



DA, NOAB, BSU host 1st SUCs Organic Aggie consultation geared towards collaboration



Dr. Danilo Daguio, Assistant Regional Director of DA-CAR, delivers the message of DA Secretary Proceso J. Alcala to the participants of the 1st SUCs Consultation: The Role of SUCs in the Implementation of the R.A. 10068 and National Organic Agriculture Program. Seated are (l-r) BSU VP for Research and Extension, Dr. Luciana M. Villanueva; Mr. Peter J. Guibac, Benguet Congressional District Office Chief of Staff; BSU President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad; CHED-CAR Regional Director, Dr. Luisa S. Valencia; and NOAB Secretary, Atty. Dahlia Salamat during the opening program on November 14, 2013 at the Hotel Supreme, Baguio City.//Documentation Committee

Themed “SUCs Collaboration for Effective Leadership in Organic Agriculture Industry Development,” the Department of Agriculture (DA), the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB), and the Benguet State University (BSU) hosted the 1st SUCs Consultation: The Role of SUCs in the Implementation of the R.A. 10068 and the National Organic Agriculture Program at the Diamond Hall, Supreme Hotel, Baguio City on November 14-15, 2013.

With 132 participants nationwide, the two-day event kicked off with the opening of exhibits through a ribbon cutting ceremony led by the Director of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED)-CAR Luisa S. Valencia, BSU President Ben D. Ladilad, Former CHED Commissioner William Medrano,

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CHED supportive to organic aggie

Organic agriculture education towards food safety.

Dr. Luisa Valencia, regional director of the Commission on Higher Education-Cordillera Administrative Region (CHED-CAR) expressed support to sustainable agriculture and quality instruction for agricultural researches during the 1st SUCs Consultation on the National Organic Agriculture Program.

The 132 delegates from the different State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in the country converged as representatives of their academic institutions to lay a roadmap and strengthen degree programs for SUCs' organic agriculture program.

Valencia commended both the SUCs currently into OA activities and those with intent for their complementation and collaboration to develop strategies to enhance the academic offerings of organic agriculture in the country.

“We need to assess the current situation of our agricultural sector both as an enterprise and as a profession so we can determine whether we continue our good existing programs or to develop new ones,” said Valencia.

Further, she stated that through the consultation of the SUCs, the academe can identify appropriate programs and projects yielding to a roadmap for Organic Agriculture which she called “SUCs Version 101.”

“As always CHED Central Office and Regional Offices will definitely support the continuance of this (OA Program) undertaking through programs and projects that you (SUCs) may propose to CHED,” she stressed.

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PAEA Artploration:
More Than Just An Experience

by Fely Gabito

Joining the Philippine Art Educators' Association (PAEA) Artploration last Nov 16-17 at the Tam-awan Village was not on my priority list but with my husband's persistent encouragement, I did go.

While waiting for the workshop to start, I read some background about the association. PAEA is now celebrating its 45th year upholding its vision-mission to educational leadership in art programs and its entities. PAEA is a non-profit and non-government organization created to promote education through art in schools, groups, and other institutions. In 1968, two of the country's creative minds merged their ideas and founded PAEA. They are Dr. Araceli Dans and r. Brenda V. Fajardo who are also artists and educators.

It was chilly when we arrived at the venue where the participants were being oriented about the activities. While waiting for them to put their stuff in their rooms, we had time to converse with the Vice President of PAEA. Despite his credence, he is a simple person and very bubbly. Although he was relating his personal experience in simple terms, he is obviously very passionate about the arts. We also met the president of PAEA whom I did not expect to be the Association's head because he was one of those who were packing the art kits.

The experience was totally new to me. I thought I knew all about art. But during the activity, I realized how very little I knew. First, we "romanticized" rubber, by engraving images on rubber which was later printed. And when I gasped when I made a mistake, our facilitator patiently cajoled me saying there's no mistake in art. That gave me a powerful lesson for the rest of the workshop. In the academic world, it's mostly right or wrong but at that moment, one was free to explore, get creative, and genuinely enjoy.

As we gathered for the printing of the first engraved work, we gasped and clapped. At first, the rubber sheet looked dull but when it came to contact with the printer's ink, it looked

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The author with other participants in a workshop during the 45th PAEA artploration.//

BSU librarian talks about CARIANA in PLAI Nat'l Congress '13



Dynamic Librarianship. A passionate librarian and at the same time, a culture advocate, Mr. Lauren P. Kipa, BSU-College Librarian II shared the concepts and operations of the CARIANA database during the annual Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) National Congress and General Assembly last Nov. 20-22 at Punta Villa Resort, Arevalo, Iloilo City. The database is a digital repository collaboration of indigenous knowledge in the Cordillera region.

