



“Benguet State University has planted a legacy in the mountain region” —DBM USEC Relampagos

“BSU’s vision and mission are not far-fetched from the educational reform agenda. You have the advantage, as your institution has planned ninety-seven years ahead. Benguet State University has planted a legacy in the mountain region.”

This was according to Undersecretary Mario L. Relampagos of the Department of Budget and Management in his message as the Guest of Honor during the 97th Foundation Anniversary program on June 28, 2013 at the University gym.

Usec. Relampagos went on to cite BSU’s accomplishments along education, the professional and technical services it has provided, the issues it has addressed and the recent 2nd

level accreditation on the Civil Service Commission-CHARM. He also encouraged the University to continue establishing stronger ties with different Asia-Pacific Universities and appreciated the University’s positive viewpoint on amalgamation with different institutions in the Cordillera Region.

These statements from Usec. Relampagos were later affirmed by the presentation of BSU’s extension efforts by Ma. Luz D. Fang-asan.

The University’s 97th Foundation Anniversary themed “BSU @ 97: Upscaling convergencies towards the centennial and beyond” was celebrated on June 27-28, 2013. The simple two-day celebration included the RDE and Photo Exhibits to run for a week after the Anniversary, the Kapihan-sa-BSU, a thanksgiving inter-faith service, a program at the University gym, employees wellness activities, and student activities.

A short ribbon cutting ceremony was held to formally open the RDE and Photo Exhibits on June 27, 2013 at the BSU Admin. Building. This was graced by Atty. Caesar Oracion



(Above) BSU President Ben D. Ladilad handed the plaque and token of appreciation to BSU’s 97th Foundation Anniversary Guest of Honor, DBM Usec. Mario L. Relampagos, after the Undersecretary delivered his message on June 28, 2013. (Below) Usec. Relampagos gutsily danced with the CCA dancers. He is accompanied by Lita M. Colting of the BSU-Open University.//JST

BSU VISION

A Premier State University in Asia

MISSION

Development of people imbued with excellence and social conscience and who actively generate and promote environment-friendly technologies to improve the quality of life.

GOALS

- To provide quality education that will produce globally competitive graduates.
- To generate and disseminate appropriate knowledge and technologies that will promote sustainable resource development.
- To strengthen and enhance institutional capability generating revenue towards self-reliance.
- To establish competent and effective services geared towards efficiency and economy.
- To develop harmonious and cooperative University-Community relationships.



Shamag, an Ibaloi term that means news, is the official publication of Benguet State University. It functions as the University's mouthpiece for its accomplishments and is likewise a communication tool among BSU constituents. It started as the MSAC Newsletter in the 1970s to meet one of the requirements of then, the Department of Education, for a college to be elevated into a university. Hence, Shamag came out as the University newsletter in 1996.

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It's Silver Jubilee Year for BSU CHET

Themed "Honoring the past, cherishing the present, and inspiring the future", the College of Home Economics and Technology (CHET) will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary as a College on July 20, 2013 at the university gymnasium.

A host of events and activities are lined up for this occasion including the 50th Grand Alumni Homecoming, thanksgiving services, grand parade, and the opening and awarding ceremonies. There will also be a business meeting, batch sharing and presentations, games, and a variety show. All alumni are enjoined to attend this magnificent get together. Registration starts at seven o'clock in the morning at the College of Home Economics and Technology with an alumni commitment fee of PhP500.00 inclusive of meals and snacks, souvenir program, and t-shirt. Fresh graduates are exempted from the alumni commitment fee.

