



New BSU president vows commitment, dedication, honesty and transparency



Dr. Ben D. Ladilad accepts the BSU mace from outgoing BSU President, Dr. Rogelio D. Colting, Sr. during the turn-over ceremony on December 6, 2011. //Photo by Sheryl I. Fernando

The BSU mace symbolizing authority and responsibility in running the affairs of the University was handed over to the new BSU President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad by the outgoing BSU President, Dr. Rogelio D. Colting, Sr. in a simple ceremony at the BSU Administration Building on December 6, 2011.

Dr. Colting, in his talk acknowledged the support of the constituency. He said, "My family and I would like to thank you and the whole University for the unconditional support you have accorded to me during my incumbency as your president." He requested the constituency to extend the same support to Dr. Ladilad.

"I'm accepting this responsibility with commitment, dedication and transparency. I would like to reach out to you on matters that would lead to expansion, upgrading and excellence in various programs in instruction, research, extension and production or IGP," said Dr. Ladilad in his acceptance speech.

He added that he will continue to support the student first policy, strengthen human resource development programs and IGPs, fast track the full integration of the BSU Bokod and Buguias Campuses. "We shall also fast track the approval of the BSU Code because it will serve as a bible that will guide us in the years to come," he added.

December 5 at South Drive, Baguio City. This was attended by Private Sector Representatives Christine D. Abellon and Alumno Ampaguey, Mr. James Guanso representing Sen. Edgardo Angara, Atty. Cesar G. Oracion representing Congressman Juan Edgardo M. Angara, BSU Alumni Association President, Jesson Y. Del-amen, BSU Faculty Club President, Gloria R. Lee, BSU SSG Federation President, Mark Christian A. Mackay, NEDA-CAR Director Leonardo N. Quito, Jr., DA-CAR Director Marilyn V. Sta. Catalina and CHED Commissioner Patricia B. Licuanan who chaired the meeting.

Other candidates for the position were Dr. Silvestre K. Aben, Dr. Feliciano C. Calora, Jr. and Dr. Janet S. Luis. //

Dr. Ladilad won the BSU presidency by seven votes during a BSU Board of Regents meeting held on



CHED Chair, Patricia Licuanan administers the oath-taking of Dr. Ben D. Ladilad as the new BSU President on December 5, 2011 at South Drive Manor, Baguio //Photo by Patselyn Botiwey

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To imbue people with excellence and social consciousness who actively generate and promote environment-friendly technologies that improve the quality of life

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1. To provide quality education that produces well-rounded individuals
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4. To establish competent and effective services geared towards efficiency and economy
5. To strengthen and expand harmonious and synergistic University-Community relationship
6. To inspire and boost the moral of the BSU constituents for greater performance



Shamag, an Ibaloi term that means news, is the official publication of Benguet State University. It functions as the University's mouthpiece for its accomplishments and is likewise a communication tool among BSU constituents. It started as the MSAC Newsletter in the 1970s to meet one of the requirements of then, the Department of Education, for a college to be elevated into a university. Later it became the BSU Newsletter and eventually renamed to Shamag in 2001.

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Benguet State University and Dr. Rogelio D. Colting

On July 1, 2003, Dr. Rogelio D. Colting's term as President of Benguet State University began. He set a ten-point agenda for the University concerning academic programs and instruction, research and development, extension services and outreach, resource generation program, administration and governance, information communication technology, human resource development and personnel welfare, student services and welfare program, culture and arts program, disaster and emergency program and security.

The details of this ten-point agenda can still be accessed at <http://www.bsu.edu.ph/aboutus/op/ten>.

In tribute to the former University President, here are some highlights of University milestones during his term.

His advocacy to organic agriculture has trailblazed major activities in the University such as the first Cordillera Organic Agriculture Congress on January 13-14, 2006 as one of the activities during the 20th Charter Day Celebration. The purpose of the congress was well captured in what a journalist wrote:

The gathering was not meant to be just another congress on organic agriculture. The participants and the speakers did not just hear each from other. Foremost, they wanted the Cordillera to shift from chemical-based agricultural production to organic farming to produce safe and competitive agricultural products for both local and international markets. Because of the support and acceptance for the promotion of organic farming, BSU intends to annually conduct a congress as a venue for organic farming enthusiasts and experts to share their experiences and expertise. Farmers, Government Institutions Unite to Promote Organic Farming in Cordillera. www.agribusinessweek.com/farmers-government-institutions-unite-to-promote-organic-farming-in-cordillera/

The congress gained the commitment of various

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BSU strawberry R&D program receives national CHED award

Using indigenous predatory mites against the two spotted spider mites that cause stunted growth and reduced yield on strawberries is one technology developed under the Strawberry R&D program of the Benguet State University. The indigenous mites reduced pesticide inputs by as much as 80%.