Being one of the eight selected presenters all over the country, BSU Librarian, Lauren P. Kipa, shared his paper titled "CARIANA: Local Cultural Initiative" during the annual Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) National Congress and General Assembly last Nov. 20-22 at Punta Villa Resort, Arevalo, Iloilo City.

Being the regional president of the PLAI- CAR Chapter, he was the first BSU librarian and the first Cordillera librarian to present in a PLAI National Congress.

Aimed at hastening the development, maintenance, and sharing of local materials through a stronger library and cultural coordination and cooperation, this year's gathering of Philippine librarians themed "Libraries: Preservers and Promoters of Culture and Arts" was coinciding with the celebration of the Library and Information Services Month and the National Book Week.

PLAI President Elizabeth R. Peralejo claimed that libraries nowadays are no longer considered as mere repositories of books. They are now information and cultural hubs. Thus, according to her, today's librarians are called to reflect on the role the libraries play in the cultural life of our communities.

In response to the call, Kipa spoke of how the

collaboration of four universities and two non-government organizations in the Cordillera Administrative Region thrived to preserve and promote the Region's cultures. Kipa's 40-minute presentation discussed the conception, creation, and implementation of the CARIANA database, a digital repository collaboration of indigenous or local knowledge in the Cordillera Region among the BSU, Ifugao State University, University of Baguio, University of the Cordilleras, ReseachMate, Inc., and Tebtebba Foundation.

"CARIANA deliberates and illustrates the unique strategy to implement the collaboration, at a lesser cost, in preserving and providing access to records about the Cordillerans' way of life. This technology-driven endeavor unlocks the traditional understanding and approach on information delivery that may encourage librarians to adapt with technology driven ways in providing cultural information to a more wider and diverse clientele" reads a portion of the abstract.

According to Kipa, CARIANA as a database and a library subsection will enlighten librarians and other information professionals to initiate similar endeavor in their respective localities. This is to make them realize that in a global perspective, local knowledge showcases the uniqueness and strength of every library collection. Vocation and collaboration played a dynamic role in the creation, updating, and sustenance of the database content.

"The CARIANA hindrance on copyright issues was discussed. A waiver and a 50% content uploading procedure was also introduced", added Kipa.

The binding act among CARIANA collaborators was stipulated through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). More than two years in the making, the CARIANA was launched in 2011. Though initially the system shows a pattern of weak content uploading because of inadequate funding and lack of acceptance, it is still one of the leading models of cultural digital collaboration in the country.

"We thank the organizers that through this Congress, we the librarians are encouraged to be the vanguards of our respective library's repository of Philippine cultural heritage", ended Kipa.

Meanwhile, Dr. Isagani Cruz, President of The Manila Times College, who served as the Keynote Speaker, challenged the librarians to hold activities within their libraries that highlight the uniqueness and beauty of their immediate communities. This is since they have the key role to play in preserving local cultures. They were also encouraged to collect photographs, books, periodicals, and audiovisual materials of the regions they belong.

"The National Center for Culture and Arts (NCCA) is honored and pleased to work together with the PLAI, through the National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS) of the NCCA in reaching out to the librarians and library workers as guardians of Philippine culture and the arts", emphasized NCCA Executive Director III Emelita V. Almosara, CESO IV.

Further, "The NCCA supports this activity to multiply efforts in the promotion, preservation, and development of

BSU's climate change research hopes to promote climate resilient technologies

Windbreakers and small farm water reservoirs are two technologies that the research titled, "Participatory and Community-Based Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Benguet Province" is promoting. Beyond that, the research also aims to increase the Benguet people's awareness to climate change and their vulnerability to its effects.

So far, BSU president, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad, has already signed two Memoranda of Understanding with La Trinidad Mayor, the Hon. Edna C. Tabanda and Tuba Mayor, the Hon. Florencio V. Bentrez, on November 12 and 13, 2013 for these technologies to be showcased in La Trinidad and Tuba.