The College began with the offering of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Homemaking in 1959 with the first graduates in 1963 when the university was popularly known as the Mountain National Agricultural College (MNAC). In 1971, the degree program was changed to Bachelor of Science in Home Technology under the Department of Home Technology in Mountain State Agricultural College. Ten years after, the Master of Arts in Home Technology and Master of Arts in Teaching Practical Arts were offered. It was in 1984 when the undergraduate course became Bachelor of Science in Home Economics under the Department of Home Economics under the College of Teacher Education. The Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics was offered two years after. Through Republic Act 206, the Department of Home Economics officially became the College of Home Economics and Technology in 1988. Later on, the Certificate in Home Management Arts, Associate in Entrepreneurial Technology, and B.S. Entrepreneurial Technology were offered. // Elvena P. Belino

Seoul-based university now a BSU partner in English language educ



BSU and Sungkonghoe University officials led by Dr. Ben D. Ladilad and The Rev. Dr. Lee Jeong-Ku pose for posterity after signing a MOA on English language acquisition in Sungkonghoe University, Seoul, S. Korea on April 15, 2013. //Photo courtesy of the BSU-International Language Center

Sungkonghoe University in Seoul (South Korea) is BSU's newest partner in English Language Acquisition and Learning. The partnership was formalized last April 15, 2013 through a Memorandum of Agreement inked in Seoul by BSU President Ben D. Ladilad

and Sungkonghoe University President Lee Jeong-Ku.

As specified in the MOA, Sungkonghoe University shall be sending 20 exchange-students for the Special Program for English Language and Literature (SPELL) to be developed and administered by BSU. The SPELL will consist of a 16-week study in English and American Literature, Mythology and Folklore, Creative Writing, Effective Speech, World Literature, Interpersonal Communication, Drama and Theater Arts, Technical Writing, Professional Communication, Public Speaking, and English for Specific Purposes.

Sungkonghoe University is the third Korean **Seoul...page 5**

ICRISAT senior biometrician impressed by statistics trainees

"I feel that this seminar-workshop is successful because of the interest of everybody. Everybody is working very hard and not even going for breaks."

These were the words of Dr. Abhishek Rathore, Senior Scientist-Biometrician from the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT). Dr. Rathore along with ICRISAT Scientific Officer Roma Rani Das, and Alex Arizabal Jr. of DA-BAR make up the team who facilitated the 4-day Statistics Training Course on Agricultural Field

Trial Designing and Data Analysis attended by 35 participants from different universities in the country. The enhancement activity included lectures dovetailed with workshops from basic statistics to more complex methods and approaches of analyzing biological data. Some of these are correlation and regression; data diagnostics; design of experiments; Eberhart & Russell's Stability Model; multiplicative GxE models and biplots; and multi-environment trials.

Dr. Rathore heads the ICRISAT Biometrics Unit that looks into the Institute's support and capability enhancing efforts for software updating and offers customized biometrics solution based on the collaborating scientist's or project's requirements.

"No matter how good your research is, without quality statistic tools, you would not be able to convince people. Without good statistical analysis, there's no way you can publish in reputable and refereed journals. Statistics is not difficult. It's just a matter of putting your heart into it." This was stressed by Dr. Rosana P. Mula at the beginning of the training course, which was later affirmed by the trainees when they were given the chance to give their impressions.

However, Dr. Rathore emphasized that the software and the methods are only the tools and that the quality of the data being analyzed should also be given equal importance. During the training, Dr. Rathore and his team introduced open source tools or software for statistical analysis.

The training course was coordinated by Dr. Carlito P. Laurean, director of the BSU-Center for Climate Smart Agriculture and Dr. Mula, who incidentally a BSU alumnae and a former professor, but now with ICRISAT as the coordinator of the LSU-KSI of the Institute. //Jen S. Tabangcura



Training facilitators, Ms. Roma Rani Das and Abhishek Rathore of ICRISAT, with BSU VP for Research and Extension Luciana M. Villanueva and Rosana P. Mula react while listening to the impressions from the participants during a simple closing program on June 14, 2013 at the BSU AdCor. //SIFernando

IPA prospects collaboration with LGU La Trinidad for dev't activities

The Institute of Public Administration held their second meeting with La Trinidad mayor-elect Edna C. Tabanda on possible collaborations for development on June 18, 2013 at the BSU-AdCor.

"The main purpose of the meeting is to come up with some development plans with the municipality where IPA can participate in the capability enhancement of local executives and legislators not only in La Trinidad but also in other municipalities." This was according to IPA Director Felipe S. Comila.

