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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 Celebrates 36th Charter Anniversary as Smart University Towards Level V

The Benguet State University (BSU) celebrated its 36th year as a State University last January 12, 2022 with the theme “BSU cares as a Smart University Towards Level V.” The occasion marks another milestone etched with tradition, history, and excellent accomplishments.

The celebration was highlighted by a Thanksgiving Mass, Charter Anniversary Program and PRAISE EVERLASTING Awarding Program at the University Gymnasium. These activities were broadcast live on the official University Facebook Page.

Other activities included: the “Tebteb Lot Protection Team Clean Up Drive” last January 6, at Tebteb, Balili, La Trinidad near the BSU Poultry Project, to show BSU’s concern in protecting its land reservation. This was followed

by a Blood Letting activity led by the University Health Services in partnership with the BSU College of Nursing last January 11, and the signing of two Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) between BSU and its partners at the International Relations Office (IRO). The first

MOA signed was between BSU and the Universitas Muhammadiyah Parepare, Indonesia. Both parties virtually finalized their partnership to implement the Virtual Sit-in Class Program. The second MOA was between BSU and the

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BSU Personnel collect trash during the “Tebteb Lot Protection Team Clean Up Drive” at the Tebteb, Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet. //MHDelRosario

BSU Conducts Orientation on F2F Class Resumption

The Benguet State University, through the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, conducted a virtual orientation and consultation for faculty member, staff, students, and parents anent the safe resumption of limited face-to-face classes as guided by: CHED-DOH JMC 2021-004; DOH AO 2021-0043; and CHED memo 4, Series of 2020.

University President Felipe Salaing Comila, in his opening remarks, took the opportunity to welcome and thank the participants for attending the orientation. In his inspirational message, he explained the University's commitment to continuously develop students 'talents to be the resources of our country. *"To continue flourishing these talents, we have to go with the challenges we face, and that's*

why the University is proposing and coming up with the direction, from the leadership of the Commission on Higher Education, that BSU will implement the limited face-to-face classes," said Dr. Comila.

BSU ensures that everyone who will take part in this endeavor will be safe. Hence, Vice-President for Academic Affairs Dr. Imelda O. Degay, University Health Services

Director Dr. Florence V. Poltic, Office of Student Services Director Ramon C. Fiangaan, Jr., and Dean of the College of Nursing Vicente G. Panagan, Jr., discussed the general guidelines and BSU's plans and preparations to ensure the safe resumption of limited face-to-face classes in the University. Further, queries coming from the participants were answered by the officials accordingly. *//MHDel Rosario*



VPAA Dr. Imelda O. Degay presenting the overview for the safe resumption of limited face to face-to-face classes during the virtual orientation and consultation. //MHDel Rosario

BSU CCA Stages Bagdao for National Arts Month

In celebration of the 2022 National Arts Month (NAM) with the theme "Sining ng Pag-asa," Benguet State University Center of Culture and the Arts (CCA) stages Bagdao, which was premiered online via CCA official Facebook page last February 3 and 4 at the College of Teacher Education Function Hall.

Bagdao, written by Fr. Ventura C. Bitot, is a popular character known as a warrior and hunter in many folktales in some communities in Mountain Province and Benguet. Known for his bravery, wisdom, uprightness, and diligent work, Bagdao is considered one of the role models of the Cordillerans. This play reminds people to uphold the rich Cordilleran culture and traditions.

The staging of Bagdao used the concept of dap-ay or ato or ator, a stone-paved in a circular form with a hearth at the middle. Dap-ay is also the socio-political system of many indigenous



Young Bagdao hunts for animals as a source of livelihood for his community. Young Bagdao was performed by Mr. Amir Taggaoa of Saint Louis University Laboratory Senior High School. //MSDeguzman

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communities in Mountain Province. According to the Bagdao production team, they looked into the contemporary transformation of the dap-ay. One would be a classroom where teachers, who can be thought of as elders, tell stories and teach lessons often not written on books. Teachers

are considered to be storytellers while students are cast to be ensemble players.

Bagdao was staged through storytelling, mimetic movements, and script reading. Mr. Roger S. Federico, one of the directors of Bagdao, explained the intentional element included in the staging as many folktales have already migrated to published materials for them to be preserved. "We recognize that this is not yet the end product of Bagdao. Ganun din namansa oral tradition, sometimes kasi natapos na yuon kuwento once it's published," he added. Mr. Federico emphasized the beauty of oral tradition and its possibility to evolve. "That is why we added the instructions to be read for us also to continue the conversation as to how we create performances using our published materials," he stated.

According to Ms. Matyline Camfili-Talastas, the Overall Coordinator and Trainer, the collaborative production with CCA started with a play called Boka Id Kayos (Escape from Kayos) in 2019.

"From the reflections and recommendations coming from participants and even CCA itself, we needed to have more plays like this. And Since Tata Ventura Bitot wrote the play, we had an exchange and wanted to find other stories," she added. Thus, forming a production team for Bagdao. Ms. Talastas informed that this play intends to promote different stories from Benguet.

"This story is not from Benguet, but this story hopes to reach people who can relate. Furthermore, we as CCA wants to encourage more people to give us more stories," she said.

Ms. Taslastas also took the time to show gratitude to the people involved in the production. "We are thankful for Roger. He directed this play. We also want to show gratitude to Agshan Media for



Older Bagdao, performed by Mr. Santos Tulipa, helps an Ilocano dealer to confront and get his money back from a thief. //MSDeguzman

helping us record and make it into video production. We are truly thankful for the participants, alumni, CCA, and CCA Director Leonardo Samonte," she added.

