



# BSU CTE continues to soar in LEPT

The Benguet State University (BSU) College of Teacher Education (CTE) continues to prove its being a Center of Excellence (COE) in Teacher Education as it once again surpassed the Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT) conducted by the Professional Regulation Commission in March 2022, producing 43 newly licensed teachers.

The university garnered a passing rate of 80% at the elementary level surpassing the national passing rate of 48.89%. A total of 24 passed the exam with a 100% passing rate for the first timers and a 78.57% passing rate for repeaters.

At the secondary level, 19 repeaters achieved a passing rate of 51.35% which surpassed the national passing

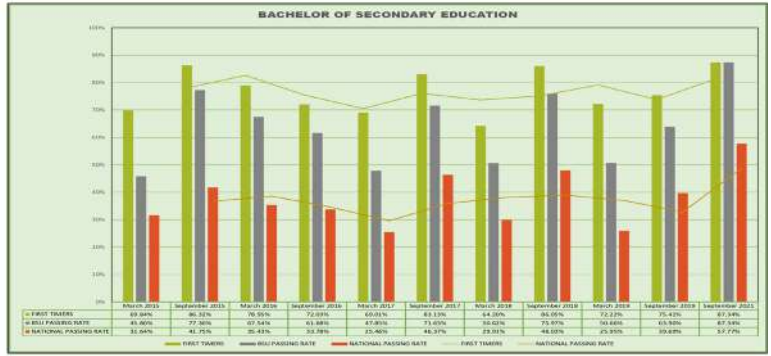
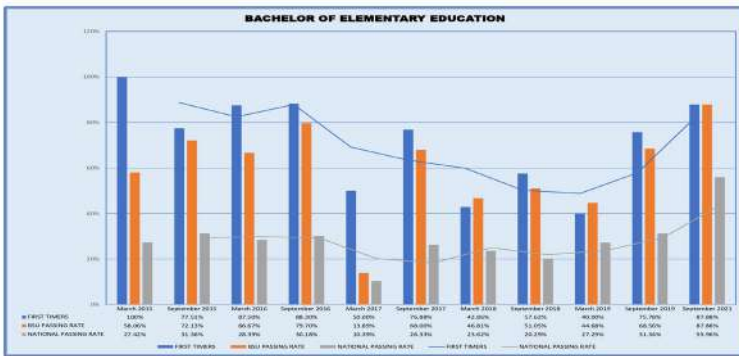
rate of 41.73%.

Moreover, the university has recorded consistently higher ratings than the national passing rate in the licensure examination for teachers at both elementary and secondary levels since 2011.

Despite surpassing the national passing rates, CTE Dean Dr. Divina M. Yango said there is still a need to exert more effort in licensure examinations.

*“Kelangan pa rin na i-sustain... we look for ways that the performance can still be better, kahit papaano ay masustain pa rin yung above the national passing rate or even higher. Kasi sa accreditation they look into the 50% higher than the national passing rate,”* said Dr. Yango.

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# Usec. Guevarra urges BSU for sustainable DOST-funded projects



Undersecretary for Research and Development Dr. Rowena Cristina L. Guevarra encouraged Benguet State University (BSU) officials to support and sustain the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-funded projects implemented at the BSU Northern Philippine Root Crops Research and Training Center (NPRCRTC).

During the monitoring of the NICER: Potato Research and Development (R&D) Center Program, one of the DOST-funded projects of BSU, on May 14, 2022, Usec. Guevarra shared her observations on the projects visited and lauded the university for the implementation of the DOST-funded projects. She said that BSU has the potential to become the center for research and development for potatoes in the region and the whole country.

*“May potential po ang BSU to become NICEST (National Innovation Center for Science and Technology),”* stressed Usec. Guevarra.

Aside from collaborations with farmers, Usec. Guevarra encouraged the university researchers to collaborate also with big companies and eventually contribute to the country’s socio-economic development.

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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

## Lactation Station Opens in CHET

The Benguet State University-College of Home Economics and Technology (BSU-CHET) can now accommodate lactating mothers after it launched the opening of its lactation station on May 16, 2022 through the support of the BSU-Gender and Development Office (GAD) which provided the materials and equipment to be used in the facility.

During the launching program, GAD Director Dr. Estrellita M. Daclan said that the provision of lactation room protects working women by having safe working conditions while taking into account their maternal functions.

“I would like to commend CHET, headed by Dr. Jao Jao A. Somyden, for initiating the establishment of a lactation station in the college. This station can be used by the faculty members and students, especially now that we are starting

face-to-face classes,” she added.

Meanwhile, Dr. Somyden emphasized that the establishment of the lactation station in CHET is also a way of the university to promote and encourage breastfeeding by addressing the needs of lactating mothers.

Vice-President for Academic Affairs Dr. Imelda O. Degay, on the other hand, shared that parents should be mindful of the other nutritional food that infants can have in an addition to breastmilk.

The lactation station is located at the first floor of the CHET building, RSDC Room 102. The lactation station consists of a lavatory for hand washing, a refrigerator, table and chairs, comfortable seats for breastfeeding or expressing milk, electrical outlets, breast pumps, and breast milk bags. //AKCariño



BSU-CHET through the support of the GAD Office opens lactation station on May 16, 2022 to accommodate lactating mothers. The lactation station is located at the first floor of the CHET building, RSDC Room 102.//AKCariño

## CHED Pilot Tests New SUC Leveling Instrument in BSU

The Commission on Higher Education Office of the Institutional Quality Assurance and Governance (CHED-OICAG) piloted the proposed State Universities and Colleges (SUC) leveling instrument in Benguet State University on May 31, 2022.

BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila said that it is indeed a privilege that the SUC leveling instrument was piloted in BSU especially that attaining SUC level V is the direction of the university to benefit next generations.

According to Rita Sescar, team leader of the Technical Working Group under OICAG in-charge of the updating of the SUC leveling instrument, the activity aims to verify if the data being asked in the different indicators as per proposed SUC leveling instrument can be provided by the SUCs.

“The instrument is not yet in its final version so we are trying to validate if the proposed indicators are possible to update,” Sescar said.

She added that the pilot testing will also give them the opportunity to gather inputs from the different SUC where they are pilot testing the instrument so that relevant indicators which were not included in the instrument will be discussed by the CHED Team.

According to Sescar, five key result areas (KRA) are being evaluated for SUC leveling. These include: KRA1-Access and Equity which has an equivalent score of 10 points, KRA2-Quality and Relevance of Instruction with 25 points, KRA3-Excellence in Research and Creative Works with 25 points, KRA4-Extension Services with 25 points and, KRA5-Governance and Management of Resources with 15 points which totals to 100 points which an SUC should achieve to become level V.

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Sescar mentioned that after the pilot testing in all selected SUC, their team will present the draft instrument to the CHED en banc in June and they target to have an approved SUC leveling instrument before 2022 ends. She clarified that before the final approval of the instrument, it will be presented through a public hearing to the different SUCs in the country.

During the pilot testing in BSU, the different sector representatives were interviewed and requested to provide data on the different indicators under each KRA. The data requested covers the accomplishments from July 2016 to December 2021.

Dr. Imelda Degay, vice-president for Academic Affairs also expressed her sincerest gratitude to CHED for choosing BSU as one of the pilot sites. She stated that the activity has given the university an advantage for it already has initial information on the data that should be prepared to attain level V.

“This activity brought realization of many things that should have been done and how things should be done regardless of position and rank. An individual employee’s action to a unit’s accomplishment has a domino effect on the overall status, image and reputation of the university,” Dr. Degay emphasized.//ASantiago



**BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila met with CHED officials who conducted an on-site pilot testing on proposed revision of the SUC leveling instrument on May 21, 2022.**

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Dr. Yango further shared the best practices of the college to achieve high ratings in licensure examinations and surpass the national rating. The college looks into the effectiveness of its curricular programs through curriculum enhancement. Faculty members are also highly encouraged to utilize various strategies for teaching learners. She said that offering a six-unit course audit contributed to the performance of students in licensure examinations. She also mentioned that the university has a great library that contributes to the improved academic performances of the students. Other best practices include coaching and mentoring among students, and participation of faculty members in trainings.

Dr. Yango added that they provided free coaching to the students during the pandemic where faculty members served as resource speakers in the different fields: general education and professional education.

She also shared plans to prepare students for the upcoming LEPT, including the extension of enhancement classes and free coaching among students.

With its commitment to delivering quality education to its students and aim for the renewal of its CHED COE status in Teacher Education, Dr. Yango said that the college continues to enhance its curriculum and sustain the performances of students in licensure examinations as among the criteria for the award. COE refers to a department within a higher education institution, which continuously demonstrates excellent performance in the areas of instruction, research and publication, extension and linkages, and institutional qualifications.//EMBawayan



**OIC President Atty. Allan C. Sacpa & Executive Assistant Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan entertains Chinese agriculturists and Lions Club dignitaries.//Photo by UPAO**

Lions Club International dignitaries and agriculturists from China visited Benguet State University to propose possible partnerships and projects on technology-sharing that can positively impact the local farmers and the community.

The guests extended a courtesy visit to OIC President Atty. Allan C. Sacpa and Executive Assistant Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan before visiting different centers in the University, specifically the Agri-based Technology Business Incubator/ Innovation Center, Northern Philippine Root Crops Research and Training Center, and the Institute of Highland Farming Systems and Agroforestry. //MHDelRosario

# BSU-QC-PESO Partnership Moves Forward

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Benguet State University (BSU) through the Horticulture Research and Training Institute (HORTI) and the Quezon City Public Employment Service Office (QC-PESO) on March 11, 2022.

The MOU binds the BSU Horticulture Research and Training Institute and QC PESO to promote cooperation in the fields of agricultural research and extension. This undertaking is directed towards the promotion of matured technologies in the field of horticulture and related field of specializations to enhance food production as well as empower communities for sustainable livelihood.

Both parties agreed to promote activities such as collaborative research projects and extension activities such as lectures, seminars, trainings, and exchange of research results.

To promulgate this partnership,

the BSU representatives, headed by the BSU-HORTI Director Dr. Darwin Basquial, Ms. Amelia M. Kimeu and Ms. Margie S. Epie, visited the QC-PESO headed by PESO Manager Mr. Rogelio L. Reyes with the Project Coordinator Mr. William Villacampa on May 30-31, 2022 at the Civic Center Building A, City Hall Compound, Quezon City. A brief but strategic meeting was done to discuss how to go forward with the partnership. After the meeting, the project team made a courtesy call to QC Mayor Hon. Ma. Josefina “Joy” G. Belmonte, who ensured her support to this collaboration.//Gablaza



BSU representatives headed by Dr. Darwin A. Basquial, director of Horticulture Research and Training Institute (HORTI), Ms. Amelia M. Kimeu and Ms. Margie S. Epie (from center to left) visited Hon. Joy Belmonte, Quezon City mayor, Mr. Rogelio Reyes, manager of Quezon City-Public Employment Service Office (QC-PESO) and Mr. William Villacampa (from center to right) regarding the BSU-QC-PESO partnership in Quezon City Hall on May 30, 2022.



