



BSU-SoA is Most Development-Oriented AM Station

The Benguet State University-School on-the-Air (BSU-SoA) Teleradyo is recognized as the Most Development-Oriented AM Station during the 16th University of the Philippines Community Broadcasting Society (UP ComBroadSoc) Gandingan Awards with the theme “Naninindigan para sa ating mga karapatan” held via online on April 2, 2022.



Photo grabbed from Gandingan Award’s facebook page.

BSU-SoA won the General Award on Radio category through its entry titled “Animal Welfare Act and Anti-Rabies.” It also became a finalist through its entry about “The Environment-Livelihood Program.”

According to BSU-SoA Anchor and Chairperson of the Department of Development Communication Nora C. Sagayo, the award encourages BSU-SoA to improve its programs and widen the scope of topics.

“*Kung siguro ma-strengthen ang ating program (BSU-SoA) pwede tayong makipagsabayan sa national level and to widen the scope of topics at more participatory approach,*” said Sagayo.

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BSU grads pass Vet Licensure Exam

Twenty five Benguet State University students are now registered veterinarians after passing the Veterinarian Licensure Examination held in March 2022.

First-timer and repeater examinees listed passing rates of 63.64% and 41.86%, respectively. BSU achieved an overall passing rate of 46.30%.

Successful examinees are Rad Ford Agageo, Joe Louis Anis, Paul Brandon Balicha, Angelica Mary Ballesteros, Cherlyn Casiwan, Glesyl



Dumaliw, Marceline Anne Gosgos, Kimberley Kato, Chrisler Dave Kim, Divina Lidawan, Mercy Joy Longbas, Brinyl Loyaona, Melanie Marcelino, Rechel Marcelo, April Joy Mayamnes,

Ghel Mayamnes, Mary Nabus, Bless Napiloy, Denver Pahos, Heinrich Arvin Polancos, Samantha Pomayo, Amy Sacay, Glyza Salvador, Jerwin Valdez, and Angelbert Vidal. //EBawayan

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VISION

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

MISSION

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

DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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

Objectives:

1. To provide quality education responsive to the needs of time;
2. To enhance research productivity contributing to sustainable development;
3. To disseminate relevant research outputs and other scholarly activities consistent with BSU's mandated programs;
4. To promote sustainable and appropriate resource generation strategies for the implementation of development plans; and
5. 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. To use information and communication technology learning resources to sustain and enhance quality of alternative teaching - learning continuity endeavors;
2. To upgrade facilities and enable researchers/extensionists to conduct activities using specialized facilities;
3. To acquire and upgrade state-of-the-art facilities in the projects innovation; and
4. 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. 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 establish academic partnerships with local, regional, national, and international institutions providing educational opportunities for faculty, staff, and students;
2. To increase and sustain university relations with academe, industries, GOs, NGOs, and LGUs for research funding;
3. To increase and sustain partnership with academe, LGUs, NGOs, Industries, and others; and
4. To comply with existing laws, policies and other requirements key indicators.

Goal V. To strengthen and expand public-private partnership

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 and sustain Best Practices.

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Quality Policy

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

Board Resolution # 2847 S.2016

BSU opens Kabayan Campus; BS Tourism to offer in Aug 2022

Benguet State University soft opened Kabayan Campus on April 19, 2022 in Kamora National High School, Kayaban, Benguet.

During the soft opening program, community members and officials expressed gratitude in the decision of BSU to put up a campus in the municipality.

"BSU Kabayan Campus is a dream come true to every yKabayan who wished to have a college in this town" said Gusaran Punong Barangay Joanne Belting.

BSU Kabayan is a 20-year-old dream according to Victor Cosalan, a retired English Supervisor in Benguet and former three-term mayor of the municipality.

Cosalan pioneered the idea of having a college in Kabayan. He recalled that during his tenure as an educator and mayoralty of the town, he researched the experiences of the Mountain Province State Polytechnic College and even discussed it with former BSU President Rogelio Colting. He also went to the Department of Budget and Management for consultation regarding the financial apparatus in establishing a Higher Education Institution (HEI) in Kabayan.