This contribution, among others, garnered the Strawberry R&D program the 3rd Place in the National Level at the recently concluded 2010 search for the Best Higher Education Research Program by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

The program, led by Dr. Danilo Padua also produced the first two promising strawberry varieties tentatively named Agsapa and BSU-Piere. Additional two varieties were later developed with

outstanding qualities. Management of important diseases of strawberry was also discovered like broccoli rotation and residue amendment, use of organic mulches and indigenous bio-control agents.

Under the program, new product lines of strawberry have been developed including those for high end market. Standardization of traditional strawberry processing technologies has also been done and disseminated to stakeholders. Generation of baseline information on strawberry, consumer's attitude on price, quality and label provided concrete basis for producers.

The program harnessed the strawberry-based Agri-tourism project of La Trinidad as a venue to facilitate the gradual technology transfer from the program to the farmers.

According to Dr. Padua, this will promote increased productivity with less importation of planting materials and pesticide inputs contributing to national development.

The members of the program are: Dr. Luciana M. Villanueva, Dr. Janet S. Luis, Dr. Julia A. Solimen, Dr. Jane K. Avila, Dr. Lita M. Colting, Dr. Silvestre Kudan, Ms. Milagros R. Dumaslan, Prof. Maria Ana C. Tanyag, Prof. Gemma S. Dasilen, and Prof. Ruth S. Batani.

The award was received by a delegation led by Dr. Ramon Santiago, Chief Education Program Specialist of CHED-CAR to the Research Symposium and Awarding Ceremonies held at Plaza del Norte, Laoag City.//Jen Sabado-Tabangcura



The different project leaders of the BSU Strawberry R&D Program recently recognized by CHED. The award was received by a delegation led by Dr. Ramon Santiago (1st from right), Chief Education Program Specialist of CHED-CAR to the Research Symposium and Awarding Ceremonies held at Plaza del Norte, Laoag City.//Photo courtesy of the Office of Research Services

Errata

-In the article "HARRDEC turns 33" published in Shamag's November 2011 issue, the members of the Regional Expert's Pool recognized and mentioned in the article are only those who reviewed/evaluated articles from member agencies for publication. Likewise, Zacarias A. Baluscang and Jesus R. Aspuria are 1st RRDCC Vice Chairs and not 2nd as mentioned in the article.

-Dr. Esther Huffana coordinated the Marian Exhibit held on October 17-21 which was featured in a photo published in Shamag's October 2011 issue.

Overpass and drinking fountains among accreditor's recommendations

Dr. Leoncio M. Matibag, an accreditor for AACCUP or the Accrediting Agency for Chartered Colleges and Universities of the Philippines recommended University officials to source out funds for an overpass along the BSU stretch of the Halsema highway and drinking fountains in all buildings.

This was during the exit conference of the three-day AACCUP Accreditation conducted on December 5-7, 2011 for the degrees Doctor of Philosophy in Agronomy for Level I, BS in Library and Information Science and BS in Entrepreneurial Technology for preliminary surveys.

Albeit the recommendations, Dr. Matibag who was tasked to inspect Area VIII which is Physical Plant and Facilities appreciated the newly constructed University covered walk saying that it's the longest one he saw

in all SUCs that he's been to.

"Your school is very accessible and clean with an atmosphere conducive to learning," he added.

The AACCUP accrediting team led by Dr. Lydia P. Libunao are Dr. Oscar R. Jaballa of the Tarlac College of Agriculture, Dr. Marina R. Sabado of the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, Prof. Zoraida E. Bartolome of the Central Luzon State University and Dr. Emelita C. Kempis of the Pampanga Agricultural College.