There are two projects under the research, the showcasing of windbreakers and water reservoirs makes up the two studies under Project 2: "Evaluation of Different Plant Species and Other Forms of Windbreakers in the Vegetable Terraces of Poblacion, Tuba Benguet," and "Improvement of the Water-Impounding System through the Use of Concrete or Alternative Impounding System."

Meanwhile, the two studies under Project 1 are: "Community Education on Climate Change" and "Benguet Vegetable Agroecosystem: Community-Level Vulnerability and Adaptive Capacity Assessment to Climate Change across Different Agroforestry Ecological Zones or AFEZ."

Generally, the research aims to conduct an information campaign on the climate change phenomenon as well as assess the vulnerable areas and evaluate the indigenous management and adaptation strategies done by communities.

Members of the research team have already conducted Focus Group Discussions (FGD) in eight Benguet barangays with different AFEZ classification. These barangays are: Balakbak, Kapangan and Loo, Bugias (Low Mountain Zone); Guinaoang, Mankayan and Ampusongan, Bakun (Mid Mountain Zone); Cattubo, Atok and Madaymen, Kibungan (High Mountain Zone); Kamog, Sablan and Tinongdan, Itogon (High Hill Zone). The vulnerability of the barangays to climate change were also assessed using

the VAST Agro tool and people's experiences of climate hazards, adaptation strategies, food security, and assistance received. According to these factors, most of the barangays assessed were moderately vulnerable to climate change.

A portable weather monitoring device worth Php57,000 has also been installed at the BSU-Climate Smart Agriculture Center at Talinguroy, La Trinidad. The device monitors and records wind direction, speed and measures rainfall. According to Janthor W. Ambrosio, one of the researchers, the device can be used to find out changes in the weather and see how these changes affect agricultural productivity. CSAC Director, Dr. Carlito P. Laurean, plans to upgrade the device to be able to measure UV rays, soil moisture, and soil temperature as well.

The research team is led by Ben D. Ladilad (Program Coordinator), Maria Luz D. Fangasan (Project Leader), Mursha Gapasin, Janet P. Pablo, Marissa R. Parao, Carlito P. Laurean, Bryan C. Bangnan, Janthor W. Ambrosio, Norren Joy A. Ancheta, Jennyline S. Tabangcura, and Jumar B. Yago-an (Project Staff).//Jen L. Sabado



BSU president, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad, signed two Memoranda of Understanding with La Trinidad Mayor, the Hon. Edna C. Tabanda (right photo) and Tuba Mayor, the Hon. Florencio V. Bentrez, (left photo) on November 12 and 13, 2013 for the "Participatory and Community-Based Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Benguet Province" research project. Tuba and La Trinidad are the two municipalities where winbreaks and water impounding technologies will be showcased.

BSUNTA and FC hold first joint general assembly

The BSU's Non-Teaching Association (BSUNTA) and Faculty Club (FC) held the 1st joint general assembly on November 19, 2013 at the BSU Gymnasium.

"For the first time, the teaching group and non-teaching group came together in a General Assembly to deliberate on proposed amendments on some of the provisions of the BSU Employees Collective Negotiation

Agreement or CNA," said Faculty Club President, Dr. Dominador S. Garin, who declared a quorum upon being informed that 217 teaching and 175 non-teaching personnel are already in attendance.

The CNA is a provision of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, Executive Order No. 180 dated June 1, 1987 and its amendments dated September 28, 2004 recognizing and guaranteeing the right of public sector workers to self-organization and collective negotiation.

The General Assembly reviewed the current CNA of BSU employees point by point. After it is finalized by all concerned officers of the two groups, the document will be presented at the University's Administrative Council for endorsement to the Board of Regents for approval and implementation and will be submitted to the Civil Service Commission and Department of Labor and Employment.//

Kudos to the BSU's new professional teachers and librarians

Another batch of examinees from the College of Teacher Education has successfully surpassed the national passing rates for this year's Licensure Examination for Teachers held last September 29, 2013. The result was released last November 22, 2013.

The Bachelor of Elementary Education examinees listed a passing rate of 82.17% for first timers and 16.28% for re-takers adding up to an institutional passing rate of 68.00% surpassing the national passing rate of 31.18%.

Moreover, the Bachelor of Secondary Education graduates listed a passing rate of 73.76% for first timers and 32.89% for re-takers adding up to an institutional passing rate of 64.60% surpassing the national passing rate of 39.75%.