"It is not easy to put up a college but it was a dream turned into reality because it is an advantage and hope for the future generations," said Cosalan.

Cosalan also expressed gratitude to BSU for heeding the call of Kabayan to have an HEI in the municipality.



The BSU Officials, faculty, and staff tour around the suggested facilities for BSU Kabayan Campus after the soft opening program. //AKCariño

"I aim to make BSU a great university in Benguet so the national level will know it. I also intend to have 13 universities in Benguet, as we tell to our children to stay at home and we bring the services of the education sector to them. If you have the brilliance of the mind, the splendor of the heart, the skill and the talent of the people and you do not support it with a container to sustain such a mind, such a heart, then it will be left. So let's continue to contain and sustain the dream-turned-into-reality of Cosalan who authored this idea," BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila said in response.

Comila also mentioned that BSU will be putting up its own building and will offer new courses for the next years in BSU-Kabayan Campus. He said that for School Year 2022-2023, the Bachelor of Science in Tourism (BS Tourism) program will be offered in August 2022.

For the meantime, BSU will be utilizing the two-storey Home Economics Laboratory Building of Kamora National High School (KNHS) for the classes which has two classrooms for laboratory and two classrooms for lecture classes.

BSU legal officer, Atty. Reynante B. Basco explained that BSU will be borrowing the facilities of KNHS while providing instruction services to the BSU-Kabayan campus students. He said that this is by virtue of the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between BSU and the Department of Education-CAR which employs a usufruct agreement. He added that by way of usufruct, BSU will just borrow the facilities of KNHS and in terms of reference, the facilities will be used for extension classes and other related activities not exceeding 50 years.

//JBallagan(BSU-DevCom Intern)



Retired Education Supervisor and BSU Kabayan Campus Author Mr. Victor Cosalan thanked President Comila and BSU for achieving one of their municipality's goals. //AKCariño

BSU, BFP, CDA Agree on Land Use



BFP MOA signing was conducted in the morning while the CDA MOA signing was held in the afternoon. Both MOA signing were held at the RDC Hall, Administrative building. // **NCorona, CDanason**

Benguet State University (BSU) allowed temporary use of portions of its lands to the Bureau of Fire Protection- Cordillera Administrative Region (BFP-CAR) and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA)-CAR through separate Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) Signing on April 25, 2022, at the RDC Hall, BSU.

BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila with BFP-CAR Senior Superintendent Robert M. Pacis signed a one-year contract that allows the construction of a building for the Office of the Provincial Fire Director of Benguet on the BSU-owned land located at Sitio Cabanao, Barangay Balili, La Trinidad. The agreement may be renewed into 25 years provided that the BFP-CAR will proceed to the construction of its building.

In a separate MOA signing, BSU and the CDA-CAR, represented by Usec. Joseph B. Encabo formally entered into a 25-year agreement providing the right and privilege of the CDA-CAR to temporarily use the BSU's land located at Bektey, Puguis, La Trinidad for the construction of CDA-CAR Regional Extension Office. The usufruct is renewable at the option of both parties.

Usec. Encabo extended his gratitude to the guests and officials who witnessed the milestone of both parties. He thanked the University for the partnership of public service and the goal of making the community better through the CDA services and the support of BSU. Encabo mentioned that the partnership mirrors the dedication of BSU not only to other agencies but also to cooperative sectors.

"For 25 years, let's make this partnership fruitful, meaningful, solid, and at the same time appreciated by the community where we belong", Encabo expressed after the MOA signing.

Both agreements state that while the temporary uses of the sites are allowed to partner agencies, the ownership and title of the sites remain with and continue to be in the name of BSU.

It mentioned in the agreements that partner agencies, BFP-CAR and CDA-CAR, may introduce structures, facilities,

and improvements that may be necessary for the proper and beneficial use of the sites for its purposes. However, these are subject to approval of BSU authorities on the architectural and engineering plans and specifications.

Among the obligations stated in the agreements include: partner agencies will shoulder expenses on electricity and other bills; ensure security of buildings, its contents, and occupants; shall be responsible for all damages and injuries caused to its occupants, employees, and clients; ensure maintenance of the premises and sanitary regulations are observed; shall not sublease the BSU's site or allow its use by third persons without the prior written consent of BSU; partner agencies shall not use the facilities built other than its purpose such as the conversion of the facilities for the housing of its employees and dormitory without the prior consent of the University.