"This is also to formalize the involvement of BSU and to have prospects on funds to implement projects," added Dr. Tabanda.

Along with IPA adjunct professors and consultants Carlos C. Tabunda Jr. and Reuel Hermoso, the group

discussed possible studies on traffic, parking, the Balili River, market, and a feasibility study on an integrated system for flood control and partnerships on tourism, community development, indigenous aspects, governance, environmental concerns, and extension programs.

BSU VP for Research and Extension, Luciana M. Villanueva, who was also the University OIC at the time, was invited to participate in the discussion.

"Palakasin natin ang partnership ng BSU at LGU-La Trinidad. I'm happy that you selected BSU as a partner and we are very willing to cooperate with you," said Dr. Villanueva. She also mentioned some research programs that the University has already undertaken along the areas being mentioned by the group. Dr. Villanueva invited mayor-elect Tabanda to attend the launching of BSU's Kabalikatan sa Kaunlaran training on June 20 that involves some 100 farmer-participants to see how eager BSU is in contributing to La Trinidad's development.//Jen S. Tabangcura



Consultants and faculty of the Institute of Public Administration with mayor-elect Edna C. Tabanda and BSU VP for Research and Extension, Luciana M. Villanueva.//

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representing Senator-elect Sonny Angara who is a member of the BSU Board of Regents and Congressman Ronald M. Cosalan. Dr. Silardo Basted was also there to represent Sen. Edgardo J. Angara who is also a member of the BSU Board of Regents.

The exhibits at the old administration building lobby showed the linkages established over the years with government and non-

government institutions in the local, national, and international level. It also displayed the different technologies and information that resulted from BSU R&E researches in agriculture, forestry, natural resources, and allied sciences.

This initial event was followed by the Kapihan-sa-BSU at the RSDC Cafeteria. The Kapihan-sa-BSU is a regular press conference facilitated by the Philippine Information

Agency (PIA-CAR). It was broadcasted live over DZWT and Sky Cable. The anchors were PIA-CAR Regional Director Helen Tibaldo and Jonathan Llanes of PTV4. The activity served as an avenue for BSU top officials led by President Ben D. Ladilad to discuss with members of the media about the accomplishments of the school especially in helping communities it is mandated to serve along education, health, and agriculture undertakings.

An inter-faith thanksgiving service was held in the afternoon of June 27, which was con-celebrated by Fr. Rolly Buyagan of the Roman Catholic Church, Pstr. Windell Tongacan of the Victory Church, Rev. Felix Yango of the Trinidad Baptist Church, Pstr. Sam Galino of the Nazarene Church, Rev. Wilmer Bugtong of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, and Rev. Fr. Jonathan Obar of the Anglican Church.//

Kabalikat sa Kabuhayan launched



Farmer-participants to the Kabalik sa Kabuhayan (KSK) project with SM Foundation, BSU, DSWD-CAR, DA-CAR, and Harbest Agribusiness Corp. representatives. They are (seated, l-r) SM Super Market Operations Manager Dominador Leones; Dr. Silvestre L. Kudan, Dr. Gilda Victoria B. Jacalan, Dr. Luciana M. Villanueva of BSU; DA-CAR Regional Director Marilyn V. Sta. Catalina; SM Foundation AVP for Livelihood and Outreach Cristie Angeles; DSWD-CAR Regional Director Leonardo Reynoso; and Harbest Agribusiness Corp. President Arsenio Barcelona. //SIFernando

Close to 200 farmers from Benguet expressed interest to undergo a 14-week long training course on improved and feasible agricultural technologies under the Kabalik sa

Kabuhayan (KSK) project during the launching program on June 20, 2013 held in Benguet State University (BSU).

The KSK is a project of the SM Foundation,

Inc. in partnership with BSU, Harbest Agribusiness Corporation (HAC), Department of Agriculture – CAR, Department of Social Welfare and Development – CAR, and the Local Government Units of

Benguet and La Trinidad. The program will be managed by the said institutions with BSU as the lead.

