



BSU Kabayan Campus on the works. A site visit and consultation for the plan to establish a BSU kabayan Campus was held on April 26, 2021. The activity was participated by BSU officials led by President Felipe SalaingComila together with CHED-CAR Regional Director Demetrio P. Anduyan, Jr. They were joined by officials from the Kabayan LGU and Kamora National High School and other stakeholders. Kabayan Municipal Mayor Hon. Basilio Louie Daoal, Jr. presented the proposal that was subsequently elaborated by former Kabayan Vice Mayor Victor Cosalan. President Comila and Director Anduyan expressed their full support and commitment to achieve the said proposal. The community and other stakeholders also expressed their support in establishing a BSU Campus in Kabayan as it would greatly benefit the Municipality and its constituents. Initial consultation was done last April 21, 2021 at the BSU La Trinidad Campus. //MLHDel Rosario

Balik Scientist hopes to contribute to BSU institutional strengthening

As part of the Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) Balik Scientist Program, Benguet State University officials led by President Felipe Salaing Comila personally welcomed Balik Scientist Dr. Guillermo A. Mendoza on March 11, 2021. Dr. Mendoza is a professor emeritus of the Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois, USA.

"I was a Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) and a Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) scholar during my graduate program at the University of the Philippines Los Baños and I had a fellowship from the Philippines that enabled me to go to the University of Washington for my graduate program, there is a return-service required for the fellowship, but it has always been my desire to come back," shared Dr. Guillermo during the welcome program.

"In general, there are two areas I hope to contribute to all the universities that I serve as a Balik Scientist, these are institutional strengthening and capacity building" he added.

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NPRCRTC 'Rootcrops' celebrates 44th Founding Anniversary

The Northern Philippine Root Crops Research and Training Center (NPRCRTC) also known as 'Rootcrops' within the University, celebrated its 44th Anniversary on March 23, 2021 with a program followed by exhibits, a field tour, and a presentation of success stories by farmers. The program was attended by President Felipe Salaing Comila while Regional Director of DOST-CAR Dr. Nancy A. Bantog conveyed her message virtually. DA-CAR officials representing Regional Executive Director Dr. Cameron P. Odsey also attended the celebration.

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BSU as an International 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.

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Competence	Transparency	Participatory Management /Phronetic Organizational Research
Altruism	Effectiveness	Result-oriented/Re-engineering and Innovative
Resilience	and Efficiency	Indigenous Knowledge Management
Inclusivity	Accountability	Nurturing
Network	Mentoring	Convergence/Contingency
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		Student-First Policy/Spiritual Leadership

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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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IHK celebrates 27th anniversary with activities to defeat negativity

The Institute of Human Kinetics (IHK) celebrated its 27th anniversary with the theme, “Lifting others, Building hope, Defeating negativity” because IHK aims to help those who are feeling down, build hope and defeat negativities during this difficult time. The celebration included various activities for students and employees.

One of the many activities held by IHK for the celebration was the kineticos fun ride for a cause. The beneficiary school was the Albis Elementary School at Tublay Benguet. The participants traveled by bike to Albis Elementary School which is 13.5 kilometers away from BSU. Pedaling back will amount to 27 kilometers honoring IHK’s 27th year as an institute. The proceeds from the event will be used to buy bond papers to support the printing of student modules or be used for other needs of the school.

IHK together with the BSU Government Employees Association (BSUGEA) invited cycling enthusiasts from the BSU Faculty club, BSU Non-Teaching Association (BSUNTA), BSU employees, alumni, students, and all interested individuals from the general public. IHK Director Rex John G. Bawang and BSUGEA president Richard H. Kinnud started the activity with a short program in front of the BSU La Trinidad Administration Building. University president Felipe Salaing Comila was present at the program and gave an inspirational message to motivate the participants to continue supporting these kinds of activities further in the future. The cyclists were also reminded to follow protocols and to avoid sharing personal items during the travel. The kick-off started precisely at



Participants of the kineticos fun ride for a cause held on April 26, 2021. //PJDGadang

9:35 AM and all cyclists were able to reach the destination at 11:15 AM.