Further stated in the agreements that partner agencies shall construct and maintain their buildings, facilities, structures, and improvements in the sites under the local ordinances and national laws on environmental safety, maintenance, and preservation. In return, the BFP-CAR and the CDA-CAR will provide free training and seminars relative to safety and security for BSU faculty, personnel, and students, provide technical assistance in the creation of a fire brigade, allow joint use by the parties of the facilities for training, research and seminar, provide a display area for farmer's and cooperatives and BSU products, and provide an opportunity for BSU students to undergo on-the-job training at its offices. The signing of MOAs aimed to fulfill the University's goal of strengthening the linkage among academe, industries, LGUs and community, particularly to fulfill its social obligation. // **NCorona (BSU-DevCom Intern), EMBawayan**

Three BSU Studes among Outstanding Studes of Benguet

BSU students Ms. Shanerisse Tamondong, Ms. Sofia Mae Oway, and Mr. Joshua Sagayo are among the Ten Outstanding Students of Benguet because of their outstanding achievements in academics, leadership, and social responsibility. The awardees were recognized during the Benguet Indigenous Youth Arts Guild (BIYAG) Festival Awards held on April 25, 2022, at the Gov. Ben Palispis Auditorium, Provincial Capitol.

Ms. Shanerisse Tamondong is a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics (BSND) student at the College of Home Economics and Technology. She is the current BSU- Federation of Supreme Student Government (FSSG) Chairperson and Student Regent. Ms. Sofia Mae Oway is a student enrolled in a Bachelor of

Science in Agriculture (BSA) major in Plant Breeding at the College of Agriculture (CA) and a Student Government Governor of CA. Mr. Joshua Sagayo is a Bachelor in Public Administration (BPA) student at the College of Public Administration and Governance (CPAG).

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BSU Accommodates Benchmark Activities

Researchers from Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology

A team of researchers from Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (NEUST) visited BSU last March 31 to April 1, 2022. They went to the different centers of the University to gain knowledge on how these centers operate. Moreover, their visit was also an opportunity to discuss with University President Felipe Salaing Comila the renewal of the partnership between BSU and NEUST anent the sweet potato production project and other activities that will help farmers of Nueva Ecija.



Urdaneta City University Officials

Urdaneta City University (UCU) officials, headed by their OIC- Vice President for Administrative Affairs Dr. Raquel D. Pascua, had a courtesy call with University President Felipe Salaing Comila last April 7, 2022. They discussed with the President their intention of having a Memorandum of Agreement with BSU regarding the offering of Agriculture programs at UCU.



President Ramon Magsaysay State University-Office of the Vice President for Academic and Students Affairs

President Felipe Salaing Comila welcomed the guests from PRMSU and had a healthy discussion about the visitors' concerns in their benchmarking activity, particularly: the establishment of an Open University; faculty workload; best practices on student services, NSTP, and academic affairs; research and extension activities; College of Teacher Education; and establishment of a University Museum.



Central Luzon State University-DOT-Uni Team

The Central Luzon State University- Distance, Open, and Transnational University (DOT- Uni) team conducted a benchmarking activity at Benguet State University on April 7-8, 2022. The guests met with BSU Officials and exchanged ideas about the best practices of both schools and also discussed about the possibility of having a partnership on academic matters.



Bicol University-Open University

The Bicol University-Open University faculty and staff visited Benguet State University on April 28, 2022 and benchmarked on the curricular content of BSU-OU, short-term courses and diploma programs of the university, open online learning, practices, issues, and trends; on distance education and other relevant information on the offering of BS programs via distance education and the like. //MLDelRosarion, EBawayan

Childminding Centers, Breast Feeding Stations Launched in BSU Bokod, Buguias Campuses

The Benguet State University President Felipe Salaing Comila spearheaded the launching of the Childminding Center and Breastfeeding Station at BSU Buguias and Bokod campuses on March 30 and April 11, 2022, respectively.