Before the premiere of Bagdao, Director Samonte gave the welcome remark through an Ogayam. Ogayam is a traditional form of conveying ideas, like singing, to other people in the Cordillera found in Kalinga. Dr. Samonte, in his message, thanked the viewers and encouraged the youth to focus and learn from this play. Mr. Felimon B. Blanco, Chair Committee of Dramatic Arts (CDA) of NCCA, virtually gave his congratulatory message to the artistic and production team of Bagdao. Mr. Blanco also recognized and appreciated the concept of dap-ay. "Theatre entertains, while at the same time, offers education to its audience," he added.

BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila's presence was felt during his virtual message. President Comila wishes to encourage this play to be viewed by everyone. "Watching this play will remind us of our duties and obligations to our culture, that we are a part of the cultural propagations and preparations as a whole of Cordillera," he said.

The production team is composed of Mr. Roger S. Frederico (Director), Mr. Paul Joseph A. Nuval (Cinematography Director), and Mr. Mark Samuel De Guzman (Video Producer and Editor). The storytellers for the play are faculty members from different colleges in BSU, these are Dr. Alma Vida G. Gallardo, Dr. Penelope F. Tica-a, Dr. Elizabeth T. Dom-ogen, Dr. Leonardo L. Samonte, Mr. Marcos S. Mangallay, and Mr. Mark Joshua Balao-as.

The production team faced different challenges due to the pandemic, but they assured that soon Bagdao will be mounted as a whole and will have its full-blown production. //AKCariño

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Local Government of La Trinidad, Agricultural Training Institute - Department of Agriculture CAR and the Sanoy Heritage Farm. This partnership is for the implementation of the Highland Science for the Convergence of Agriculture and Tourism: Benguet Landscaping and Ornamental Plants of the Magsasaka Siyentista (Highland SciCAT: BLOOMS).



BSU Personnel and volunteer donors were present during the blood-letting activity at the BSU SLS covered court. //MHDelRosario



The virtual and face-to-face Memorandum of Agreement signing was held at the International Relations Office. //ICopero

Charter Thanksgiving Mass

The thanksgiving mass officiated by Fr. Mario E. Tambic formally opened the BSU 36th Charter Anniversary celebration. Employees of BSU led songs of praise and bible reading while Fr. Tambic gave the homily as the highlight for the thanksgiving mass.

Fr. Tambic centered his sharing from the gospel book of Mark 1:29-39. He emphasized the two assurances taken from the text. First was the assurance that Jesus will take care of those we love. *“Dedicating ourselves will surely do something good, beneficial, and rewarding to our family members*

and loved ones,” Fr. Tambic said. He strengthened his statement explaining that Jesus will take care of our worries and concerns towards our families.

The second assurance is that Jesus is available for all. *“Jesus is for all, he will always help and heal people. Jesus is always reaching out for us. He will be the first one to come to us. He will look for us, and Jesus will never stop until he finds us,”* he added. He advised BSU employees to start reflecting on the services delivered by this institution and that employees are a part of the mission. *“We should be proud of it. This institution serves many people,”* he added.

Fr. Tambic ended the homily with a prayer for BSU to be sustained with God’s provision and blessing in the years to come and that BSU should continue to be generous and trust God.

Ptr. Esther K. Balawag of the UCCCP Capitol Church prayed that the BSU administration would work solely on what is beneficial to the university, employees, and clientele.

On the other hand, Ptr. Sam B. Galino of the Nazarene Church also included employees to faithfully perform their obligations to the university and faculty members to mold students well. He



Fr. Mario E. Tambic and the sacristans during the 36th Charter Thanksgiving Mass held at the BSU Gymnasium.

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also prayed for students to be understanding and resilient to cope with the new learning modes.

Meanwhile Rev. Richardstone B. Banagui of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany prayed for the stakeholders to continue working together and create an atmosphere of hope, peace, and unity. He prayed that BSU will continuously supported by the alumni and community to forge partnerships and linkages that would produce mutual benefits.

The thanksgiving mass progressed further with the BSU officials and personnel offering their thanksgiving gifts. The thanksgiving mass ended with Fr. Tambic's closing prayer and a song of praise led by BSU employees.

Kapihan sa BSU

During the 36th Charter Anniversary, BSU, in collaboration with the Philippine Information Agency-Cordillera Administrative Region (PIA-CAR), conducted the "Kapihan sa BSU" at the BSU Gymnasium. The Kapihan aims to inform the community about the University's activities, accomplishments, and plans.

The panelists were Dr. Imelda O. Degay, Vice-President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Romeo A. Gomez Jr., Vice-President for Research and Extension; Dr. Johnny G. Dati Sr., Vice-President for Business Affairs; and Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan, Executive Assistant of the Office of the President and OIC of the University President.

As the OIC of the University President, Atty. Lampacan shared the accomplishments of President Felipe Salaing Comila, while the University Public Affairs Office Director, Dr. Gretchen Gaye C. Ablaza presented the schedule of activities of the 36th Charter Anniversary celebration. The respective Vice-Presidents reported their accomplishments and plans for the University. Afterwards the panelist addressed questions from different media personnel. The Kapihan was hosted by the Regional Director of PIA-CAR, Ms. Helen Tibaldo, and co-hosted by BSU UPAO Director Dr. Gretchen Gaye C. Ablaza.

PRAISE Everlasting Awards

One of the highlights of the BSU 36th Charter Anniversary Program was the PRAISE EVERLASTING Awarding Ceremony that honors the retirees and employees who dedicated their (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40) years of services to the University.