(R) BSU officials headed by Darwin Basquial and Amelia Kimeu together with QC officials handed-over planting materials of herbs and spices to the head of the Joy Urban Farming. (L) Visited the first Amlac Ville Payatas Gardeners and TAU GAMMA Farm in Amlac Ville, Payatas Quezon City where the group met the farmers mostly mothers, involved in the urban farming.

## BSU CRAC Mentors 15 Beekeeping Trainees



Beekeeping trainees learn beekeeping management during the series of hands-on trainings conducted by the Cordillera Regional Apiculture Center from January to May 2022. Photo by CRAC

Fifteen beekeeping trainees finished 320 hours of training on beekeeping management which started on January 17 and ended May 30, 2022. The training is part of BSU Cordillera Regional Apiculture Center (CRAC) internship and mentoring program.

CRAC Director Dr. Kenneth Laruan said that as part of their internship and mentoring activities, the participants were taught on theories combined with practical applications.

During the duration of the internship and mentoring activities, the participants were trained on the different beehive management activities. These include rearing of queen bees, beekeeping carpentry, treating insect, pest and diseases of honey bees, beehives inspection and maintenance of tools and equipment used for beehive management.// ASantiago

# BSU Recognizes Students' Best Researches During 2022 USRC



Highlights during 6th University Student Research Congress conducted on June 23-24, 2021.//Photos by UPAO

Twenty-three student researches were recognized as winning papers during the 6th University Student Research Congress conducted on June 23-24, 2021. The 23 student research papers are among the 87 theses that competed during the event.

Under the Science & Technology Agriculture, Aquatic, Natural Resources (S & T AANR) category, three competed in the graduate level and 12 competed in the undergraduate level; thirteen competed in the Science & Technology Food, Industry, Energy and Emerging Technologies (S&T FIEET) category undergraduate level. For the Social Agriculture, Aquatic, Natural Resources (Social AANR) category, four competed in the graduate level and seven in the undergraduate level. On Social Non- Agriculture, Aquatic, Natural Resources (Social Non-AANR) category, 10 competed in the graduate level and 18 in the undergraduate level. Under the Education Category, nine competed in the graduate level and 11 in the undergraduate level.

On the S & T AANR category graduate level, the Best paper is Biophysical Sensitivity, Adaptive Capacity and Evaluation of Hybrid Yellow Corn Varieties (*Zea mays*) as Technological Adaptation to Typhoons in Corn Production at Rizal, Kalinga by Dominga P. Magnanang from the College of Agriculture (CA).

In the undergraduate level, the Best paper is Land Use and Land Cover Change Analysis of Mount Data National Park Using Remote Sensing by Gladies P. Taguiling and Janice C. Bagni. The 2nd Best paper is Biomass and Carbon Stock Assessment of Trees in Baguio Botanical Garden, Baguio City, Philippines by Krystal Kate A. Polon, Ivonne Mhay P. Lawagan and Marlet L. Sab-it. The 3rd Best paper is Site Suitability Assessment of Tree Species in Kibungan, Benguet, Philippines by Syndy Mae W. Dosog, Erika W. Fidel and Louie F. Numbalagan. All winners are from the College of Forestry.

On the Social AANR category graduate level, the Best paper is Path Diagram and Regression Tree of the Incidence and Severity of Potato Late Blight (*Phytophthora infestans*): The Observed Pattern in the Major Growing Areas in Benguet Province by Han B. Bonoy from the College of Numeracy and Applied Sciences (CNAS). The 2nd Best paper is Agri-Tourism Industry in Cordillera Administrative Region as Driver of Community Development from CA. The 3rd Best paper is Environmental Education and Solid Waste Management in the Secondary Schools of Burgos District: An assessment by Karen Joy N. Vergara from CNAS.

In the undergraduate level, the Best paper is Neighborhood Sustainability Assessment: Evaluating the Urban Barangay by Miriam W. Lardizabal, Jiemryll Aik T. Malbay and Dhalaine Marcelo from the College of Natural Sciences. The 2nd Best paper is Culturally Informed Legal Practice in Agricultural Land Dispute Resolution: Insights and Evidences of Tongtong Among the Kalanguya Indigenous Peoples of Lusod, Kabayan, Benguet from College of Information Sciences. The 3rd Best paper is Prevalence and Risk Factors of Canine Amoebiasis in An Urban Barangay of La Trinidad, Benguet by Aprilyn Dakila D. Bakilan from the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM).

On the Social Non-AANR category graduate level, the Best paper is Career Growth Experiences of Working Mothers: Framework for Policy by Summer Gail C. Padeo from the College of Public Administration and Governance (CPAG). The 2nd Best paper is Negotiating Education in an Entangled Home-School Setting amidst Pandemic by May Angeline R. Lapuz from the College of Social Sciences (CSS). The 3rd Best

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paper is Lived Experiences of National Muaythai Student-Athletes in the Bubble Training: A Phenomenological Perspective by Keano P. Ananayo from the College of Human Kinetics.

In the undergraduate level, the Best paper is Survival and Risk Factor Analysis of Covid-19 Patients in La Trinidad, Benguet by Melben W. Higinio from CNAS. The 2nd Best paper is Users' Satisfaction on the Online Library Services of Benguet State University during the Pandemic by Diana Faith F. Dalilis, Joanne T. Antonio, Kayrelle Joy C. Cabbigat, Joanna Marie M. Estrada, Joan G. Madagsen and Jewbieleyo A. Paltiyon from CIS. The 3rd best paper is Contraceptive Use of Grade 12 Students in La Trinidad, Benguet by Arianne K. Maguen, Fe Grail I. Nagayos, Loury May A. Omaney and Jan Vincent G. Padigos from the College of Nursing.