The provision of such facilities in the two campuses aims to advocate the continuous promotion and protection of child rights by adults, service providers, parents as the duty-bearers, and children themselves.

The launching activities are part of the celebration of women's month. The facilities in both campuses will cater not only to the faculty and staff but also to students who have toddlers and who are nursing mothers.

BSU Buguias campus officials and staff headed by Campus Executive Dean Florendo P. Comila were joined by

President Comila, GAD Director Dr. Estrellita M. Daclan, and La Trinidad campus personnel during the ribbon-cutting of the Childminding Center and Breastfeeding Station in the campus.

At BSU Bokod Campus, Executive Dean Dr. Samuel S. Poliden, Dr. Daclan, and President Comila led the ribbon-cutting and blessing of the Childminding Center and Breastfeeding Station. Fr. Serafin M. Kare Jr. officiated the blessing of the facilities. // *KJGayang(DevComIntern),PJGadang*



President Felipe Salaing Comila led the ribbon cutting at BSU Bokod with Dr. Estrellita M. Daclan and at the BSU Buguias with Executive Dean Florendo P. Comila. // *PJGadang*

Gender Mainstreaming and Skills Training on Dish Gardening and Terrarium Making

The Gender and Development Office, in coordination with the Horticulture Research and Training Institute and the College of Agriculture, conducted a two-day training on Dish gardening and Terrarium Making held at Benguet State University Buguias and Bokod Campuses from March 30 to 31, 2022.

Participants from both campuses learned about the fundamentals and guidelines on terrarium and dish garden making. Ms. Alma A. Amado, an instructor from the College of Agriculture (CA) served as the Resource Person on the Buguias campus on March 30, 2022. Dr. Leila Ayban, Special Assistant to the Horticulture Research Training Institute (HORTI) Director and CA faculty, was the Resource Person on the Bokod campus on March 31, 2022. HORTI Research Assistant Mr. Tember B. Benwasen assisted the Resource Speakers in the

demonstration and hands-on training sessions. He also shared tips on how to improve the design and landscape of the terrariums and dish gardens.

During the training, the participants designed and made their terrariums and dish gardens which were evaluated by the resource persons. Owners of terrariums and dish gardens that were ranked in the top five were given tokens.

Part of the activity is the introduction of the College of Agriculture to the participants of the activity which was facilitated by Mr. Leo S. Laruan, CA Research Coordinator.

University President Felipe Salaing Comila also conveyed his appreciation to the organizers for conducting the activity.

At the end of the activity, the participants expressed their gratitude that they were able to learn and experience terrarium making and dish gardening. // *KJGayang(DevComIntern),PJGadang*

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Services (OES) which serves as a learning platform for farmers and community members. It is aired by the DZWT 540khz AM Station from 5:45-6:00 AM.

The Gandingan Awards is an annual program of the student-led UP Community Broadcasters' Society Inc. which aims to encourage the production and airing of developmental TV, radio and online programs for the benefit of every Filipino. // *CDanason, KGayang, CSolomon, NCoroña (BSUDevComInterns), EBawayan*



Dr. Leila Ayban presenting her topic during the Dish Gardening and Terrarium Making at BSU Bokod. // *PJGadang*



Dr. Ruth Diego with Philippine Ambassador to Israel Macairog S. Alberto during the Closing Program of the study tour last April 5, 2022. *(Photo courtesy of Dr. Ruth Diego).*



Dr. Ruth Diego, Director of the BSU-ATBI/IC, (2nd from left, front row) join other Philippine delegates in the 8-day study tour in Israel from March 28 to April 4, 2022. The study tour enabled the delegates to learn about innovations, technologies, and systems to complete the Israeli Innovation Ecosystem course. The activity was facilitated by MASHAV Carmel Training Center under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. MASHAV is Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation. The Philippine delegates was headed by Department of Science and Technology Undersecretary for Research and Development Dr. Rowena Guevara (3rd from right, 2nd row). *(Photo courtesy of Dr. Ruth Diego)*



Benguet State University College of Forestry (BSU-CF) held a webinar on Building Climate Change and Economic Resilience Through Environmental Research Exchange Phase 2 at the BSU Library. The seminar was attended by faculty members, staff, and students via zoom last April 12, 2022. *//ICopero*

Korea International Cooperative Agency (KOICA) representatives met with BSU officials led by President Felipe Salaing Comila and discussed a project proposal on Smart farming last April 20, 2022. KOICA representatives Lee Sanghun, Kim Jongho, and In Yeonsang also visited the La Trinidad Strawberry Farm to observe and interview farmers on their farming practices. *//IRO*



Central Mindanao University President Dr. Jesus Antonio G. Derije paid a courtesy visit to Benguet State University President Felipe Salaing Comila.