Meanwhile, the results of the Librarian Licensure Examination given by the Board for Librarians held on November 3 & 4, 2013 were released on November 6, 2013. Surpassing the national passing rate, the proud BSU listed a passing rate of 54.76% for first timers and 50.00% for repeaters adding up to an institutional passing rate of 54.17%. The national passing rate is 45.80%.//
Leny Mendoza and Gilda B. Jacalan

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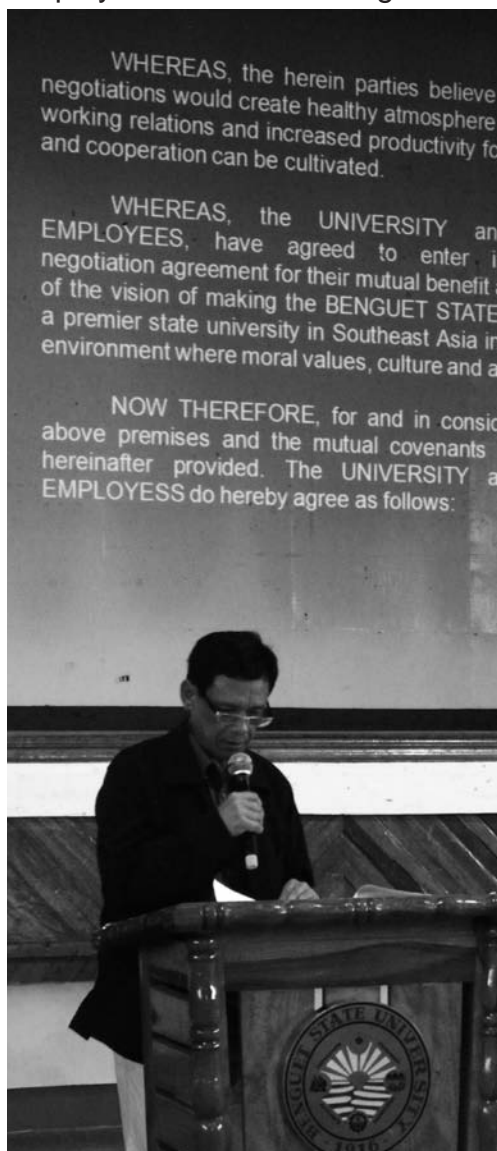
BSU-Vice President for Research and Extension Luciana M. Villanueva, and Benguet Congressional District Office Chief of Staff Peter J. Guibac representing Cong. Ronald M. Cosalan.

The exhibit displayed different organic products from the National Organic Agriculture Research and Development Center (NOARDC), Benguet Organic Producers Association (BEOA), La Trinidad Organic Practitioners Multi-Purpose Cooperative (LaTOP), Organically-Grown Unoy Blend, and a variety

of products from the DA-CAR and Heirloom Rice Varieties of Mountain Province and Ifugao.

Rafael B. Tallocoy, Secretary to Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan, stressed that lessons learned from this program should be used in practical but meaningful ways. He further stated that the result of what a person does will measure his/her talents and skills.

The activity aimed to build a roadmap towards poverty alleviation and food security. It



BSU Faculty Club President, Dr. Dominador Garin, led the review of the BSU employees CNA during the first joint general assembly of the BSUNTA and BSU FC on November 19, 2013.//Jen Tabangcura

Coffee Development Plan Underway to Boost Coffee Industry in CAR

Recognizing the potential of the coffee industry as a valuable commodity to boost the Cordillera economy, the Regional Development Council Sectoral Committee (RDC-SECOM) on Agriculture has tasked HARRDEC to take the lead in the crafting of the CAR-Coffee Development Plan (CAR-CoffeeDevPlan).

The CAR-CoffeeDevPlan will be evolved from a series of consultations and meetings among all coffee stakeholders such as growers, processors, R&D Institutions, government agencies, local government units, non-government organizations, entrepreneurs, and business industry players.

The Plan shall include all aspects of the industry from production of quality coffee green beans to processing and consumption of value-added coffee products. This will complete the inclusive coffee supply chain. It is

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also aimed to help (State Universities and Colleges) SUCs institutionalize the integration of OA concerns in the curricula and other operational activities of CHED, Department of Education (DepEd), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and other educational institutions consistent with

the provisions of Section 23 Rule 23.3 of the Republic Act (RA) 10068 and its implementing rules and regulations (IRR).