School Principal Charlie Ricardo with Albis Elementary School teachers and staff welcomed the cyclists with refreshments and then proceeded with a closing program that was attended by Hon. Armando I. Lauro, Mayor of Tublay and Hon. Albert T. Dulay,

Punong Barangay of Daclan. During the closing program, appreciation and gratitude echoed as the beneficiary school and officials expressed their thanks towards the participants and coordinators of the activity for choosing Albis Elementary school. This is one of the activities that uphold BSU’s core values- CARES. //AKCarino



IHK Director, Dr. Rex John G. Bawang joined the fun ride and later handed the bond papers to the beneficiary, Albis Elementary School represented by their principal, Charlie Ricardo. //PJDGadang



A post-inspection was conducted on April 23, 2021 by the Commission of Higher Education (CHED) to examine the readiness of the facility for limited face-to-face classes at the College of Nursing (CN) during the ongoing COVID- 19 pandemic. The inspection was led by CHEDRO-CAR Regional Director, Dr. Demetrio P. Anduyan, Jr., and CHED-CAR Education Supervisor Dr. Jimmy G. Catanes. All preparations and protocols were complied by CN faculty and staff led by Dean Vicente G. Panagan Jr. After the post inspection, the Certificate of Authority (to CN for limited face-to-face classes, 1st Semester, SY 2021-2022) was handed by Dr. Anduyan to BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila at the Strawberry Hall, BSU. //AKCCarino



A workshop on Data Privacy Act (DPA) updates and Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) was held at the Gladiola Center on April 21, 2021. The activity, organized by ASD Chief Atty. Matias C. Angiwan Jr., was participated by DPA Committee members from the three University campuses. //KJDPagada



President Felipe Salaing Comila together with VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Imelda O. Degay, VP for Administration and Finance Atty. Allan C. Sacpa, University and Board Secretary Dr. Grace T. Bengwayan, Executive Assistant Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan, and Land Reservation Office Director Engr. Feliciano R. Delos Santos had a courtesy call with the new CHEDRO-CAR Regional Director Dr. Demetrio P. Anduyan Jr., on April 13, 2021. //MLHDelRosario



Benguet State University employees and officials participated in the monthly Fitness Inspiration Transformation or FIT Habit activity spearheaded by the Human Resource Development Office (HRDO) and Gender and Development Office (GAD) on April 30, 2021. The activity started with the Spiritual Convocation led by Church of the Nazarene Rev. Sam B. Galino and Administrative Services Division Chief Atty. Matias C. Angiwan, Jr. The participants then had their Tai Chi, Zumba, and Aerobics session led by College of Nursing (CN) Assistant Professor IV Lawrence C. Caranto. The activity aimed to help in the participants' fitness and to inspire them during this time of pandemic. //PJDGadang

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Dr. Guillermo has also contributed his knowledge to other State Universities and College including Mariano Marcos State University and Isabela State University. His first engagement with BSU was on November 21, 2020, when he served as the resource speaker of the webinar on forest researches and community-based policies organized by the College of Forestry (CF) and the International Relations Office.

After the welcome program, Dr. Guillermo was the resource speaker of a five-day training on March 22-26, 2021 that introduced participants to remote sensing and its applications in agriculture, forestry, and natural resources. This was organized by the BSU-Center for Geoinformatics with participants coming from BSU, University of the Philippines-Baguio, and the Benguet Local Government Unit.

The training included lectures followed by hands-on exercises on remote sensing, defined as the process or science of obtaining information about objects or areas from a distance. The participants were briefed on preprocessing of images and remotely sensed

data; platforms and sensors in remote sensing; image correction and enhancements; image interpretation/analysis; image classification methods and principles; and LiDAR platforms among others.

For. Nova D. Doyog, a CF faculty member who is on scholarship at the National Chiayi University in Taiwan also shared her knowledge and experiences in the application of remote sensing in the study “Monitoring of the Land-Use and Land Cover Fluctuation of Mt. Pulag through TimeSeries Sattelite Images for the Sustainability of the Key Biodiversity Area.”