The course aims to empower farmers through the use of agricultural technologies that will help enhance their farming activities meant to increase produce particularly highland vegetables and strawberries and eventually income. The Harbest Agribusiness Corporation shall manage the conduct of the course with the assistance of the experts from BSU, DA-CAR, and the Local Government Units of Benguet and La Trinidad.

Starting June 27, the farmers identified by BSU, DSWD – CAR, and the agriculture offices of Benguet and La Trinidad shall come every Thursday as the group consensus for their lectures and hands-on field practice at the BSU Experiment Area. //Alma Santiago

CTE faculty wins best dissertation for NSTP study

Dr. Arnulfo C. Capili, a faculty from the College of Teacher Education, graduated with flying colors at the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University garnering the Best Dissertation and Highest GPA awards last March 22, 2013.

His dissertation titled "Values Promotion Through the National Service Program (NSTP) Among Higher Education Institutions of Benguet, Philippines" was selected the best among dissertations from different fields by nationally-acclaimed judges.

Dr. Capili's dissertation studied the demographics, strategies, activities, and problems encountered among NSTP implementers. The study determined the significant effect of these factors to the attainment of the NSTP objectives and the promotion of the core values Maka-Diyos, Makatao, Makabayan, and Makakalikasan. The results indicate that there is a negligible relationship between the implementers' profile along gender, educational attainment, and seminars attended with the promotion of the core values. However, a significant relationship between age and the utilization of strategies was noted. Likewise, lack of funding for NSTP activities was recorded as a serious problem encountered by both implementers and students.

Moreover, Dr. Capili was also recognized for having attained the highest Grade Point Average or GPA of 1.11. He achieved all these while teaching at BSU with a

regular load. He taught on weekdays and commuted to La Union on weekends within his six years of study. Dr. Capili acknowledged the assistance of BSU by granting him dissertation assistance and by decreasing his teaching load for a semester. He mentioned that being in focus, managing his time well with determination and faith in God as the driving forces behind his recent achievement.

Inspired by the love of God, Dr. Capili plans to continue teaching and honing his students to become the best. //Jen S. Tabangcura

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university to enter a MOA of such nature with BSU. The other two universities are Chungbuk Provincial College and Kyungwoon University.

After signing the MOA at Seoul, the BSU officials composed of President Ben D. Ladilad, VP for Academic Affairs Percyveranda A. Lubrica, ILC-Director Luisa Cotiw-an, ILC Assistant Director Evelyn S. Angiwan and CA Faculty Araceli G. Ladilad proceeded to Chungbuk Provincial College. The college has been sending students for the BSU-International Language Center's Intensive Functional English Language Program since 2009. They were welcomed by Chungbuk Provincial College President Yeon Young-Seok. According to Dr. Percyveranda A. Lubrica, they had preliminary discussions on possible collaborations in agriculture and forestry through exchange programs. They also visited the college's facilities. The delegation also spent time visiting equally interesting facilities around the campus. //JST

BSU ROTC Unit retains RAATI over-all championship

Garnering 92.12 points, the BSU ROTC Unit topped this year's Officer Training Corps Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI) participated by 14 schools.

The RAATI was conducted in BSU last February 11, 2013 and the official results were released on May 10, 2013, a copy of which was furnished to the University by COL. JONATHAN G. PONCE INF (GSC) PA, the 1RCDG Group Commander and the head of the inspecting team stationed at Camp Lt. Tito B. Abat, Manaoag, Pangasinan. The University of Northern Philippines is 1st runner up followed by Mariano Marcos State University in Batac (2nd runner up), University of Luzon in Pangasinan (3rd runner up), and Pangasinan State University (4th runner up).

"This development has once again proved the quality of instruction and training by the University to its students. Moreover, the retention of the overall champion award is also due to the cooperative efforts of the administration, officials, faculty, staff and the 101% support of the University president, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad." This was according to Prof. Angel C. Cawat Sr., the BSU NSTP overall coordinator.

The BSU ROTC unit is composed of cadets from the BSU Main Campus in La Trinidad, BSU Buguias Campus, BSU Bokod Campus and Gov. Bado Dangwa Agro Industrial School in Kapangan.