Dr. Imelda Olatic Degay, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, congratulated all the awardees and retirees for their loyal and dedicated service to the University. Dr. Degay hoped that the PRAISE Everlasting awards will inspire everyone in the University to keep giving their best services. She also encouraged the retirees to continue serving the community.

Executive Assistant Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan, the representative of the University President, lauded the University employees as well as the previous University Presidents for their great contribution to the significant developments and achievements of the University. He hoped that the present BSU employees will do the same. He also shared some plans for the University and its employees.

"Responding to the theme, *BSU Cares as a SMART University towards Level V, let us first and foremost respond to the need for new positions and better positions in the University because, without the human resources, the machineries of the University may not be able to perform well to reach the Level V which we are now envisioning,*" he said. He also commended the honorees and awardees for their years of service in the University.

The 10 years in service loyalty awardees are *Leila Mary A. Ayban, Chelvin M. Basalong, Amelia G. Bawang, Jhordan T. Cuilan, Aldrino A. Dao-anis, Mary Arnel D. Garcia, Maureen E. Gay-as, Zularte M. Laking, Arcy S. Lazo, Casmir S. Ligat, Jeric Amor D. Mabale, Joyce K. Mama-o, Lorelie R. Ollayan, Mary Jane A. Padon, Arsenio N. Sibayan, Freddie L. Telesforo, Henrietta B. Bencio, Hazel G. Lino, Cherry S. Tolano and Dick M. Segundo.*

The 15 years in service loyalty awardees are *Sherilyn B. Balauro, Yvonne D. Bolayo, Yvonne P. Buasen-Balansi, Remegio T. Calayan, Ricky C. Calbayan, Daisy G. Del Rosario, Jenny V. Esiong, Ramon Jr. C. Fiangaan, Editha A. Grande, Andres Arnold W.*

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(L-R) Dr. Gretchen Gaye C. Ablaza and Ms. Helen Tibaldo hosted the Kapihan sa BSU while Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan, Dr. Romeo A. Gomez, Jr., Dr. Imelda O. Degay, and Dr. Johnny G. Dati, Sr. served as panelists. //PJGadag

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The Retirees or the Salamat Mabuhay Awardees from BSU La Trinidad Campus and BSU Bokod Campus during the Praise Everlasting Awards.

Lampacan, Melody P. Marchewka, Elizabeth M. Masado, Sagayo C. Sagongen, Jojo N. Tero, and Clyde A. Senti.

The 20 years in service loyalty awardees are *Agrepina G. Aludos, Jaime N. Antonio, Ceasar L. Balacwid, Bryan C. Bangnan, Rex John G. Bawang, Mary Rose B. Catapang, Lauren P. Kipaam, Cynthia T. Lubiton, Perlita B. Manodon, Josie A. Pulgue, Arnold R. Rosario, Mary Ann C. Unos, Anna Liza B. Wakat, Emelio P. Siso and Lelia P. Buloguey.*

The 25 years in service loyalty awardees are *Stanley F. Anongos Jr., Ruth S. Batani, Jean Jannette V. De Joya, Kenneth A. Laruan, Harland Gary B. Pawid, and Gregorio C. Taag.*

The 30 years in service loyalty awardees are *Lourdes A. Bela-o, Estrellita M. Daclan, Joel C. Dickson, Clemente S. Dogyang, and Emelda E. Villa.*

The 35 years in service loyalty awardees are *Pedro Y. Abalos Jr., Diego D. Bulangen, and Garcia T. Tabdi Jr. while 40-Year Loyalty Awardees are Andres A. Basalong, John P. Botengan Jr., Pedro G. Dinulong, Guilita L. Lumedio, Valentino L. Macanes, Armando P. Pasaoa, Jocelyn C. Perez, and Aurea Marie M. Sandoval.*

The retirees or the "Salamat Mabuhay Awardees" from the BSU La Trinidad Campus are *Genaro W. Macasieb Jr., Natividad R. Demot, Josephine D. Aba-bo, Denisa L. Domondon, Pedro T. Dayao, Fred B. Budas, Timotea P. Vitales, Marlene B. Atinyao, and Diego P. Dumapis.* Alicia D. Pingangay is the lone retiree from the BSU Bokod Campus.

In her response message, Loyalty Awardee Dr. Aurea Marie M. Sandoval shared the experiences and challenges of her fulfilling journey in the University and left inspirational words for BSU employees.

"Let us continue to be young at heart but mature in mind and steadfast in spirit. Let us continue to be vessels of hope especially for the younger generation to strive to be inspirations to our colleagues, our students,

our clients, and our community. Especially during these pandemic times, let us be safe, healthy, and strong. With all the blessings we have received from the University through the years, with this institution having served us in more ways than one, how can we not continue being of service in our respective capacities? How can we not continue trying to be the best that we can be for our institution? If this is the only way of giving back to the University that has cared for us so much, rest assured that God willing until the last minute of our service in this institution, we commit to continue doing our best truly in making BSU truly our home away from home."

Dr. Sandoval addressed her fellow awardees by sharing a quote from Abraham Lincoln, *"In the end, it is not the years in your life that count. It is in the life in your years".*

One of the retirees Dr. Alicia Pigangay also chanted about what she is going to do after retirement. She also thanked BSU for the experiences and her achievements.

The event concluded with the message of VP for Research and Extension Dr. Romeo A. Gomez Jr.

"We are proud and happy to give this fitting recognition to men and women who have lent their time, effort, talent, and dedication to the betterment of the University and our government. Such is indeed inspiring and empowering. With this, we hope to march on towards the SUC Level V we are envisioning," he said.