On the Education category graduate level, the Best paper is Enhanced MELCs-Based Curriculum in Reading and Writing Skills in a Blended Pedagogy by Mary Geraldine Gunaban from College of Arts and Humanities (CAH). The 2nd Best paper is Implementation of Community-Based Projects in Religious Studies in Preparation for Creativity-Activity-Service (CAS) Program by Julie A. Sibucan from the College of Teacher Education (CTE).

The 3rd Best paper is Challenges and Successes of Flexible Learning Modalities in the English Language Classroom in the New Normal by Michelle Ranges from CAH.

In the undergraduate level, the Best paper is Performance of Bachelor of Arts in English Language Studies Students in the Suprasegmentals by Jesabel D. Langtaden, Paula Mae V. Laquidan from CAH.

On the S&T FIEET category undergraduate level, the Best paper is Cutaneous Wound Healing Potential of Ointment Containing Ashitaba Stem Ethanolic Extract on Mice by Bea Lyn M. Cayabyab from CVM. The 2nd Best paper is Platelet Count and Indices of Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenic Sprague-Dawley Rats Treated with *Origanum Vulgare L.* (Oregano) and *Euphorbia Hirta L.* (Tawa-Tawa) by Regine Grace C. Acosta from CVM. The 3rd Best paper is Design Fabrication and Performance Evaluation of a Double Row Spacing Seeder with Adjustable Row Spacing for Soybean and Black-Eyed Peas by Jasmine M. Jimenez, Denver H. Bogbog for the College of Engineering.

During the closing program, the students thanked the University for conducting the Student Research Congress as they were able to share and gain knowledge with their fellow presenters as well as learned from the evaluators.// ASantiago



Mrs. Masangcay beside the poster she presented at the 11th World Potato Congress

Ms. Teresita D. Masangcay, Senior Science Research Specialist, Northern Philippine Root Crops Research and Training Center with Dr. Peter Vander Zaag (from left), Vice President of WPC Inc. & owner of Sunrise Potato Farms, Alliston, Canada; Mr. Binod Luitel from Nepal, a co-participant and beside her is a colleague from PSRTC, Canlaon City, Negros Oriental, her only fellow participant from the Philippines. Photo taken inside the session hall at the Royal Dublin Society complex, the congress venue. Masangcay is one of the participants of the 11th World Potato Congress that was held in Dublin, Ireland 30th May to 2nd June, 2022.

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“Don’t be afraid in transferring your technology to big companies,” expressed Usec. Guevarra. She went on to share the DOST’s plans for the sustainability of the science for change program.

The NICER: Potato Research and Development (R&D) Center Program is one of the Niche Centers in the Regions (NICER) Programs under the Science for Change Program (S4CP) of the DOST. Through the S4CP, the BSU-NPRCRTC was



established as the Center for Research and Development for potatoes in the Cordillera Administrative Region, which started in 2018. It aims to provide science and technology innovations affecting the yield and quality of potatoes to increase productivity and profitability and enhance public and private collaboration in Potato RDE to significantly work together to ensure delivery of expected outputs to boost the potato industry.// EMBawayan



*Vice-President for Research & Extension Dr. Romeo A. Gomez and Ms. Imee C. Cuadra joins other participants in the Erasmus+ Teaching Mobilities which was held at Vytautas Magnus University (VMU), Kaunas City, Lithuania on May 2 to 6, 2022.*

*Dr. Gomez gave a lecture on Traditional Rice Production of Ifugao, Benguet, and Mountain Province. Ms. Cuadra shared about Contemporary Performing Arts of the Southeast Asia Region including the Philippines giving examples related to music and film of the Cordillera.//Photo courtesy of VMU.*



# CHED Apprises CARASUC of Total Quality Performance

The Cordillera Administrative Region Association of State Universities and Colleges (CARASUC) members gathered for a Seminar on Higher Education Towards Quality Performance at the Benguet State University (BSU) gymnasium on May 18, 2022.

The CARASUC members, including BSU, Kalinga State University (KSU), Mountain Province State Polytechnic College (MPSPC), Ifugao State University (IFSU), Apayao State College (ASC), and Abra State Institute of Science and Technology (ASIST) participated in the event spearheaded by MPSPC President and CARASUC Chairperson Dr. Rexton Chakas.

BSU Vice-President for Administration and Finance Atty. Allan C. Sacpa welcomed the participants and commended President Chakas for initiating the activity towards quality performance in delivering quality education and excellence in higher education.

Meanwhile, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Office of Institutional Quality Assurance and Governance Director Luisa S. Valencia, who served as the resource speaker, shared updates on the Faculty Position Reclassification. She elaborated on the highlights and guidelines of the 8th and 9th evaluation cycles of the NBC for faculty.

Due to various developments in the higher education sector that include faculty and student mobility, internalization, flexible learning, world rankings, and education, Valencia mentioned that the criteria and guidelines

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## BSU Sends BSA Students to Post-Pandemic Internship

Benguet State University and Host Training Establishments (HTE) had a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed on 01 June 2022, at the Office of the President, and virtually.

The purpose of signing the Memorandum of Agreement is for the hosting establishments to accommodate Benguet State University students who would attend for their internship and training in various fields.