The unit also topped last year's RAATI. The BSU ROTC department is headed by LTC FLORENTINO C. SIMEON (OS) PA.//Charlie M. Agcio

ROTC students garner seven awards in two summer camps

The BSU ROTC Unit earned seven top awards out of ten awards given by the AFP from the two summer camps, Reserve Officer Training Corps Summer Camp Training (RSCT) and Advance Reserve Officer Corps Academic Phase Training (ARAPT).

The BSU ROTC Unit sent 15 students to undergo the RSCT Class 2013 from April 15 to May 10, 2013 at Camp Lt. Tito B. Abat based at Manaoag, Pangasinan. The successful completion of this training qualifies mentees to become Second Class ROTC officers (Passing the MS 31 and MS 32 subjects).

General Order No. 35 furnished the academic and physical proficiency awards given to the BSU-ROTC students. This order was issued by Colonel Jonathan G. Ponce, the Group commander and concurrently the ROTC superintendent of Region I and CAR.

Cadet Juebencio G. Tayan, from the BSU main campus, topnotches the proficiency award in the male category with a general average of 86% and excels in the physical proficiency award (Order of Bernardo Carpio) with a general average of 100%.

In the female category, Cadet Marivic M. Albay from the BSU main campus ranks 2nd with a general average of 85.9% while Cadet Zenaida Soley of the BSU Bokod campus has the highest rating in the physical proficiency award (Order of Gabriela Silang) with a general average of 100%.

Cadet Tayan, Cadet Albay, and Cadet Soley were among the 263 graduates of the RSCT 2013.

Meanwhile, nine cadets were dispatched to this year's ARAPT also in Manaoag, Pangasinan. The training was held from April 29 to May 10, 2013. After the training course, the ROTC students are now qualified to become First Class ROTC officers (passing the MS 41 and MS 42 subjects).

The top graduate for the ARAPT among 135

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The 97th Foundation Anniversary in pictures...



The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the RDE and Photo Exhibits on June 27, 2013 at the Administration Bldg. lobby graced by Atty. Caesar Oracion and Dr. Silardo Bested representing Cong. Ronald Cosalan, Senator-elect Sonny Angara, and Sen. Edgardo J. Angara.//



The ribbon cutting was followed by the Kapihan-sa-BSU broadcasted live at DZWT and Sky Cable.



After the Kapihan-sa-BSU, President Ben D. Ladilad was flanked by reporters requesting for more details about the agricultural technologies mentioned earlier.



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students is Cadet Marivic G. Diosan with a general average of 85.2%. She also tops the female category in physical proficiency (order of Gabriela Silang) with a rating of 85.66%. Cadet Marloun T. Casil also garners the highest rating in the ARAPT physical proficiency (order of Bernardo Carpio) with a general average of 98.33%.//Prof. Angel C. Cawat Sr.

Employees and partners were recognized during the 97th Foundation Day Anniversary Program on June 28, 2013.



Institutional partners from the Department of Education (DepEd)- Benguet Division Office, PARRFI, National Apiculture Training Institute, Province of Benguet, ResearchMate, and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)-CAR.



Lifetime service awardees Basito S. Cotiw-an (40 years), Anatalia V. Castrence (35 years), Julita A. Tuguinay, (34 years), Wilfredo B. Mina (34 years), Teresa C. Tipayno (27 years), Lilia C. Orasing (37 years) of the Bokod Campus, and Gregoria W. Lampacan (35 years), Excellencia F. Balas (32 years) and Avelina J. Delmendo (38 years) of the Buguias Campus.



Employee Awardees: Pedro T. Dayao , Outstanding Non-Teaching Employee Awardee; Jennifer Lyn S. Ramos, Distinguished Teacher Awardee; Imelda O. Degay, Special Presidential Awardee; and Carlito P. Laurean, Outstanding R&E Manager.



The Thanksgiving Interfaith service held on June 27, 2013 con-celebrated by leaders of different churches symbolizing unity in diversity.



Employees took a break from their desks and moved their bodies during the health and wellness activities on the afternoon of June 28.