financial data provided by both public and

private organizations to determine the accuracy and impartiality of their financial statements.

In the Philippines, the practice and concept of auditing were introduced by the Spanish colonizers, culminating in the establishment of the General Auditing Office as mandated by the 1935 Constitution. Subsequently, it was renamed the Commission on Audit (COA) following the country's imposition of Martial Law and remains to be the country's supreme audit institution.

Thus, according to Presidential Decree No. 898, s. 1976, the COA has all authority and jurisdiction on all government matters pertaining to "auditing and accounting procedures, systems, and controls, including inquiry into the utilization of resources and operating performance, [and] the keeping of general accounts."

Further, as per this mandate, the COA issues an annual audit opinion on the submitted financial statements, encompassing the entirety of the fiscal year.

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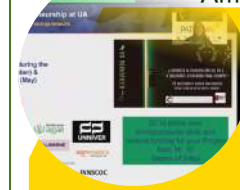
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## BSU Joins other CAR HEIs in WURI Rankings

Benguet State University made a remarkable achievement by securing a spot in the 201-300 World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) joining eight other Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in CAR. The WURI ranking was announced during the Hybrid WURI Conference 2023, held via Zoom and face-to-face at Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida, USA on May 16-17, 2023.

This recognition places BSU among the top 201-300 universities worldwide in fostering innovation and advancing knowledge in various fields. Furthermore, BSU has also been ranked 38th in the Fourth Industrial Revolution category, underscoring its

commitment to adapting and excelling in the rapidly changing technological landscape.

The ranking of 38th in the Fourth Industrial Revolution category further highlights BSU's proactive approach adapting to the evolving technological landscape. As the world undergoes rapid digital transformation, BSU has

recognized the importance of equipping its students with the skills necessary to thrive in the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

The World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) is an international ranking system that assesses universities'

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## VISION

BSU as an International Smart University engendering graduates to walk the intergenerational highways.

## MISSION

**BSU CARES** to: Challenge innovation, Advance technology and facility, Revitalize administration, Engender partnership, and Serve intergenerational role.

## DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**Goal I. Challenge Innovation in the four fold functions of the University**

### Objectives:

1. **(Instruction)** To provide quality education responsive to the needs of time;
2. **(Research)** To enhance research productivity contributing to sustainable development;
3. **(Extension)** To disseminate relevant research outputs and other scholarly activities consistent with BSU's mandated programs;
4. **(Production)** To promote sustainable and appropriate resource generation strategies for the implementation of development plans; and
5. **(Administration)** To advocate for resource management and effective energy efficiency in addressing the demands of climate change.

**Goal II. Advance Technology and Facility by shaping the University become responsive to modern needs.**

### Objectives:

1. **(Instruction)** To use information and communication technology learning resources to sustain and enhance quality of alternative teaching - learning continuity endeavors;
2. **(Research and Extension)** To upgrade facilities and enable researchers/extensionists to conduct activities using specialized facilities;
3. **(Production)** To acquire and upgrade state-of-the-art facilities in the projects innovation; and
4. **(Administration)** To upgrade facilities and establish modern physical infrastructures.

**Goal III. Revitalize Administration by harmonizing performance monitoring, information, and reporting systems.**

### Objectives:

1. To elevate the BSU PRIME-HRM to a level of excellence for good governance and efficient public service;
2. To reinforce transparency, integrity, and objectivity in the delivery of service;
3. To regenerate instruction, research, extension, production, linkages, governance, management, and policies; and
4. To streamline operations to be efficient, effective, and responsive to challenges and changes.

**Goal IV. Engender Partnership by proactively strengthening linkages**

### Objectives:

1. **(Instruction)** To establish academic partnerships with local, regional, national, and international institutions providing educational opportunities for faculty, staff, and students;
2. **(Research)** To increase and sustain university relations with academe, industries, GOs, NGOs, and LGUs for research funding;
3. **(Extension)** To increase and sustain partnership with academe, LGUs, NGOs, Industries, and others; and
4. **(Production)** To comply with existing laws, policies and other requirements.

**Goal V. Serve Intergenerational Role by revitalizing the Spiritual, Physical, Economical, Cultural, Intellectual, Emotional, and Social (S.P.E.C.I.E.S.) state.**

### Objectives:

1. To offer programs that embody social, cultural, economic and developmental needs both for local and global markets;
2. To champion local culture and languages in the University context through research, extension, and academic programs;
3. To document best practices of the University.