At the end of the training, Dr. Guillermo expressed his hopes for the participants. “I hope that this is enough to motivate you to apply these technology tools in your areas of specialization. I am here to serve you at makipagbalikatan sa inyo (and to work with you) to be able to do more in the research and even in the publication arena para ma-improve natin ang visibility ng (so that we can improve the visibility of) BSU and other CARSUCs. I’m quite pleased that all of you survived it and nobody gave up despite these five days of

intensive training. For some of you, this is new and for some, it is not but I hope that at the end of it all ay meron kayong na-retain na (you retained) skills that you could apply in your areas of specialization.”

BSU VP for Research and Extension, Dr. Romeo A. Gomez, Jr. acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Mendoza and the BSU-GIS in conducting the training. “Indeed we are very lucky that we have Dr. Guillermo here as our Balik Scientist. I noticed that this is a very comprehensive training so we are thankful that we have a scientist coming to us, mentoring us, and helping us. Hopefully, this will translate to better research and extension and other activities that would contribute to the community and sustainable development,” Dr. Gomez said.

The Balik Scientist Program is institutionalized with RA 11035 or the Balik Scientist Act. The program aims to reverse the effect of the brain drain, strengthen S & T capabilities, accelerate the flow of technologies and promote knowledge sharing.

//JSTabangcura

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University President Felipe Salaing Comila congratulated the Center for its celebration and wished them more success. “I would continue to encourage all of you to pursue what is to be done for this center... in the name of food security, community and institutional development, let’s work hand-in-hand,” he said.

Dr. Nancy A. Bantog, Regional Director of DOST-CAR encouraged the NPRCRTC to continue being attentive and proactive in generating solutions to bridge technology gaps on root crops. “Continue to be the catalyst for research, development and extension for root crops in the country and even beyond our shores,” she added.

Atty. Jennilyn Dawayan, regional technical director for research and regulations, representative of Dr. Cameron Odsey, Regional Director of DA-CAR, also pledged their continuous assistance to the University. “We continue to support you in whatever way we can as our partners in collaboration with BSU”, she said.

NPRCRTC was established on March 21, 1977 by virtue of Presidential Decree 1107. From a one-room office, the Center has expanded in terms of facilities, personnel, programs and services, and networking.

The center’s mandate is to spearhead, coordinate and implement national root crops research development and extension (RDE) programs in the country. *//KJDPagada*



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Land Reservation Office (LRO) Director Engr. Feliciano R. Delos Santos, Vice President for Administration and Finance Atty. Allan C. Sacpa, and other Benguet State University officials and employees with the Philippine National Police (PNP) personnel led by PLTCOL Benson B. Macli-ing conducted a joint environmental/forest protection activity at Gayasi, BSU Reservation, Wangal, La Trinidad on April 23, 2021. The said activity was spearheaded by the Gender and Development Office in coordination with the Land Reservation Office, Planning and Development Office, Office of the Vice President for Admin and Finance, Office for Legal Affairs, Forestry, Supply and Procurement Management Office, University Public Affairs Office, General Services Office, Security Services Office, BSU RSDC Canteen and PNP as part of the celebration of the Women's Month last March 2021.

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The Human Resource and Development Office (HRDO) organized a seminar-workshop for faculty and staff titled "The ABC+" or The Art of Business Correspondence and Developing Emcees/Hosts and Facilitators. The seminar-workshop was held at the University Gymnasium on April 22, 2021. The participants were taught the art of business correspondence and the development of emcees or hosts and facilitators with Dr. Adamson Labi as the resource speaker. Dr. Labi is a faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and Area Director of the Speech and Management and Rhetoric Training Systems (SMART) acilitating Innovative Tools and Solutions (FITS). The seminar-workshop is part of a series of training organized by the HRDO. //KJDPagada

Experience Mendel University from home: A Virtual Study Tour

On March 9-12, 2021, it's the time of the year in the Erasmus+ funded project Curriculum Development in Agroecology (CDAE) that Benguet State University (BSU), a member of the consortium will travel to Europe particularly in Mendel University (Mendelu) situated in Brno, Czech Republic. Sadly, BSU is unable to visit considering the travel restrictions and the virus outbreak worldwide.