Of the four host training establishments introduced, three belong to the Municipality of La Trinidad, Benguet: Living Gifts Nursery, represented by Mr. Dan A. Saclangan; Garden Nen Ines, represented by Dr. Fernando R. Gonzales; Queegrobeehn Mushroom Farm, represented by Dr. Janet S. Luis and Ms. Chreestehn S. Luis; and one from the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) located at Central

Luzon State University (CLSU), represented by Dr. Ericson N. Dela Cruz.

Dr. Imelda O. Degay, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, gave a warm welcome and aspired for this partnership to succeed.

Vice-Mayor Roderick Awingan of La Trinidad assured everyone of the support of the Municipality in this partnership.

Awingan believes that this endeavor between the University and the different training establishments would benefit students in their field of expertise.

President Felipe Salaing Comila welcomed the hosts with his inspiring message. President Comila hopes that this partnership will help the students in their chosen fields and be competent entrepreneurs.//OGDacocot



# Benchmark Skyrockets at about 200% in May & June 2022

Capiz State University Research, Development, and Extension office, led by its Vice-President Dr. Efren L. Linan, visited Benguet State University for familiarization with the operations of the Research and Extension office and the BSU Agri-based Technology Business Incubator/ Innovation Center.

Vice-President for Research and Extension Dr. Romeo A. Gomez, Jr., Extension Services Director Dr. Constantino T. Sudaypan, Sr., and ATBI personnel welcomed and assisted the guests in their visit.

Capiz State University aims to strengthen the quality of its services by adopting the best practices of other HEIs in the country. //MHDelRosario

The University of the Philippines Los Baños Gender Center visited Benguet State University for a benchmarking activity, specifically the Gender and Development Office, as part of the Center’s plan to strengthen gender and development mechanisms and strategies.

The OIC President and VP for Admin and Finance Atty. Allan C. Sacpa, together with GAD Director Dr. Estrellita M. Daclan, GAD Staff, and TWG-Members, welcomed the UPLB Officials. Dr. Daclan presented the best practices and strategies of the BSU GAD Office and answered questions and queries after the presentation. Officials from UPLB also visited the Nutriclinic and Breastfeeding station at BSU College of Home Economics and Technology. //PJGadang



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The Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges- Physical Plant and Facilities Management Services, headed by its President, Dr. Charlito P. Cadag, visited Benguet State University for abenchmarking activity focused on gaining insights on the best practices of BSU’s Land Use Development and InfrastructurePlan for the enhancement of CSPC- LUDIP (Land Use Development Plan).

President Felipe Salaing Comila welcomed the team and afterwards assisted by Land Reservations Office Director Engr. Feliciano R. Delos Santos, Planning and Development Office Director Mr. Melvin John M. Aromin, and University Public Affairs Office Director Dr. Gretchen Gaye C. Ablaza during the CSPC team’s conference with BSU officials. // MHDelRosario

The Nueva Vizcaya State University Sabatan TechnoHub project management team, headed by Campus Administrator/ Project Leader Dr. Cristina R. Salvosa visited Benguet State University for a benchmarking activity, specifically the best practices of the BSU Agri-based Technology Business Incubator/ Innovation Center.

The benchmarking is essential to the sustainability of the hub since the project will end this May 2022, and the hub intends to propose additional facilities for the use of the center and incubatees.

ATBI/IC Director Dr. Ruth C. Diego and staff assisted the team during the meeting and site visit. //MHDelRosario

Officials, faculty, and staff members of the Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges (CSPC) - College of Health Sciences visited Benguet State University for a benchmarking activity as part of their institution's plan to adopt best practices and strengthen linkages, specifically in the Research, Extension, Gender and Development, and Health Services.

President Felipe Salaing Comila welcomed the CSPC visitors and gave an inspirational message. Afterwards, Ms. Maureen E. Gay-as, Food, Nutrition, and Health Division Chief of the Institute of Social Research and Development introduced the ISRD Office. Dr. Estrellita Daclan, GAD director, also presented the best practices and strategies of the BSU GAD Office. Dr. Jao-jao A. Somyden, College of Home Economics and Technology dean talked about CHET-Nutrition and Dietetics. Dr. Jude L. Tayaben, College of Nursing secretary and GAD-TWG, talked about Health. It was followed by an open forum and discussion of other inquiries. //PJGadang



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The Polytechnic College of Botolan, Zambales headed by its President Dr. Mary Grace S. Manangan, an alumni of BSU, visited Benguet State University to benchmark the best practices of the research and extension. Further, President Manangan took the opportunity to explore the possibilities of collaboration with Benguet State University by providing professional assistance in the areas of Research and Extension.

President Mary Grace S. Manangan and the team extended a courtesy visit to BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila and Vice-President for Research and Extension Dr. Romeo A. Gomez, Jr. prior to their engagement with research and extension officials.

VPRE Gomez, Jr., Extension Services Director Dr. Constantino T. Sudaypan, Sr., and Horticulture Research and Training Institute Director Dr. Darwin A. Basquial assisted them and shared their knowledge and expertise. BSU officials assured the team that they are very willing to provide professional assistance in their endeavor.//MHDelRosario

The Lasam Institute of Technology, Cagayan headed by Vocational School Administrator I Engr. Dominador D. Dizon visited Benguet State University to benchmark the facilities and best practices of agricultural and hospitality management laboratories.