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## Quality Policy

Benguet State University is continuously committed to improve its Quality Management System, satisfy requirements of relevant interested parties and provide excellent service for quality education and innovative research aligned with sustainable development and client satisfaction.

Board Resolution # 2847 S.2016

# BSU, CHED Celebrate 29 Years of Partnership

The Benguet State University College of Public Administration and Governance led the flag-raising ceremony on May 8, 2023 in front of the administration building. The ceremony highlighted the celebration of the 29 years of partnership between BSU and the Commission on Higher Education – CAR.

Engr. John Paul D. Buliyat delivered a declamation on “Pagpupugay sa Watawat ng Pilipinas” describing the Philippine Flag and what it symbolizes. Engr. Buliyat emphasized why everyone should respect and give love to the Philippine Flag.

In addition, Dr. Christopher Depnag delivered a stirring address on behalf of Dr. Demetrio P. Anduyan Jr., regional director of CHED-CAR. According to Dr. Depnag, “BSU is a model in the manifestation of commitment, harmony, enthusiasm, and dedication.” He praised the university’s performance and excellence in delivering world class education. Dr. Depnag recognized the relationship between the university and CHED. He also discussed

how CHED CAR is moving in the direction of academic excellence and announced their upcoming activities and programs.

Meanwhile, students from the Elementary Laboratory School and Secondary Laboratory School entertained everyone with their performances.

Afterwards, President Felipe Salaing Comila administered the oath taking of the newly promoted employees then proceeded to share an inspirational message. The President thanked CHED-CAR for its support and for considering BSU as a family. He also expressed his hope for a better and more solid relationship between the university and CHED. //VBañez



Benguet State University Faculty and Staff with Dr. Christopher Depnag of CHED-CAR after the May 8 Flag Ceremony.

## BSU's 600+ new Teachers Exceeds Nat'l Passing Rate

More than 600 BSU graduates passed the March 2023 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT). The BSU La Trinidad Campus produced 109 LPTs while Buguias and Bokod Campuses yielded a total of 10 LPTs in the elementary level. At the secondary level, the La Trinidad Campus was able to produce 423 passers while the Buguias and Bokod Campuses contributed 61 and 33 LPTs respectively.

BSU La Trinidad listed a passing rate of 84.40%, the Buguias Campus, 88.89% and the Bokod Campus, 100% surpassing the National Passing Rate of 40.77% in the Elementary Level. In the Secondary Level, BSU La Trinidad Campus listed a passing rate of 83.45% surpassing the National Passing Rate of 46.95%. The Buguias Campus had a passing rate of 40.98% and the Bokod Campus, 24.24%.

College of Teacher Education (CTE) Dean, Dr. Divina M. Yango expressed the college’s positive expectations considering all preparations of both the faculty and students for the exam. She added that the achievement also reflects the university’s commitment to providing quality instruction.

To prepare for the examination, students went through a course that prepares the takers through coaching, competency appraisal, a series of mock tests and dry runs, and free reviews featuring distinguished faculty speakers from

the different colleges of the University.

According to Dr. Yango, this service is also extended to retakers. She strongly encourages them to register and join the professional education lectures and classes offered free by the college to serve as their refresher course and means to update their knowledge in line with the changing curriculum.

“With our new curriculum comes new competencies. Without refreshing their knowledge, a majority of these competencies will be unfamiliar to them. Therefore, it is essential for them to embark on comprehensive reviews or enroll in new courses to remain abreast of the latest trends in education,” she emphasized.

With the university’s continued partnership with the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), Dr. Yango revealed that their college is planning to deploy another batch of teacher interns to some of the universities within the partner Southeast Asian countries to broaden the horizons and fortify the experiential learning of their students.

SEAMEO, an intergovernmental organization comprising 11 member countries, including the

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# BSU Disseminates IKS Project Results at BNHS

**A team of BSU faculty and staff shared the results of a CHED funded project on Benguet Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) to teachers of Benguet National High School (BNHS) through a seminar titled, "Benguet IKS in Various Disciplines."**

The seminar was organized by BNHS through its SILI (Sustaining IKS through Lesson Integration+) program tapping into the Institute of Social Research and Development (ISRD) extension agenda.

Topics of the seminar covered family and kinship, governance and politics, values, spirituality and health, agriculture and food systems, land use and resource management, industry, craft and trade, arts and sports,

math and science education, language and identity and history.