Areas inspected include the VMGO, faculty, curriculum and instruction, support to students, research, extension and community involvement, library, laboratories, physical plant and facilities and administration.//



The AACCUP accreditors with BSU officials pose for photo ops at the BSU main entrance. (Inset) AACCUP accreditors at work at the BSU Strawberry R&D Program greenhouse with Dr. Danilo Padua and Dr. Leoncia Tandang of the CA-Department of Agronomy.// Photo by Casmir Ligat

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organizations in promoting organic agriculture in the Cordillera. Later on, the BSU Organic Agriculture Program (BSU-OAP) was ironed out. Dr. Colting, knowing very much how the newspapers can help in the new advocacy, in his R4D corner under the 'University Belt' column of Sun Star Baguio wrote on February 27, 2008;

The program's framework is premised on the Organic Certification Center of the Philippines (OCCP) definition on organic agriculture, which

is: "the use of agricultural methods and practices that are considered to be ecologically sound and sustainable." Inspired by this mantra, the BSU-OAP aims to achieve the following: produce organically grown crops for consumers, generate technologies that promote long term productivity of farms, develop a market for organically grown crops and produce graduates who will support the organic agriculture industry.

In the following years, the Organic Market and the Cordillera Organic Agriculture Development

Center was launched. BSU produced coffee and some vegetables now boast of being certified by the Institute of Marketecology, an international organic agriculture certifying body and the Organic Certification Center of the Philippines.

Aside from this developments, organic agriculture as one specialization in the degree BS in Agriculture was also offered along with Master of Science in Agroecology with specialization in Organic Agriculture at the BSU-Open University in partnership with the

PBA Rep. Sambar is guest at the CARASUC annual sports tournament



PBA Partylist Rep. Mark Aeron H. Sambar during the opening program of the annual CARASUC sports tournament on December 12, 2011. //Photo by Donald C. Besic

Puwersa ng Bayaning Atleta (PBA) Partylist Representative, Mark Aeron H. Sambar was the guest of honor during the opening program of the annual CARASUC or Cordillera Administrative Region Association of State Universities and Colleges three-day sports tournament on December 12-14, 2011 at the Benguet State University sports complex.

The 29-year-old Canada and University of Peking educated Representative encouraged the participants coming from Abra State Institute of Science and Technology, Kalinga Apayao State College,

Ifugao State University, University of the Philippines-Baguio, Benguet State University and the Apayao State College to work hard, be disciplined and persevere.

"Manny Pacquiao pushed himself hard just to be the champion that he is today. Push yourself too, to where you want to be," he said exemplifying PBA Partylist Chair, Manny Pacquiao.

PBA's agenda is to represent the Filipino athlete in more than just the sporting arena but in the pursuit of a life worthy of all hard-working Filipino citizens and to uplift sports and the development of its future stars by giving them a voice in the political landscape as well as to spread awareness of the benefits of sports and fairplay in competition to all Filipinos.

The CARASUC opening program was also attended by La Trinidad Mayor, Gregorio Abalos, Paul Bagano representing Benguet Governor, Nestor B. Fongwan, CHED-CAR Director, Louisa Valencia, CARASUC Chair and KASC President, Eduardo T. Bagtang, IfSU President, Serafin Ngohayon, ASC- OIC President, Zacarias Baluscang, Jr. , BSU President, Ben D. Ladilad and UP Baguio .//



Newly installed BSU President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad leads the BSU delegates during the opening parade of the annual CARASUC tournament on December 12, 2011. (Right) CARASUC Chair, Dr. Eduardo Bagtang with Rep. Sambar. //Photos by Samuel Poliden and Donald C. Besic



Cordillera SUCs to write books on healthy IK



The participants to the orientation and writeshop on documentation of healthy Indigenous Knowledge on Agriculture and Environment in CAR held on December 12-13 at the Benguet State University.//Photos by Cherry Laza-Benosa

The six SUCs in the Cordillera will team up as a consortium to produce books on healthy Indigenous Knowledge about agriculture and environment conservation in CAR.

The books to be produced will be one output of the program "Documentation of Healthy Indigenous Knowledge on Agriculture and Environment Conservation in the Cordillera Administrative Region" that received a 2M start up fund from the office of Sen. Loren Legarda.

To jumpstart the program, an orientation and writeshop was conducted at the Benguet State University on December 12-13, 2011 participated by SUC heads namely Dr. Serafin Ngohayon of IfSU, Dr. Zacarias Baluscang of ASC, Dr. Eduardo T. Bagtang of KASC, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad of BSU and Dr. Louisa Valencia of ASIST.