Executive Assistant Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan and UPAO Director Dr. Gretchen Gaye C. Ablaza joined President Comila in welcoming Dr. Derije last April 20, 2022. *//MLDeRosario*

BSU Records Disposition Schedule Approved

Benguet State University is bent on strictly implementing the Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) after its approval by the National Archives of the Philippines (NAP) on March 28, 2022.

Mr. Wagner Grande, Chief of the Record Office and Archives (ROA) and member of the Records Management Improvement Committee (RMIC), said that the RDS underwent a series of virtual deliberations, meetings, and clarificatory consultations before and during this COVID 19 pandemic before its final approval. He said that the approved Agency RDS serves as a basis for determining the actions to be taken on all the records being maintained by the University.

In the meeting of the RMIC on April 20, 2022, Vice President for Administration and Finance, and RMIC Chair Atty. Allan Sacpa emphasized the need to implement the approved RDS so that valueless records be disposed of to clean up areas for wider working spaces in some offices.

During the meeting, Mr. Grande said that the NAP forms will be used in the inventory of records such as the NAP Forms 1,2 and 3. He mentioned that the General Records Disposition Schedule (GRDS) will be used for records that are not indicated in the BSU RDS. He also informed that the BSU RDS, GRDS, and NAP Forms 1, 2, and 3 can be downloaded at dams.bsu.edu.ph.



(L-R) VP for Business Affairs Dr. Johny G. Dati, Sr., ROA Chief Mr. Wagner F. Grande, and VP for Administration and Finance Atty. Allan C. Sacpa during the RDS meeting.

With the BSU RDS, the University will also be guided in disposing of records as required in Republic Act No. 9470: An Act to Strengthen the System of Management and Administration of Archival Records, Establishing for the Purpose the National Archives of the Philippines, and for other purposes.

Mr. Grande said that in general, the destruction of common files or records, may it be compact or digital video disc, can be done through shredding, burying, or through public auction and, all proceeds realized from the sale of valueless records shall be remitted to the National Fund (Trust or Revolving fund accounts). “However, if the digital video discs or other records are of permanent value, they should never be destroyed but instead be archived,” he said.

Mr. Grande further mentioned that based on RA 9470, penalties for any violations will be fined of not less than P500,000 but not to exceed P1M, or be imprisoned for not less than 5 years but not more than 15 years, and/or both fine and imprisonment depending on the discretion of the court, without prejudice to the filing of administrative charges that would result to such public officer’s perpetual disqualification from public service, and forfeiture, in favor of the government of his salary and other lawful income.// A. Santiago, W. Grande



The RDS meeting was held at the RDC Hall, BSU Administration Building held on March 28, 2022.

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Ms. Oway expressed that the award is a milestone for her personal growth and as a student leader. She shared plans to take small steps to achieve her goal of food security and sustainable agriculture. She also thanked her family, the College of Agriculture faculty and staff, mentors, friends, and the Almighty God.

“I am delighted, but at the same time, I felt challenged and pressured because I know that this award is not just an award but also a responsibility,” said Ms. Oway.

Mr. Sagayo also expressed that he felt overwhelmed. He related how priceless to see his mother’s reaction while he received the award. When asked about his next goal, Mr. Sagayo informs that he plans to grab every possible opportunity that crosses his path. *“Words are not enough to express how*

grateful I am. It’s my utang na loob from them (CPAG faculty and staff). They molded me to become what I am today,” he said. // **CDanason(BSU-DevCom Intern), AKCariño**



(L-R) Ms. Shanerisse Tamodong, Ms. Sofia Mae Oway, and Mr. Joshua Sagayo