The activity is one of LIT's steps of improving their physical setup, especially the laboratories, to provide the best services to their clients. Further, the visit is also part of their preparation for joining the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) program.//MHDelRosario



27 May 2022



31 May 2022

The Pangasinan State University, headed by Dr. Paulo V. Cenas, Vice-President for Research, Extension, Innovation, and Gender and Development, visited Benguet State University for a benchmarking activity on the QS Stars rating system.

In preparation for PSU's QS Stars rating system application, the team wanted to be enlightened and learn from the practices that BSU experienced in its QS Stars rating system application, particularly concerning advanced criteria on social responsibility and tracer study.

The Office of the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Director Dr. Aurea Marie M. Sandoval, and Head of ISO and International Accreditation Division Dr. Beverly C. Sa-ao, assisted the team and shared their knowledge and experiences in the QS Stars rating system application. The team also extended a courtesy visit to President Felipe Salaing Comila.//MHDelRosario

The University of Batangas College of Distance Education visited Benguet State University for a benchmarking activity to learn from the best practices and experiences of BSU Open University (OU) in offering distance education. This activity is part of the preparation for their aspiration to offer academic programs through its newly installed College of Distance Education.

La Trinidad Campus Executive Dean Dr. Imelda B. Galinato, BSU OU Director Dr. Esper L. Feliciano, BSU- OU Assistant Director Dr. Leonardo T. Apilis, and University Public Affairs Office Director Dr. Gretchen Gaye C. Ablaza assisted the guests during their visit at BSU.//MHDelRosario



The Central Mindanao University (CMU) visited the Benguet State University for a benchmarking activity as part of its institution's goal to develop its knowledge in agricultural technologies/institutional production and income-generating projects.

University President Felipe Salaing Comila welcomed the CMU team. He shared advice and an inspirational message. Business Affairs director Dr. Norma P. Banania talked about the income-generating projects of the university. Meanwhile, Food Science Research and Innovation Center (FSRIC) Director Mr. Lesley Dale G. Umayat also presented the best practices and strategies of the FSRIC. After the presentation, an open forum and discussion of other inquiries followed.

Aside from the meeting and presentation, the CMU team visited the different income-generating projects and other research centers of the University.//PJGadang



The Laguna State Polytechnic University College of Hospitality Management and Tourism-Los Baños Campus visited Benguet State University for a benchmarking activity to observe the best practices of BSU in terms of agricultural projects and agri- tourism sites implemented through Research Projects.

The team extended a courtesy call to President Felipe Salaing Comila prior to their engagement to the Agri-based Technology Business Incubator/ Innovation Center(ATBI) headed by ATBI Director Dr. Ruth C. Diego. The team also visited the Institute of Highland Farming Systems and Agroforestry (IFHSA) and headed by Director Dr. Andres A. Basalong, who

The Bukidnon State University officials, headed by their President, Dr. Oscar B. Cabañez, Vice-President for Academic Affairs Dr. Hazel Jean M. Abejuela, Vice-President for Research, Extension, and Innovation Dr. Joy M. Mirasol, and Vice-President for Administration Planning, and Development Mr. Dante S. Victoria, Jr., came to Benguet State University for a benchmarking activity particularly on the proposed construction of sewage and sewerage treatment facilities, preparations for PRIME HRM Level III, and programs and activities of the Faculty Club.

President Felipe Salaing Comila and other BSU officials warmly welcomed the dignitaries and assisted them during the activity. After the conference with BSU officials, the guests visited the BSU Strawberry Farm and had lunch with President Comila.//MHDelrosario

Delegates from the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP) headed by Hon. Ambrosio B Cultura II, USTP System president and eight USTP officials visited Benguet State University (BSU) for benchmarking activity regarding the University's Research Centers and Curriculum Program in the Field of Agriculture.

President Felipe Salaing Comila welcomed the USTP representative with an inspirational message and shared anecdotes.

Dr. Imelda B. Galinato, BSU La Trinidad Campus executive dean; Dr. Gretchen Gaye C. Ablaza, UPAO director; Dr. Grace T. Bengwayan, University and Board secretary; Dr. Madeline S. Kingan, College of Agriculture secretary; Mr. Cus Kilakil, Science Research assistant, gave informative answers to the inquiries from USTP representatives.

After the group discussion at the RDC Hall, the USTP delegates visited the Marketing Center and later headed to the College of Agriculture and were received by Dr. Janet P. Pablo, dean of the College of Agriculture.//OGDacocot



10 June 2022

The Nueva Vizcaya State University recognizes the importance of sustainable resource generation programs to supplement the annual subsidy for State Universities received from the General Appropriations Act. Anent this, NVSU OIC- University President Dr. Ruth R. Padilla and her team visited Benguet State University, specifically: to benchmark organizational management systems, internal processes, and systems on IGPs and innovation center; to enable collaborative partnership on innovation, research, and extension programs; and to exchange educational materials both on graduate and undergraduate programs.

BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila welcomed the guests with an inspirational message and shared anecdotes. Subsequently, other BSU officials Dr. Johnny G. Dati, vice-president for business affairs; Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan, executive assistant; Dr. Imelda B. Galinato, BSU La Trinidad Campus executive dean; Dr. Gretchen Gaye C. Ablaza, UPAO director; Dr. Norma P. Banania, University Business Affairs director; Dr. Jao-Jao A. Somyden, College of Home Economics and Technology dean; and Ms. Rodeliza A. Flores, special assistant to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, gave informative answers to the inquiries from NVSU officials.

After the conference at the RDC Hall, the NVSU guests were toured to the different facilities and offices.//MHDelRosario.



10 June 2022



14 June 2022

Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT) visited Benguet State University (BSU) for benchmarking activity on research, innovation, and development.