Blessing of New Vehicles

After the thanksgiving mass, BSU conducted a vehicle blessing and ribbon-cutting outside the University gymnasium. Ptr. Sam B. Galino, Ptr. Esther K. Balawag and Rev. Richardstone B. Banagui with Vice-President for Academic Affairs Dr. Imelda

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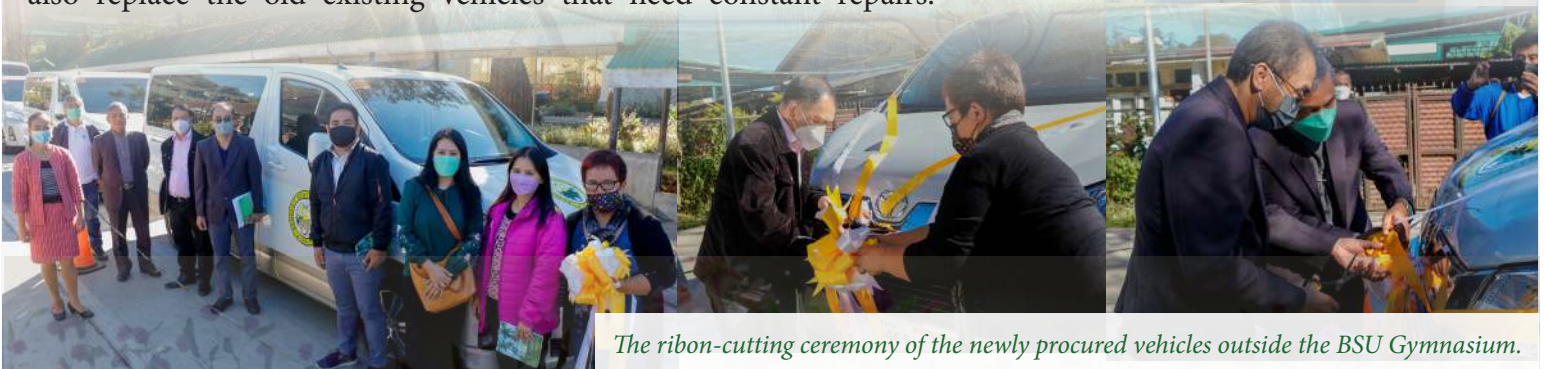
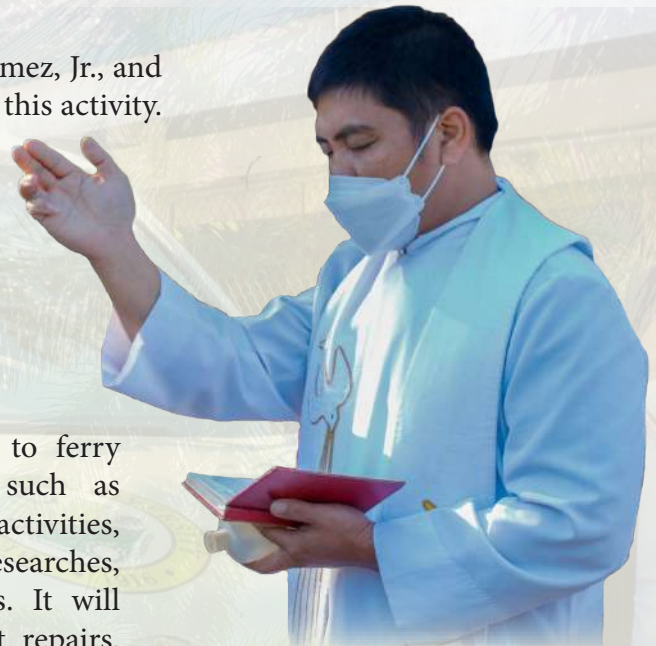
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O. Degay, VP for Research and Extension Dr. Romeo A. Gomez, Jr., and VP for Business Affairs Dr. Johnny G. Dati Sr., spearheaded this activity.

The University purchased one coaster and three vans from Toyota Baguio City with a total amount of P10,478,900.00.

The newly procured vehicles were assigned to the three BSU campuses. A coaster and a van were assigned to the La Trinidad Campus, while Bokod and Buguias Campuses each received one van.

According to Deputy Chief of Motorpool Anatolio G. Garcia, Jr., the new vehicles will be used to ferry BSU employees and students for various activities such as attending meetings, seminars, trainings, sports activities, benchmarking, various competitions, conducting researches, extension services and other university-related activities. It will also replace the old existing vehicles that need constant repairs.



The ribbon-cutting ceremony of the newly procured vehicles outside the BSU Gymnasium.

Research and Extension Exhibit

The Office of Extension Services (OES) organized an exhibit that promoted various researches and extension. Aside from the exhibit, OES had its soft launching of the new researches from the Research and Development initiatives of the University in collaboration with funding agencies. There were online presentations of selected technologies from the university that are uploaded online. The exhibit was available from the 13th to the 20th of January.

Dr. Johnny G. Dati Sr., Vice-President for Business Affairs and representative of BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila. Dr. Dati was present during the ribbon-cutting ceremony and gave his inspirational message. He commended the personnel from the offices under the Research and Extension for the improvements in the exhibit. *“Let us invite others to schedule a visit here. Despite the pandemic, let us show that we are doing our job.”*, he added. Dr. Dati also reminded the personnel and attendees about President Comila’s *“One university concept,”* which encourages everybody to strengthen other campuses. *“What we are showing here in this exhibit, let us help and teach it also to the other campuses,”* he explained concerning the University’s goal to reach Level V.

The exhibit was broadcast online via the BSU OES Facebook page and was attended face-to-face at the Everlasting Hall of the R&E Building.