According to the project leader, Professor Stanley F. Anongos, Jr., the project is partly a response to the need of DepEd teachers for a consolidated data on Benguet IKS as a reference to IP Education. The project is to be packaged as an encyclopedia for wider use.

Members of the team who presented during the seminar include Dr.

Anongos, Dr. Tecah Sagandoy, Prof. Geoffrey Amlos, and Ms. May Angeline Lapuz from the College of Social Sciences, Dr. Julie Buasen and Dr. Jovalson Abiasen of the College of Numeracy and Applied Sciences, Dr. Cheryl Launio of the Research and Publication Office, Dr. Rhonda Tullay and Dr. Jhordan Cuilan of College of Arts and Humanities, and Ms. Kacy Labon of ISRD.

Fifty teachers and 10 practice teachers of BNHS attended the seminar.

BNHS is an active extension partner of BSU through the College of Social Sciences (CSS) and this activity is the fourth engagement the partnership concluded. The BSU team was welcomed by Vilma Beliano, assistant principal of BNHS, SILI program head and Senior High School Chair for Araling Panlipunan, Ros Jansel Gualdo, and Junior High School Araling Panlipunan Chair Danny Otinguey, // SAnongos



*Benguet State University Faculty and Staff with Benguet National High School Faculty and Staff during the "Benguet IKS in Various Disciplines" seminar on May 3, 2023 at BNHS Gym, La Trinidad. Through this seminar, the BSU team discussed the result of Benguet Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS), a CHED funded project.*

## ***BSU's 600+ LPT s...from page 4***

Philippines, is committed to fostering regional cooperation in the realms of education, science, and culture. For professional education students, the college recently added the field study course as a counterpart to the internship program.

Dr. Yango also expressed her plea for the University to continuously strengthen and improve any IT-related support and provision not only in the CTE but also for every college given the changing landscape of learning modes brought about by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Dr. Yango extended her appreciation and gratitude to all the faculty members and workforce of the university who contributed to this success. She further complimented and commended the recent batch of LPTs. That being said, she then encouraged and challenged those who were not able to attain the passing score to continue learning and improve in the areas where they are not performing well.

"They should learn additional skills that will qualify them for the world of work and be productive. They should not give up and should continue to enhance their effort to increase their knowledge in other areas for holistic development," she ended.//CANapiloy

## ***BSU in WURI Rankings...from page 1***

contributions to innovation across multiple domains. This ranking methodology evaluates universities based on their innovation ecosystem, program support, research output, and social impact. The WURI ranking aims to identify institutions that play a pivotal role in driving global innovation and fostering sustainable development.

According to President Comila, BSU is committed to further enhancing its innovation ecosystem, expanding its research capabilities, and strengthening its ties with industry partners and international collaborators. By fostering a culture of innovation and embracing emerging technologies, BSU aims to continue its upward trajectory in the global rankings while contributing to the socio-economic development.//OGDacocotJr

# CAR, REGION I AND III Schools Talk About Inspiring Entrepreneurship Among Students

A total of 48 participants from 11 Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) from the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), Region I and Region III gathered online on May 25 and 26, 2023 to talk about how they could inspire entrepreneurship among college students. The two-day webinar is the second installment of the Benguet State University-Pathway team’s training titled “Drawing PATHWAYS to Employability and Entrepreneurship through University Enterprise Cooperation.”

The opening program was graced by BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila. He challenged the participants, whom he dubbed as the engine of development, to make graduates not only look for employment after graduation but also seek entrepreneurial opportunities for the progress of the country.

Renowned local entrepreneurs were among the invited resource speakers of the training including Elmer B. Macalingay of Health Restoerant and EcoLodge, Pramila E. Marsan of the Cosmic Farm, Dan A. Saclangan of the Living Gifts Nursery, Mirafel T. Afuyog of Kai Cafe and Tayao Farms and Grail P. Labutan of the Polig’s Farm.

After the entrepreneurs’ inspiring presentations, Marsha C. Pasong of the Department of Trade and Industry-CAR shared the services of the department that supports Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs). This was followed by presentations of people from the academe on how they implement programs and activities to guide students from starting to appreciate entrepreneurship to ideation, conceptualization and planning. The resource speakers were Jeftee Ben B. Pinos-an of the BSU-CHET Department of Entrepreneurship, Samuel L. Duyan of the BSU-CA Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Ruth C. Diego of the BSU-Agri-based Technology Business Incubator/ Innovation Center and Cristina Beans of the University of Alicante in Spain. Sonia Tiong-Aquino of the Commission on Higher Education also talked about entrepreneurship education in the Philippines.