Fortunately, Mendelu, the host of this tour and member of the CDAE consortium has an alternative solution. They organized a four-day virtual study tour for the study program on Agroecology and ensured a workshop on the curricula development while allowing the participants to experience and witness the century-old institution. This tour is an indication that the pandemic is not a hindrance to accommodate the six Asian partners with two tertiary school representatives from Vietnam, the Philippines and Sri Lanka in their zeal to offer the Masters of Science in Agroecology in their own country.

Further, Mendelu is one out of the numerous universities globally that offer Agroecology, an approach to sustainable agriculture. To record, they have been offering the program of both the Bachelors and Masters of Science in Agroecology in Europe.

Going back to the virtual tour, the itinerary of the consortium on the first day was focused on the informative video about Mendelu, its city sceneries, meeting the Czech students, teachers, and its people. After a brief introduction to the city, the tour proceeds to

the main itinerary on the general discussions specific on the institutional structures and differences among institutions in partner countries.

Mendelu mentioned that Asia and Europe may have different perspectives on the concept of Agroecology however, they emphasized that both can learn from each other.

During the general discussion, the Asian partners presented their perspectives on Agroecology in their country, their existing equipment, and the resources of both natural and human that are beneficial for the CDAE project.

On the second day was the introduction to the Faculty of Agriculture and its study program along with informative practical teaching of Agroecology at Mendel University Farm and a glimpse of their facilities and equipment. Then, they went to the Arboretum University Forest and wandered to the campus themed gardens specifically the: garden silver; English flower garden; irises and peonies; garden penumbra; grass and paint; water and kitchen garden; white garden and the rose garden. The gardens are the results of experimental research of the Mendelu, Faculty of Horticulture.

Moreover, a comparison to the curriculum standards of Europe was discussed on the third-day agenda for the curriculum specifics for individual partner countries wherein Asian partners presented their viewpoints on the proposed curriculum and syllabus.

Milada Stastna, the project manager of Mendelu, stated that it is important to read

the guide for European credits to have a clear understanding of the Europe Credit Transfer and Accumulation System for a harmonized curriculum to both Asian and European partners.

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan partners suggested that there should be entry and exit points including alternatives for the enrollees in MSc in Agroecology program.

Manuela Abelho, European partner and the project manager of Polytechnic of Coimbra agreed to the suggestion of Sri Lankan partners since they have similar options in their university. Specifically, if the student completes the program, the student will be entitled to the postgraduate degree, however, if the student fails, s/he will be given eligibility based on the credits s/he earned.

After the discussion, Stastna expressed her gratitude to the partners for the productive discussion on curriculum development. She noted that they will review the proposed curriculum of the Asian partners for the near finalization of Work Package 2 (Curricula Development in Agroecology).

The last day of the tour highlighted the teaching of Agroecology in Mendelu. They presented examples of laboratories and how some equipment is utilized in specific areas such as water resource management, sandbox experimental hands for landscape management, and fishery management.

"The possibility to witness to Mendelu in this time of pandemic is online. This is the feasible way to do it due to travel restrictions," said Do Thi Xuan Dung, overall coordinator of the CDAE Project from Hue University, Vietnam.

She also stressed that despite all the technical difficulties she was thankful for everyone for bringing things together.

The six Asian partners left Mendelu acquainted with their campus, students, teachers, school businesses, and their experimental gardens.

In this virtual study tour are the nine-member consortium from Asia and Europe. Specifically, Asian partners from Vietnam are Hue University (overall project coordinator) and the Vietnam National University of Agriculture; from Sri Lanka are University of Peradeniya and Rajarata University of Sri Lanka; from the Philippines are Central Luzon State University and Benguet State University. The European partners are Mendel University, Polytechnic of Coimbra, and Novel Group Sarl. (Benguet State University with reports from Mendel University). //MPayangdo