The ribbon-cutting of the Office of Extension Services Exhibit was held at the Research and Extension Building. Dr. Johnny G. Dati, Sr. was the Representative of President Felipe Salaing Comila.

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Charter Fun Ride

The Charter Fun Ride with the theme “BSU-Ondaw Shi Naybetaw” was spearheaded by the BSU Government Employees Association in partnership with the BSU Gender and Development Office and College of Social Science. *Ondaw She Naybetaw* is an Ibaloi phrase meaning “going the distance.”

The Activity served as an outreach activity to two Elementary Schools in Barangay Baayan, Tublay, Benguet. The route started from BSU La Trinidad campus to Kapangan Benguet. A warm welcome came from the Municipal Mayor Hon. Manny E. Fermin. Mayor Fermin conducted a short program at the Municipal covered court. He gave a message of thanks with a promise to support BSU, especially to the



proposed BSU Kapangan Campus. He hopes that the campus that was proposed will soon be realized.

The bikers later visited the Kapangan Central National High School (KCNHS) as part of a community outreach initiated by the College of Social Sciences, then proceeded to Lamsis Elementary School in Bawi, Baayan, Tublay, and at the Baayan Elementary School.

Participants of the Charter Fun Ride consisted of BSU officials, employees, staff, and other bike enthusiasts.



BSUGEA, BSU-GAD, and College of Social Science's Outreach Activity at Becday Chasoras Lamsis Elementary School, Bawi, Baayan, Tublay, Benguet. //FDaulayan

Charter Darts Tournament

The Gender and Development Office, in partnership with the College of Human Kinetics (CHK), held a Darts Tournament on February 11 at the University Covered Court during the BSU 36th Charter Anniversary.

Seven teams composed of three members per group competed with one another. Upon reaching five wins, teams proceeded to the next round.

Ms. Loverette G. Logdo (CHK), Engr. Leonardo D. Dumalhin(CE) and Mr. Rey G. Lumpio (CSAC) were announced as champions while the team of Dr. Rex John G. Bawang (CHK), Ms. Jocelyn L. Mauting(PMO), and Mr. Franklin A. Lacaden (BAPTC) got the first runner up among these seven teams.

The awarding of the trophies and certificates were handed out by Dr. Bawang assisted by Ms. Feljorie R. Daulayan and Ms. Kleifanie M. Ferrer of the Gender and Development Office.

The activity aspires to promote camaraderie, sportsmanship, teamwork, and develop a healthy pastime stress reliever for the employees.

//AKCariño, EBawayan, GGablaza, JSTabangcura,



MPSPC,BSU Sign MOA For Adjunct Faculty Programs

Relative to the Benguet State University's (BSU) advocacy to strengthen its linkages and to develop a firm partnership with other State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), BSU signed a Memorandum of Agreement to Mountain Province State Polytechnic College (MPSPC) headed by President Dr. Rexton F. Chakas.

MPSPC, is requesting assistance for qualified adjunct (part-time) faculty members in Ph.D. Language Education and BS Agroforestry and Forestry programs. The selected faculty members will serve as adjunct faculty to render their expertise in the said programs. The MOA signed was held at Office of the President and was witnessed by



(L-R) BSU President Dr. Felipe Salaing Comila, MPSPC President Dr. Rexton F. Chakas, and MPSPC VPAA Dr. Emily Ann B. Marrero presented the signed MOA.

the La Trinidad Campus Executive Dean Dr. Imelda B. Galinato and Vice President for Academic Affairs MPSPC Dr. Emily Ann B. Marrero.

BSU and MPSPC are steadfast in their commitment to quality education and excellence in pursuit of their respective visions and mandates, as stated in their charters. Both institutions affirm and recognize the need for collaborative efforts and partnership. According to President Comila, BSU will be more than happy to assist in this great endeavor. //AKCariño

BSU, DOST-PCAARRD: Exit Conference for Balik-Scientist

Benguet State University (BSU), in partnership with the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD), and Department of Science and Technology (DOST), held an online exit conference for DOST- PCAARRD Balik-Scientist Dr. Zenaida N. Ganga on February 22, 2022. Dr. Ganga with BSU researchers and staff were present at the Rogelio Dulay Colting Sr. Hall, BSU Administration Building. Attendees came from different research institutes and stakeholders were present online via Zoom.

Dr. Ganga is an independent consultant for potato research and production. She was formerly associated with various international academic and private institutions such as the University of Maine (U.S.A.), Cavendish Farms Corporation (Canada), and the Asia and Pacific Seed Association (Thailand). She was also a former professor and director for the Northern Philippines Root Crops Research and Training Center here at BSU. Dr. Ganga rendered her expertise by working with multiple Research and Extension (R&E) units and the College of Agriculture as Balik-Scientist from June 01 to November 27, 2021, a period of 6 months.



Balik-Scientist Dr. Zenaida M. Ganga and Dr. Maria Luz Fang-asan after the Exit Conference Program

During the exit conference, DOST-PCAARRD Executive Director Dr. Reynaldo V. Eborra delivered his welcoming remark and talked about how Dr. Ganga strengthened the potato variety improvement and supplantation program of the DOST-PCAARRD. Dr. Eborra extended his thanks and appreciation to BSU and NPRCRTC. "It is also important to note

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ULIS Book launching and book fair

The University Library and Information Services organized a book launching and book fair held on February 23-24, 2022 at the BSU Main Library.

Dr. Virgilio C. Ablaza's first-ever book "Practical Guide in Doing Qualitative Criminological Research" was launched on the first day of the event. The book aims to bridge the gap between the knowledge and skills of novice researchers in using a qualitative approach in their research undertaking.