Workshops on stakeholders mapping, structuring business encounter activities and sharing of best practices were facilitated

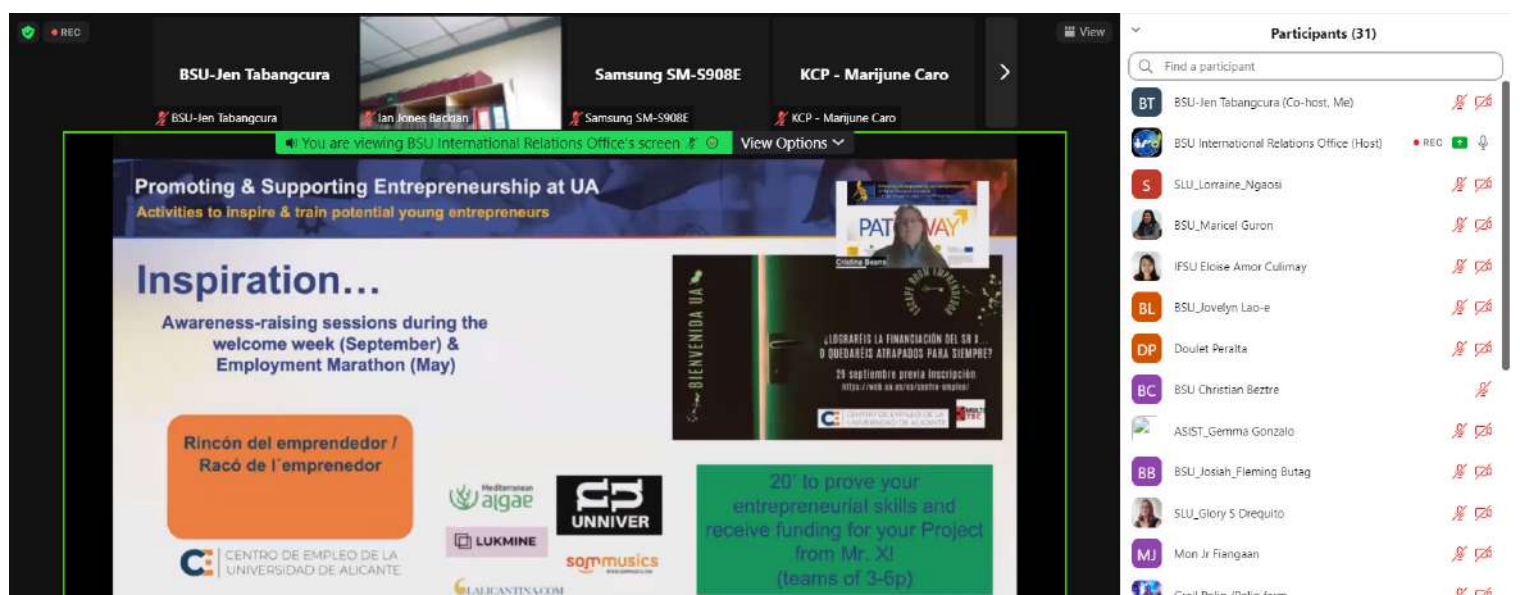
among the participants. Most of the participants listed their alumni and former colleagues who ventured into entrepreneurship and government agencies including the DTI, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and TESDA as the stakeholders they could tap into for their entrepreneurship programs.

In the open forums, the participants and speakers had a consensus that most entrepreneurial skills are not learned in the classroom and that experiential learning is one of the primary avenues of developing entrepreneurs. The participants and facilitators hoped that the training will become one of the beginnings of a vigorous relationship between the academe, entrepreneurs and government agencies in terms of encouraging and providing an entrepreneurial path among students.

The training was participated by faculty and staff representing the University of Abra or Abra State Institute of Sciences and Technology, Apayao State College, Ifugao State University, Mountain Province State Polytechnic College, Benguet State University, Baguio Central University, Cordillera Career Development College, Kings College of the Philippines, Don Mariano Marcos State University, Central Luzon State University and Saint Louis University.

The third and last installment of the training will focus on soft skills and observatories. The schedule will be announced at the Pathway Facebook page.