In terms of reference, the consultation posed the significant role of SUCs in the nationwide development of agricultural expertise and education not only of the students enrolled in agriculture

expected then that this comprehensive regional coffee development plan shall contain a unified, common, and realistic direction for the Arabica coffee industry in the Cordillera.

A Technical Working Committee (TWC) was identified as the task force to draw initial plans, in ways of round-table discussion, planning sessions, workshops, and consultations towards the crafting of the CoffeeDevPlan. The TWC shall consist of representatives from regional organizations such as HARRDEC, DA, DENR, DTI, DAR, NEDA, DOST, BSU, CRACC, and other private stakeholders.

Consequently, the CAR-CoffeeDevPlan when implemented is envisioned to make a significant contribution towards the growth of a robust coffee trade and to achieve the regional development goals especially in reducing poverty in the Region.//Christine L. Lopez

courses but also of farmers through extension services.

With this role in education, SUCs are enjoined in the Organic Agriculture program through their power of offering degree programs related to agriculture and in conducting RDE activities and programs in OA.

"SUCs are coping with the changes in Agricultural Sciences along their mandate on instruction, research, extension, and production," articulated Ladilad, who also informed the audience that Benguet State University leads the government academic community in advocating organic agriculture as a farming system in the whole country.

Further, "there is a need to set the role of SUCs in the implementation of the RA 10068 and the NOAP to determine how they can contribute in the advocacy, development, and promotion of OA in the country."

On the other hand, Dr. Danilo Daguio, DA-CAR Regional Assistant Director in representing Secretary Proceso J. Alcala during the program lauded efforts in pushing for OA and conveyed support to ventures which primarily aim at producing sufficient and safe food supply. "The Organic Agriculture program in our country is gaining ground. Through this program, we hope to increase the income of our small farmers by eliminating the high costs of chemical inputs," he said emphasizing the significance of OA in mitigating hunger, malnutrition, and diseases caused by unsafe foods. Meanwhile, Congressman Roman T. Romulo of Pasig City pointed out in his message as read by President Ladilad the significance of using OA to properly utilize the richness and abundances of the land. "Tilling the soil without good techniques will render the soil futile," he added.



Participants to the 1st SUCs Consultation: The Role of SUCs in the Implementation of the R.A. 10068 and National Organic Agriculture Program with Mr. Pat Acosta, owner of the Master's Garden, an organic farm in La Trinidad Benguet. The last day of the consultation allowed a tour for interested participants to the different organic farms in Baguio and Benguet.//Leny Mendoza

BSU joins the 18-day campaign to end violence against women

BSU led by its Gender and Development Unit joined the rest of the country on the 18-day campaign to end violence against women.

The 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) aims to emphasize increased commitment and accountability of duty-bearers.

The nationwide campaign, which is being observed from November 25 to December 12, is themed "End VAW Now! It's Our Duty!" It highlights the importance of having functional protection mechanisms like having VAW desks in every barangay and local inter-agency committees on anti-trafficking and violence against women and girls. These desks shall be operated by competent, capable, and committed local officials, police, social workers, health workers, and prosecutors among others.

Rape, incest, and violence against intimate partners including wife beating, sexual harassment, human trafficking, and prostitution cannot be tolerated. Even in disaster operations, women and girls must be protected from sexual exploitation and abuse.

Women- and child-friendly spaces must be established in evacuation camps and relocation sites during crisis situations such as those in Zamboanga, Bohol, and Yolanda-stricken LGUs.

With a sense of responsibility and accountability, service providers have an obligation to be sensitive to the different needs of women and girls, men and boys.

The Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) is the lead agency that annually spearheads the said observance in the country.//



CIVIC-MINDED YOUTH. With Benguet State University's mission of developing people imbued with academic excellence, social conscience and productivity; and active in generating and promoting environment-friendly, useful technologies to improve the quality of life, the BSU- Supreme Student Government in collaboration with the Mountain Collegian reached out to the Yagyagan Elementary School at Tuba. As young assets to the society, the SSG provided tangible projects to the said school, while MC tutored the beneficiaries in their major subjects and oriented them also in Basic Journalism.

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Dr. Valencia also expressed that CHED will always support efforts of the SUCs towards OA and further encouraged participants who are members of the academe to leave a legacy through OA. She dubbed the OA roadmap that the participants produced, the "SUCs version 101."