Dr. Ablaza is a faculty of the College of Criminal Justice Education at the BSU Buguias Campus.

Publication In-charge of Wiseman's Book Trading, Inc Ms. Malou C. Flores presented the book of Dr. Ablaza. According to Ms. Flores, the book is a guide to research on qualitative techniques in criminology and is user-friendly.



(L-R) Dr. Virgilio C. Ablaza, BSU President Dr. Felipe Salaing Comila, Ms. Malou C. Flores, and Mr. Lauren P. Kipaan during the ULIS Book launching held at the BSU Library.

In his inspirational talk, BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila encouraged everyone in the University to share their knowledge and talent through writing a book.

Dr. Ablaza expressed his gratitude for the launching of his book. He thanked everyone who contributed to his success. He mentioned that the book was the product of his dissertation when he took his Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice Education in 2020 at the University of the Cordilleras, Baguio City.

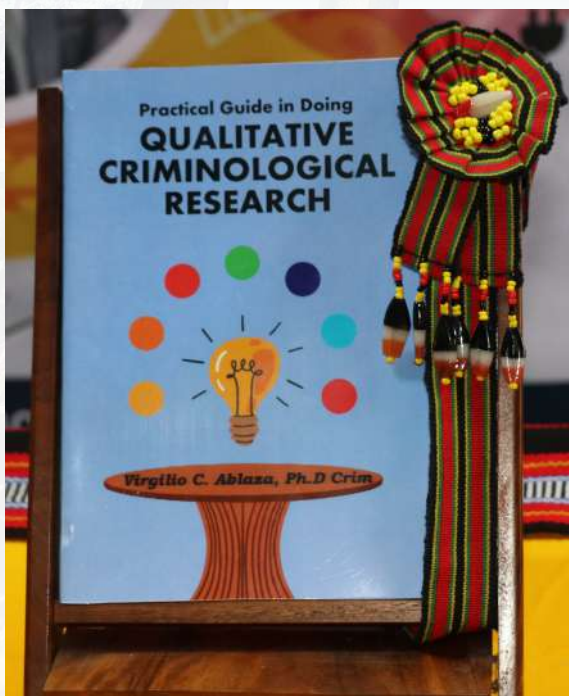
Dr. Ablaza shared his motivation in writing the book. "Nung nag-dissertation kasi ako, naghanap ako ng qualitative criminological research but locally wala akong mahanap, nasa abroad pero konti lang so our motivation is to come up with the book (When I was working on my dissertation, I was looking for qualitative

criminological research locally but there was none, only a few in abroad, so our motivation is to come up with the book)," he said.

Dr. Ablaza also shared some of the challenges and professions of criminologists. According to him, conducting qualitative research is an in-depth way to address the challenges in the criminology field. He added that the quantitative method is commonly used by students and researchers and is not enough to address the increasing complexities of society.

"I hope this book would be my humble contribution to the profession in the field of criminology and hoping we will become more effective and efficient in addressing the challenges and complexities of our society," said Dr. Ablaza.

As part of the program, a ribbon-cutting for the book fair was witnessed. The two-day book fair allowed the faculty members of BSU La Trinidad, Bokod, and Buguias Campuses to select titles, request titles, and submit these for procurement. //EMBawayan



Dr. Virgilio C. Ablaza's Practical Guide in Doing Qualitative Criminology which was produced by Wiseman's Book Trading, Inc.

Benguet LCEs Congratulates BSU's Service

The 36th Charter Anniversary Program was held after the *Kapihan* sa BSU at the BSU Gymnasium. Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Imelda O. Degay gave her welcome remarks in which she highlighted the BSU's milestones through the years including the University's achievements.

Messages were heard from Local Chief Executives (LCE) including Benguet Caretaker Cong. Eric Go Yap, Gov. Melchor Diclas, Municipal Mayors of Benguet: Manny E. Fermin (Kapangan), Manuel B. Munar, Jr. (Sablan), Armando I. Lauro (Tublay), Victorio T. Palangdan (Itogon), Cesar M. Molitas (Kibungan), Ruben L. Tindaan (Buguias), and Romeo Salda (La Trinidad), and Vice Mayor of the Municipality of La Trinidad, Roderick Awingan. They all congratulated and expressed their support to BSU in delivering quality education. //AKCariño



(L-R) Governor Melchor Diclas, Mayor Manuel B. Munar, Mayor Armando I. Lauro, and Vice Mayor Roderick Awingan



(L-R) Mayor Manny E. Fermin, BSU VPAA Imelda O. Degay, BSU VPBA Johnny G. Dati, and Dr. Jhordan T. Cuilan

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that we need to sustain the process of knowledge sharing and support whatever change that has been introduced by the Balik-Scientist," he added.

Atty. Allan C. Sacpa, Vice President for Administration and Finance, attended as President Comila's representative. Atty. Sacpa extended his gratitude to DOST-PCAARD, especially to Dr. Ganga, for sharing her expertise in helping researchers in BSU. Atty. Sacpa, believes that this will not be the end of the collaboration since Dr. Ganga assures that she will continue to assist BSU despite the end of the program.

Dr. Ganga highlighted two parts of her presentation. The first presentation was about the potato industry in the Philippine highlands. She was able to determine the challenges and problems of potato production in the highlands. She explained the need for new varieties. Dr. Ganga and her colleagues were able to propose Potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) Variety Improvement for the Philippine Highland and hope to catch the attention of PCAARD and other funding agencies. Though the proposal focuses on the highlands, Dr. Ganga explained that it is a work in progress and hopes it can soon cover the whole country where potatoes are produced.