The Pathway Project, co-funded by the European Union, aims at enhancing the entrepreneurship and employability culture of Higher Education Institutions in the Philippines, to meet labor market needs and government reforms.//JSTabangcura



The 48 participants from 11 Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) in CAR, Region I, and Region III came together for a two-day online webinar on May 25 and 26, 2023. The webinar aimed to explore ways to inspire entrepreneurship among college students. It was part of the training series called "Drawing PATHWAYS to Employability and Entrepreneurship through University Enterprise Cooperation" organized by the BSU-Pathway team.

# SUCs and Organizations Benchmark BSU's Best Practices

Personnel from Pangasinan State University (PSU), Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA), Isabela State University (ISU), KAALALAY Foundation, Inc., and the Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Office XII recently visited Benguet State University (BSU) to benchmark its best practices. The visitors showed particular interest in BSU's Income Generating Projects (IGPs), student services, and general administration.

## **KAALALAY Foundation, Inc.**

The KAALALAY Foundation, Inc., a non-stock and non-profit organization based in Los Baños, Laguna, sent 48 members, led by Executive Director Alvin B. Exconde, to conduct an exposure program on BSU's IGPs. The group was warmly welcomed by Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan, Chief Administrative Officer of the Finance Division.

They visited various IGP centers and learned about the production processes of BSU products at the Food Processing Center. BSU's Men's Dorm Manager Nelson Politchay

and Sariling Sikap Program Officer Johnson Bagtila also joined the visitors and shared their expertise about strawberries at the Strawberry Farm.

## **Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Office XII**

The Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Office XII sent a team of five personnel, led by Science Research Specialist II Dr. Ray A. Rodriguez, to absorb the best practices of BSU's Agri-Based Technology Business Incubator/Innovation Center (ATBI/IC). The team aimed to enhance their project implementation related to enterprise growth and business management.

They had discussions with ATBI/IC personnel, including Project Assistant II Alta Vida Mangaol, about Technology Business Incubation, network expansion, and commercialization of products and technology. The team also toured the facilities and visited other Income Generating Project centers.

## **Pangasinan State University - Lingayen Main Campus**

A Technical Working Group for Student Handbook Development from Pangasinan State University - Lingayen Main Campus conducted a benchmarking activity at BSU to learn about the best

practices of the Office of the Student Affairs, Gender and Development, and Supreme Student Government in integrating gender and development into student services. University President Felipe Salaing Comila warmly welcomed the visitors, and discussions were held with various BSU personnel, including OSS Director Dr. Angeli T. Austria and Gender and Development Director Dr. Estrellita M. Daclan, among others.

## **Central Bicol State University**

Personnel from Central Bicol State University of Agriculture visited BSU

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*Pangasinan State University - Lingayen Main Campus Technical Working Group for Student Handbook Development takes photo with BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila during their benchmarking activity on May 10, 2023.*



*Central Bicol State University of Agriculture pose with Director Donato Wanawan of the General System Office, Director Melvin John Arumin and Evelyn Rosario of the Planning and Development Office, and Shiela Mary Basqial, admin officer 3 of the Budget Office after their benchmarking activity on May 5, 2023.*



*BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila with Finance Division Chief Administrative Officer Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan, Budget Supervising Administrative Officer Dr. Estrellita M. Daclan, Cashier Supervising Administrative Officer Dr. Richard H. Kinnud during the Christmas Thanksgiving Party of the Finance Division last December 2022. // Photo by President Felipe Salaing Comila*

## **COA issues...from page 1**

### **Delving Deeper: Defining the Different Audit Opinions**

Following the process of an audit are the auditors' conclusive assessments in the form of an audit opinion. These opinions are based on the financial reporting framework such as the Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS) patterned after the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) utilized by countries around the world and the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Briefly defined, an audit opinion represents the final viewpoint of auditors subsequent to the evaluation of the information supporting the financial statement. It can fall into one of the four categories: Unmodified (Unqualified) Opinion, Modified (Unqualified) Opinion, Adverse, or Disclaimer.

Also called a clean opinion, an unmodified (unqualified) opinion is rendered if the financial statements being audited are presented fairly in all material respects and in accordance with the financial reporting framework. In other words, the audit report substantiates the findings without any notable misstatements.

It is important to note, however, that obtaining an Unmodified (Unqualified) Opinion does not necessarily imply a flawless slate. Rather, it suggests that any misstatements have been rectified by the audited entity or are not considered material—meaning they do not have a substantial quantitative or qualitative impact on financial decisions.