Dr. Joy C. Capistrano, college president, represented the delegates from Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT). President Capistrano and her team visited Benguet State University (BSU) early morning for benchmarking activity. The ASSCAT is currently applying for conversion into a State University.

Known for his great anecdotes, President Felipe Salaing Comila shared brief stories about his family roots and the importance of our "mother's maiden name" and reminded everyone to always honor the maiden name of our mothers. President Comila ended his sharing with an inspiring message.

Dr. Maria Luz D. Fang-Asan, OIC vice president for International Relations Office, greeted everyone in Cebuano and gave an insightful and informative presentation on the University's Internationalization Office.

Dr. Imelda B. Galinato, BSU La Trinidad Campus executive dean; Dr. Estrellita M. Daclan, Gender and Development Office director and budget officer; Dr. Gretchen C. Ablaza, UPAO director; Mr. Cus Kilakil, Science Research assistant, answered inquiries from ASSCAT with great enthusiasm.

After the group discussion, ASSCAT delegates toured Benguet State University's offices and facilities to further their learning activity.//OGDacocot



14 June 2022

The Marinduque State College Institute of Allied Health Sciences visited Benguet State University to benchmark the best practices of the University, particularly in the College of Nursing. Mr. Vicente G. Panagan, Jr., dean of the College of Nursing, assisted the team during their tour of the facilities and attended to the guests' inquiries.

Afterwards, Marinduque State College President Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta and his team extended a courtesy visit to BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila and shared happy moments while enjoying their meal.//



The Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges- Production and Entrepreneurial Development Services and Guidance Center Clusters visited Benguet State University for a benchmarking activity aimed at learning from the different services, creating linkages, and adapting the best practices of BSU, particularly in the Production and Guidance unit.

Business Affairs Director Dr. Norma P. Banania and Guidance Student Wellness Services Coordinator Dr. Angeli T. Austria, assisted the CSPC team and shared the best practices of their respective offices.//MHDelRosario



17 June 2022

The College of Technology headed by the Dean Dr. Ariel A. Bongco, conducted a benchmarking activity at BSU to learn from the university's best practices, particularly in production. Business Affairs Director Dr. Norma P. Banania gave informative answers to their inquiries and assisted them in their tour of the IGP centers.

Moreover, Dr. Bongco and his team extended a courtesy visit to President Felipe Salaing Comila and had the chance to thank him personally for welcoming them to BSU.//MHDelRosario.



17 June 2022



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**Benguet State University welcomed Tarlac Agricultural University - Faculty Association for benchmarking activity. The benchmarking aims to collaborate with BSU Faculty Club Federation.**

President Felipe Salaing Comila generously received the delegates from Tarlac Agricultural University - Faculty Association. President Comila, along with his inspirational message, opens about losing a long-time friend and advises everyone on dealing with a loss.

President Felipe Salaing Comila ended his inspiring talk with a story about his dream of becoming a University President as a young man and shared his thoughts on being an authentic leader.

BSU Regent Hon. Harland Gary B. Pawid, BSU Faculty Club Federation president, and Mr. Florendo P. Comila, Faculty Club vice president for Buguias Campus and BSU Buguias Executive dean, discussed the BSU Faculty Club Federation's practices and answered questions from Tarlac Agricultural University - Faculty Association members.

After discussing with Dr. Pawid and Mr. Comila, the TAU-Faculty Association delegates were toured at the Benguet State University La Trinidad Campus and its various facilities and offices.//OGDacocot



22 June 2022

**Gordon College President Dr. Arlida M. Pame and her team, visited Benguet State University for a benchmarking to learn from the best practices and strategies of BSU in its operations, particularly in: Library services, Registrar, Finance, ICT, PDO, Records, GAD, DRRM, and Data Privacy.**

Dr. Pame and her team met with their BSU counterparts and had a healthy exchange of ideas and best practices. Afterwards, the team had a tour of the facilities of the University Library. Gordon College, located in Olongapo, is a developing college that plans to have its academic programs accredited and improve its operations.//MHDelRosario



## Dr. Tomas, ginawaran bilang Outstanding Golbal Educator at Huwarang Guro 2022

Ginawaran bilang Outstanding Global Educator–HUMSS–Language Category ng Beyond Books Publication si Dr. Dominga S. Tomas, direktor ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura pagkatapos niyang manguna sa patimpalak na isinagawa noong Marso 20.

Kinilala rin ang husay ni Dr. Tomas sa larangan ng pananaliksik ng parehas na organisasyon. Pagkatapos ng masinsinang pagsasala at panayam sa mga kalahok, nakamit ni Dr. Tomas ang pang-apat na puwesto. Ginanap noong ika-25 ng Hunyo sa Century Hotel, Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines ang paggawad sa kanya.

Ani ni Dr. Tomas, *“Isa sa mga dahilan ng aking pagsali ay para mapatunayan na ang mga guro ng Filipino ay hindi para lang sa klasrum, na may puwang din sila sa mga ibang disiplina at para rin magbigay ng inspirasyon sa mga kapwa ko guro sa Filipino.”*

*Layunin ng BBP na kinalalanin ang mga edukador at mga namumuno sa lahat ng institusyon na magpakita ng kalidad na performans at di matawarang kontribusyon sa komunidad. Layunin din nitong hikayatin ang mga edukador at namumuno na paunlarin ang kanilang mga kakayanan. Nais ring itanim ng BBP ang pagmamahal at pagpapaunlad sa pagtuturo para magkaroon nang nakahanda, may kasanayan at may kakayahang makipagsabayan sa buong mundo na mag-aaral.//FTDio-as*



## UP-OU Meets with BSU-OU to Discuss Challenges Faced

### During Pandemic



University of the Philippines Open University visited Benguet State University for a consultative meeting regarding programs and activities of the Open University.