The second part of the highlight was the accomplishment in BSU. Aside from proposing and starting the potato variety improvement, she became a lecturer during training and seminars, served as an evaluator giving her comments and recommendations, and donated technical books to NPRCRTC. Dr. Ganga was pleased

to assist the different Research Units with her expertise as a researcher, lecturer, and trainer. "The highlight of my career was the DOST-PCAARD Balik-Scientist program here in BSU," she said. "To BSU headed by Dr. Felipe Salaing Comila, thank you so much for the opportunity. I considered it as a privilege and an honor to have worked with the university," she added.

The conference progressed with impressions from BSU and DOST-PCAARD. Both parties thanked Dr. Ganga for her support as Balik-Scientist and hope to see her again in future research. Dr. Melvin B. Carlos, the DOST-PCAARD and ARMMS Deputy Executive Director, gave the closing remarks. In Dr. Carlos' message, he congratulated Dr. Zenaida N. Ganga for her efforts and accomplishments despite the pandemic. "We would like to thank Dr. Ganga for her invaluable time, expertise, and service that you shared," he added. He also lauded BSU's efforts in welcoming the Balik-Scientist. Dr. Carlos encourages BSU to continue providing support to Balik-Scientist in the future. //AKCarino



Dr. Zenaida M. Ganga, together with her BSU researchers, faculty, and staff at the Rogelio D. Colting (RDC) Hall.

04 February 2022

The College of Veterinary Medicine Library celebrates their VetMed Week-themed “Future Veterinarians Gaining Strength Amidst the Pandemic.” The month-long celebration started with a Forage-Planting Activity along Tebteb-Pines Park temporary access road. Participants during this activity consist of BSU faculties, personnel, and students. //CVM



Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) assisted and guided the finalization of the BSU GAD Plan and Budget 2022 on **February 7, 2022**. Representatives from PCW attended virtually while BSU GAD-Technical Working Group, GAD Director, and staff were present at the CTE function hall. //PJGadang

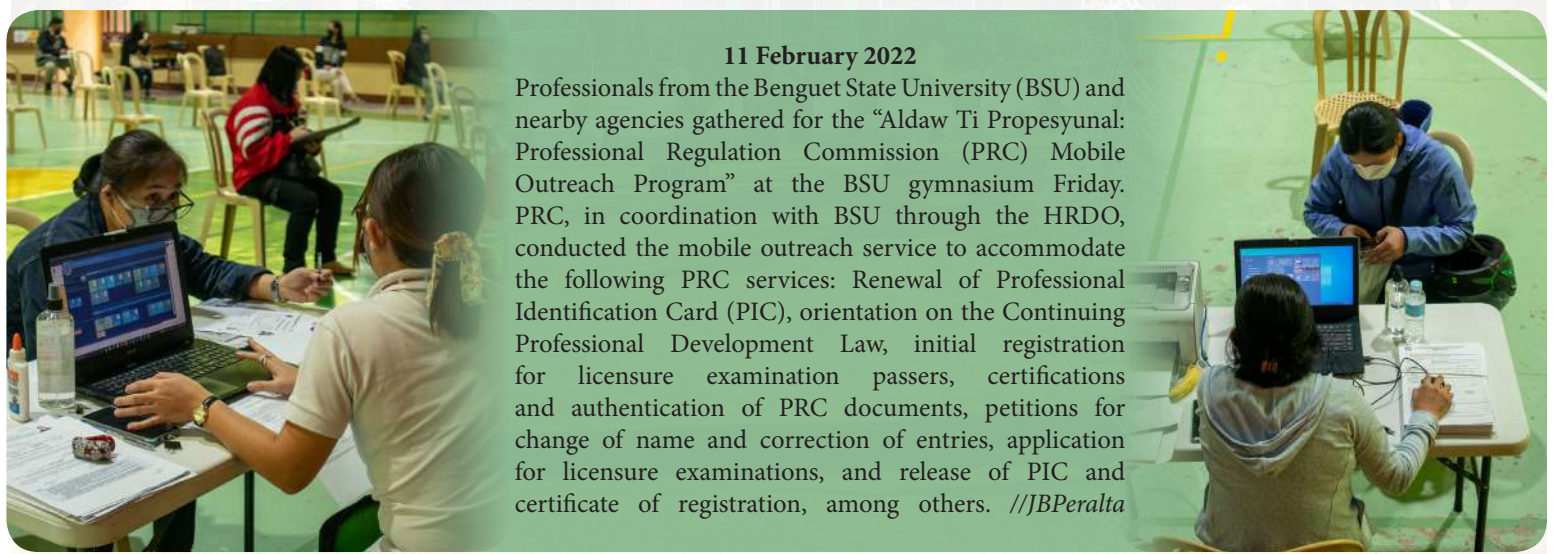
07 February 2022

BSU grantees of Erasmus Mobility Programs met with International Relations Office personnel of the University of Huelva (UHU) in Spain. Ronica Raine Babsa-ay and Sharilyn Rufino, BSDC students, were qualified for the five-month Student Mobility Program. Despite being enrolled at BSU for their internship and thesis, both students will be eligible to enroll in two subjects at UHU while partially completing their internships. Paul Joseph Nuval of DevComDept-CIS and Racquel Aquelle Fatog of the BSU International Relations Office also qualified for the five-day Teaching/Staff Mobility Program. BSU-IRO thanks President Felipe Salaing Comila for his unending support in this endeavor.//IRO