The orientation and writeshop identified a focus area per SUC on IKs relative to climate change, an inventory and a common format on the identification and presentation of healthy IK on agriculture and environment

conservation in CAR.

"For the indigenous peoples of the Cordillera region, it is their IK systems that set them apart from other communities in Philippine mainstream society. However, these are continuously being threatened not only by the influx of western or modern knowledge but more so by the fact that they are largely undocumented," reads the Program Proposal presented by IfSU President, Dr. Serafin Ngohayon.

The program has six projects including IK on Agriculture and Environment Conservation, IK on Health and Nutrition, IK on Local Governance, IK on Learning Systems, IK on Visual Arts and IK on Qualification and Quantification.//JST

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In the context of sustainable development along Agriculture, Fisheries and Natural Resources, BSU continues to explore avenues where organic agriculture will see promotion.

Dr. Colting's other prime focus is the students first policy. Support to students' activities were given. The campus press was given full freedom to express the sentiments of the students, there was no censorship. In return students continued to perform well in TAYO, TOSP, AYALA Youth, Press Conferences and others.

Various partnerships with local, national and international institutions have been formed to provide an avenue for BSU to gain support for its extension services and outreach, students and constituency.

Some of these partners include the Asia Vegetable Research and Development Center, Australian Center for Agricultural Research, Australian International Language Academy, Southern Cross International Learning Institute, Centro Internacional De La Papa, In Went Organization, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Soka University, Plastro Company, ARAVA International Center for Agricultural Training and many more. Locally, BSU partnered with CHED, CICT, Figaro Foundation, HARRDEC,

SUCs, NFA, media organizations, farmer's associations, LGUs, NGOs and private universities for projects ranging from technology commercialization to livelihood projects.

One example is the strawberry runner production through tissue culture. This provided local farmers with disease-free strawberry runners eventually earning it the Best HEI Extension Program award from CHED in 2010. BSU also served as a Nodal Center on ICT Development.

The Intellectual Property Rights Office was also established in 2003 to safeguard technologies developed in the University from piracy. Likewise, the formation of the University Public Affairs Office in 2005 contributed to increased number of visitors to the University promoting agro-tourism and improved the packaging of BSU-related information for prospect partners, clients and students. The International Language Center was launched to accommodate the increasing number of foreign students.

The University Library became the first library in North Luzon to fully automate library services adopting the Follet Library Integrated Software and in 2006. In 2007, BSU got the highest over-all Annual Performance Rating (APR) among SUCs in CAR according to the Annual

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Library Corner *by Team Library*

Children and Lactation room now open



Newly installed BSU President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad with the ULIS staff during his visit to the Library on December 13, 2011. (Right) Father Abner Dalilis officiated the Holy Mass during the blessing and inauguration of the Children and Lactation room at the ULIS basement. The Children and Lactation Room is a project of the Institute of Social Research and Development (ISERD) under the University Gender and Development program.

The Human Rights Week at BSU

BSU celebrated the National Human Rights Consciousness Week from December 4-10, 2011 with a forum on Human Rights organized by the Legal Services Office led by Atty. Matias Angiwan. The National Human Rights Consciousness Week's theme is "End Impunity! Make Human Rights a Way of Life."



Atty. Harold D. Kub-arón of the Commission on Human Rights-CAR gave a short lecture on impunity during the regular Monday Flag Ceremony on December 5, 2011.

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Report of the Department of Budget and Development (DBM) and eventually attained SUC level IV under the Commission on Higher Education on the same year.

On Dr. Colting's last years as BSU President, the Center for Culture and the Arts and then the BSU-CCA Historical Museum was established. This manifested his support to culture and Indigenous Knowledge.

Dr. Colting once said, "The milestones we have achieved in the areas of instruction, research, extension and governance are made possible through the concerted efforts of more than 500 faculty and staff that run this University with passion...we also owe our achievements to our students, alumni and all other stakeholders as individuals or institutions. For these, we are very grateful to them."



Atty. Mary Grace Manzano-Dalog of the CHR-CAR gave a talk about Human Rights Concepts and Principles during the Forum on Human Rights for BSU faculty, staff and students on December 5, 2011.



BSU constituents received their Christmas Gift Packs from December 13-16, 2011. The gift packs were proposed by the BSUNTA and was granted a 2M fund from the BSU Administration.

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