### **BSU's Unmodified Opinion: Implication and Ways Forward**

"Of course that means improvement in the process and management. At the same time, it also reflects the university's unwavering dedication and commitment. We try our best, almost to the point of perfection, to meet the expectation of the oversight bodies," Dr. Galinato replied when asked about the recent COA audit opinion for the university.

Budget Supervising Administrative Officer Dr. Estrellita M. Daclan concurred that it is a reflection of the university's utilization of funds, the efficiency of its financial management, and timely compliance.

"I believe that every agency has its own problems and challenges but we in the university remain to be within the (legal) boundary. That means we are trying our best to address all concerns by being flexible, prompt, and obedient in compliance with the mandates. With this, I also hope that we would continue to improve proper planning and coordination and not forget to support one

another in this," she added.

On another note, it is also substantial to underscore the simple and subtle role of leadership and its transformative impact in any organization. For Vice-President for Administration and Finance Atty. Allan C. Sacpa, this means an equilibrium between visionary and bureaucratic leadership.

According to him, being visionary entails surpassing limitations and exploring all avenues to achieve objectives and goals, while remaining steadfast and uncompromising in upholding governing laws and regulations.

Atty. Sacpa further acknowledged that although laws and policies can sometimes appear as obstacles to realizing our visions, they are designed with two underlying purposes: to facilitate the implementation of orders and to safeguard against the misuse of advantages. He then emphasized the importance of considering not only the desired destination but also the means by which they are attained. "We have to be positive in understanding that there are always rationales behind those promulgated laws," he added.

Following this, Atty. Lampacan shed light on the role of COA, asserting that it is essential to perceive the agency as a technical entity executing its functions and that while there may be occasional misunderstandings regarding the perceived restrictions imposed by COA on government agencies, he encouraged a positive interpretation.

"I think we should see it in a positive light and adopt a positive perspective. As a subject of an audit, suppose we find in our perspective that they are implementing a policy that is not really beneficial to the government service, then we target and give feedback to improve the policy and not take it against the people of COA as they are merely adhering to their function. Instead, we should look at them as a guide for us to comply with the regulations or guidelines imposed upon us," he pointed out. // CANapiloy



*BSU Accountant IV Dr. Imelda B. Galinato commends BSU for being recognized with Best Audit Opinion-Unmodified this year on May 2, 2023.*

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to gather insights, discover new perspectives, and adopt best practices and innovations in institutional planning and budgeting, project planning and management, and physical plant management. Director Donato Wanawan, Director Melvin John Aromin, Evelyn Rosario, and Shiela Mary Basquial shared best practices and answered queries.

**Isabela State University**

Delegates from Isabela State University conducted a benchmarking activity at BSU to gather best practices on IGPs. Vice-President for Business Affairs Dr. Norma P. Banania discussed the University's management of IGPs, and the group visited various IGP centers, including the Food Processing Center, Bakery, Marketing Center, and Strawberry Farm.

**Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College - Laboratory High School**

Ms. Maureen T. Sta. Ana and Ms. Marjorie A.

Pendaden from Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC)-Laboratory High School visited Benguet State University on May 17, 2023. Their purpose was to benchmark the College of Teacher Education-Elementary Laboratory School (CTE-ELS) as part of ISPSC's journey to becoming a university. They also visited the International Language Center (ILC) and International Relations Office (IRO). They first met with Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan, the Finance Division Chief Administrative Officer, and then engaged with ILC Director Dr. Jordan T. Cuilan and IRO Staff Ms. Raquel Fatog. Later, they learned about the milestones of CTE-ELS from Principal Dr. Rachel K. Maguen, who provided information on curriculum, enrolment, tuition, laboratories, and facilities.

These benchmarking activities have facilitated knowledge sharing, collaboration, and the adoption of best practices among the participating institutions and organizations.//University Public Affairs Office



Vice-President for Business Affairs Dr. Norma P. Banania with the Isabela State University officials after their discussion regarding the university's IGPs on May 4, 2023.



Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Office XII personnel with Benguet State University Agri-Based Technology Business Incubator/ Innovation Center (ATBI/IC) after discussion on ATBI/IC's best practices. They also toured the university IGP programs.



DA-RFO XII toured Benguet State University's IGP program on May 16, 2023 during their benchmarking activity.



Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College-Laboratory High School with International Language Center Director Dr. Jordan T. Cuilan after their discussion on the international program.

Pangasinan State University (PSU), Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA), Isabela State University (ISU), KAALALAY Foundation, Inc., and the Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Office XII, Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC)-Laboratory High School with Benguet State University officials and staff during their visit for benchmarking activity.