Dr. Melinda dP. Bandalaria, UP-OU chancellor, represented the UP-OU. Her team, Ms. Agnes V. Mejia and Ms. Shaira T. Tanay, joined her in a meeting with Benguet State University’s Open University Officials and faculty members.

Dr. Esper L. Feliciano, Open University director, discussed the Open University’s transformation during the pandemic and precisely answered Dr. Bandalaria’s questions.

This consultative meeting is the first of several meetings with other partners. The main goal is to develop a core group to surface the challenges experienced by HEIs with Open and distance learning and develop strategies to counter these challenges.

Dr. Imelda O. Degay, vice-president for academic affairs; Dr. Imelda B. Galinato; BSU La Trinidad Campus executive dean; Dr. Gretchen C. Ablaza, UPAO director, also answered Dr. Bandalaria’s inquiries on the BSU’s implemented practices during the pandemic.//OGDacocot

## GAD & LRO promotes equality through tree planting

The Gender and Development Office and Land Reservation Office spearheaded a Gender Mainstreaming through Environmental Care and Forest Protection activity in one of the land reservation areas of Benguet State University.

The tree planting care activity was held at Bektey, Puguis, La Trinidad, Benguet participated by BSU officials and other employees from various offices and members of BSU Community Multipurpose Cooperative (BSU CMPC). They performed the removal of weeds and fertilizing of trees.

According to GAD, the activity was conducted to contribute to the National Greening Program (NGP) of the government and as a government institution, BSU has a role to contribute to the NGP by protecting existing forest reserve and planting more trees to help sustain the environment.



The activity aims to promote equal opportunities for everyone as participants and beneficiaries of environment protection and sustainable use of the ecosystem by considering the different positions and knowledge regarding the environment.

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guidelines for the reclassification of faculty positions in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) need to be kept up-to-date and relevant.

Among its objectives, the updated criteria and guidelines of the NBC cycles will encourage faculty members to regularly upgrade their qualifications and competencies. It also highlights the core functions of the SUCs: instruction; research/creative work/innovation; and extension/production/ public service.

Valencia also discussed the Institutional Sustainability Assessment (ISA) Program. She presented several indicators and criteria to satisfy the ISA key result areas such as governance and management, quality of teaching and learning, quality of professional exposure, research, and creative work/innovation, support for students, and relations with the community. ISA is a quality assurance process that assesses the institutional sustainability of a higher education institution.

Furthermore, the SUC participants shared the status and their outputs under the complementation project.

The updates included revision and implementation of curriculum for some degree programs, production of instructional learning materials, and creation of common syllabi among SUCs.

Valencia said that the seminar provided an opportunity for enhancing and revision of the program and eventually the CAR SUCs were to come up with a new and improved complementation project. She further encouraged the six SUCs to collaborate for the sustainability of the quality assurance programs and projects.

Valencia also presented the guidelines for the grant of FY 2022 Performance Based-Bonus (PBB) through a video. The PBB is a component of the Performance-Based Incentive System (PBIS) which is an incentive given to government employees based on their performance.

The event concluded with the presentation of the various accomplishments of the CARASUC by Dr. Chakas. He expressed gratitude to BSU for hosting the event and appreciated the CAR-SUCs for joining the event.

//EMBawayan

## Batinay Coaches 1st RP Vovinam Team in SEAG

BSU's very own Coach Ryan Batinay of the College of Human Kinetics was handpicked to coach the first Vovinam Philippine team that represented the country in the 31st SEA Games 2022 held in Hanoi, Vietnam on May 12-23, 2022.

Team Lakay and Philippine Kick-boxing team Head coach Mark Sangiao personally picked Coach Batinay alongside Team Lakay's heavy-hitters former ONE Flyweight World Champion Geje Eustaquio and Head trainer Jaybe Ban-eg.

Being the first ever Vovinam Team in the Philippines to compete internationally, the team had to face a few challenges. "The challenge for us, especially being a new part of the Philippine Kick-boxing team and assigned as a coach for the Vovinam team, was that my background is not specific to Vovinam, so my task is to research on technical guidelines and attended virtual meetings to learn more about the sport." Batinay lamented.

He added that the athletes had the same struggle and had to adjust on the technicalities of the sports. "Majority of our athletes are of the kick-boxing team and of mixed-martial arts, so in terms of their skills and physical fitness they are well-prepared. The only challenge for our athletes is to adjust on the new rules of Vovinam (Vietnamese traditional martial arts)."

The first Philippine Vovinam team showed talent and hard-work as they delivered one silver and two bronzes. Carlo Von Bumina-ang won a silver medal in men's 65kg category, Jenelyn Olsim snatched bronze in women's 55kg category while Zephania Ngaya delivered bronze in women's 60kg category.



Photo by Vovinam Philippines

Furthermore, coach Batinay showed dedication and passion as he volunteered to coach Vovinam would-be athletes in BSU if given the chance. "I will take as a part of my program because in BSU we have a combative club which caters to all martial arts, so I will take into consideration to include the basics of Vovinam. This would give BSU an edge in future competitions."

Coach Batinay thanked Coaches Mark Sangiao and the rest of Team Lakay family for their unwavering trust. He also extended his appreciation to President Felipe Salaing Comila and BSU Family for their unwavering support.//OGDacocot