11 February 2022

Professionals from the Benguet State University (BSU) and nearby agencies gathered for the “Aldaw Ti Propesyunal: Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Mobile Outreach Program” at the BSU gymnasium Friday. PRC, in coordination with BSU through the HRDO, conducted the mobile outreach service to accommodate the following PRC services: Renewal of Professional Identification Card (PIC), orientation on the Continuing Professional Development Law, initial registration for licensure examination passers, certifications and authentication of PRC documents, petitions for change of name and correction of entries, application for licensure examinations, and release of PIC and certificate of registration, among others. //JBPeralta



14 February 2022

In honor of Library Lovers' Month, this February, The Library and Information Science showed appreciation to the lovers of the library (those who borrowed books and visited the library). Simple treats were given to those who dated their laptops, books, and manuscripts during this Heart's Day! //LIS



14 February 2022

BSU CHRISTMAS LIGHT RETREAT. University President Dr. Felipe Salaing Comila, assisted by Engr. Feliciano R. Delos Santos, led the retreat witnessed by employees, students, and the community at the BSU Centennial Park. President Comila also gave his inspirational speech summarized in the word LIGHT, which he referred to as "Lasting Inspirational Grace Heightened Tremendously."//MLHDelRosario

23-24 February 2022

BSU and the Commission on Human Rights Cordillera collaborated to conduct the two-day training/seminar titled "Capacity Building on Human Rights for CHRE Volunteers of Benguet State University" held at the new College of Home Economics and Technology building. The activity was participated by employees from various offices of the University and who will serve as the CHRE volunteers of BSU. //MLHDelRosario



BSU conducted the first day of its Academic Sectoral Review, Planning, and Implementation 2022 at Aureo Hotel, San Fernando, La Union. This two-day activity, headed by Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Imelda O. Degay, was held on 22 and 23 of February 2022.

15 Degree Programs Undergo AACUP Accreditation

Fifteen BSU degree programs have undergone Level III Phase 2 accreditation by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) during the Online Accreditation Survey Visit. The accreditation of the degree programs was conducted in two batches last February 14-18, 2022.

Esteemed AACUP accreditors evaluated the degree programs in various areas such as curriculum, extension, research, faculty, licensure exam, and library.

The first batch of accreditation was held on February 14-16. The degree programs assessed were BS Entrepreneurship (BSE), MA Technology and Home Economics (MATHE), MA Home Economics (MAHE), MS Forestry (MSF), Master in Public Accreditation (MPA), Bachelor in Library and Information Science (BLIS), MS Physical Education (MSPE), and BS Information Technology (BSIT). Coordinators Dr. Renelda P. Nacienceno of Iloilo Science and Technology University and Dr. Arnel B. Millesca of Partido State University led the evaluation of these programs.

After the 3-day survey visit, a closing program was conducted at the RDC Hall on February 16. Dr. Arnel B. Millesca presented their impressions during the survey visit. He thanked BSU for its participation during the accreditation. Dr. Millesca also commended BSU employees for showing their best in this endeavor, for their preparation, and for addressing the accreditors' requests with utmost confidence and respect.

In response, Representative of the BSU President and VP for Administration and Finance Atty. Allan Casaldo Sacpa delivered his commitment and words of gratitude.

"We affirm our commitment to do our best effort to continuously comply with the standards set by the AACUP. To raise our institution's quality instruction, research, production, and extension services, indeed keeping in track with this accreditation standard to one of the major ways, by which we can reach our vision to become Level V University," said VP for Administration and Finance Atty. Allan Casaldo Sacpa.

Another batch of the survey visit was held on February 16-18. The evaluated degree programs were BS Environmental Science (BSES), MA Applied Statistics (MA AS), MA Mathematics (MA Math), MA Physics (MA



BSU Officials during the closing program of the Online AACUP survey visit.

Phys), MS Biology (MS Bio), Ph.D. Science Education (Ph.D. Sci Ed Bio), and MA General Science (MA Gen Sci).

The evaluation of these degree programs was led by Dr. Jaime M. Forbes of Bataan Peninsula State University and Dr. Boyet L. Batang of Isabela State University, as coordinators.

Dr. Jaime M. Forbes and Dr. Boyet L. Batang gave their impressions and observations during the closing meeting held on February 18 at the RDC Hall.

They both recognized the role of accreditation as not just a way of evaluating the quality of instruction services of Colleges and Universities.

According to Dr. Forbes, accreditation is also an opportunity to recognize the individual contribution of the faculty members in delivering services beyond standards. "Accreditation is a way of ensuring quality in all the way we do things, especially today that we had to adopt new ways of teaching that are heavily reliant on available technologies," Dr. Batang added.

They also applauded hardworking BSU faculty and staff for their commitment, dedication, passion, and teamwork in delivering services despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Forbes and Dr. Batang both expressed their words of encouragement to BSU to continue educating the public and delivering quality services.

"...Huwag po kayong magsasawang magtrabaho para sa kolehiyo Ninyo (Don't get tired of working for your college) to achieve world-class service and excellence. Accreditation is like a camera, focus on what is important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives and if things don't work out, take another visit," said Dr. Forbes.

Afterward, Atty. Sacpa gave his commitment and words of gratitude. He thanked and appreciated the accreditation team and the BSU faculty and staff for their great contribution to the completion of the activity.

Chief of AACUP Accreditation Division of BSU Dr. Grace D. Quijano reminded and encouraged BSU faculty and staff to continue delivering quality programs and services.

"Let us continue to comply with the standard of excellence as we continue to work together and raise Benguet State University to the highest level," said Dr. Quijano in her closing remarks. //EMBawayan