The consultation further dwelt on discussing opportunities for the National Organic Agriculture Program to find its way into being integrated to the core functions of the academic institutions.//*Faith Belingon and Catherine Cimat*

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superb. After lifting the paper, the print came out in its simple yet interesting form.

The other activities included eternally waiting for the sun to create smoke with the aid of a magnifying glass, manipulating the monoprint, shaping up images with sand, and capitulating to the charm of coffee paint.

Sir Ej Jacinto, PAEA's vice president, emphasized that the artploration is not an ordinary workshop. It is also about 'Kalooban at Kalikasan' (emotions and nature) which are intricately woven like a web. He said that the recent disasters (Typhoon Haiyan and other calamities) have something to teach us. Finally, he highlighted that the artploration is about 'Pakikipagkapwa' (brotherhood), that our interaction with others while exploring the arts has helped us find our 'Kaluluwa' (souls) along with those of others and more succinctly, with Nature.//

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library materials as cultural heritage. Librarians as cultural workers have the duty to help preserve and promote our country's arts and culture", elaborated Almosara.

According to Atty. Antonio M. Santos, Director of the National Library of the Philippines and Head of the National Committee on Library and Information Services, "the issue of crumbling pages, decaying books, and 'vanishing' texts has also been a part of the past as librarians and archivists have joined forces in enhancing the conservation methods employed in restoring the heritage of our nation. In addition, libraries are also great exhibitors of our past as we hold the power to let these resources be used and be known to all.

The three-day activity was jam-packed with special and parallel sessions, open forum, and product demonstrations attended by some 400 librarians from private higher education institutions (HEIs) and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) including the Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) along with officials, employees, faculty, and students.//*Rhe-Ann B. Ngayaan BEE '13*

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In addition, she underscored the importance of collaboration among SUCs in carrying out their generic five pillars of structure: instruction, research and development, extension, administration, and governance. Through this effort, they will surely "enable our country to battle the harm effects of climate change."

"Likewise, the continuous production of organic products can sustain our need for nutritious and safe food," she ended.//*Paul Joseph Nuval*



Benguet 2013 Bamboo Techno-Investment Forum and Mini-Festival at BSU. The University hosted the two-day event on November 26-27 at the Anthurium Hall and BSU-SLS Gym. Themed "Bamboo for Sustainable Livelihood", the event showcased different bamboo products and crafts from the province and also provided fora as well as demonstration activities. It was organized by DTI, DA, BSU, and BAMBUORG. The photo shows Benguet Governor Nestor B. Fongwan, businessman Jack Dulhuan, and DTI-CAR Regional Director, Freda Gawisan, leading the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies on November 26.//Photos from <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bambuorg/> with permission of Llyod Lubrica



SETTING THE MOOD FOR BOOK CRAZE. Crafted by librarians to express that reading is a free gift, this snowman not only welcomes students and visitors to Benguet State University-University Library and Information Services but also encourages the patrons to read books in line with this year's celebration of the Library and Information Services Month and the National Book Week which ran from Nov. 24 – 30 with the theme "Libraries: Preservers and Promoters of Culture and Arts". Photo by RHE-ANN B. NGAYAAN BEE '15.

What You Should Know About Violence Against **WOMEN**

The U.N. theme for the 102nd Women's Day:
"A promise is a promise:
Time for action to end violence against women."

- 1 woman** or girl is raped every hour
- 1 woman** is beaten by her partner or husband every 43 minutes
- 1 child** is battered every hour and 20 minutes
- 1 woman** is sexually harassed every 4 hours
- 1 in 25 Filipinas** aged 15-49 has had a forced first sexual intercourse
- 1 in 10 Filipinas** has experienced sexual violence
- 98% of women** are sexually harassed every day
- 19 women** are beaten by their husbands or partners every day

Sources: U.N., Gabriela Women's Party, Philippine Commission on Women

Emotional violence is the most common type of spousal violence.

Good To Know:

1. As of May 1, 2010, 49.6 percent of Philippine households were composed of females.
2. Filipino women are having less children from 6 children per women in 1973 to 3.3 children in 2003.
3. Women in the Philippines live longer, with a life expectancy of 73.14 years compared with men at 67.61 years.
4. Women own 6 out of 10 businesses in the Philippines.
5. There are more literate females in the Philippines than men, 95.6% compared to men at 95.1%

Source: Philippine Commission on Women

Source: <http://ph.she.yahoo.com/8-reasons-we-celebrate-international-women%E2%80%99s-day-052235164.html>