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Comm. Canapi joins BSU in celebrating 39th year as a university



BSU officials (L-R): VPBA Josel M. Florentin, VPRE Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres, VPAA Janet P. Pablo, President Kenneth A. Laruan, and VPAF Richard H. Kinnud pose with CHED Commissioner Marita R. Canapi (3rd) during the 39th Charter Anniversary Program on January 15, 2025 at the BSU Gym//PGadang

CHED Commissioner and Chair of the BSU Board of Regents, Marita R. Canapi attended the 39th Charter Anniversary Celebration of Benguet State University as the keynote speaker to the anniversary program held on January 15, 2025 at the BSU Gymnasium.

Canapi emphasized that the celebration commemorates the university's accomplishments

over the past 39 years. She noted that it is also a time to express gratitude for the blessings the university has received from various sources, including national and local government units, provincial and municipal offices, officials, and line agencies that supported the university during its transition to a state university.

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DA-BAR Dir. Soriano urges BSU to strengthen and expand R&D collaboration

Junel B. Soriano, Director of the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR) urged Benguet State University (BSU) researchers to strengthen and expand Research and Development (R&D) collaboration within Benguet. He made the call during the consultation meeting held on January 30, 2025 at the Everlasting Hall, Research and Extension building.

The meeting served as an avenue for the University researchers to discuss DA-BAR funded projects and raise any concerns. Soriano, with Program Development Division Head Raymond Patrick Cabrera and other DA-BAR personnel also shared new programs, processes, and reforms of the Bureau.

In his address, Soriano commended BSU for its significant R&D contributions.

"Thank you for your contributions. We know that you have the capability and capacity to sustain and even improve your work in research and extension," he expressed.

He highlighted DA-BAR's initiatives to increase R&D funding that would also benefit State Universities and Colleges and emphasized the potential of public-private partnerships.

"Let's cultivate further. Let's strengthen our collaborative partnership. We appreciate more if you can strengthen or expand your collaboration within Benguet," he said, sharing that the DA-BAR engages with private companies through capacity-building, investment, and R&D program alignment.

He then encouraged BSU, along with DA-BAR, to partner with the private sector in developing technologies, emphasizing the importance of joint efforts to ensure these technologies reach farmers.

"What we need to do now is collaborate with them (private sector). If we can develop technologies, for example, with BSU and the private sector, there is an assurance that the developed

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Benguet State University

VISION

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

MISSION

BSU CARES to: **C**hallenge innovation, **A**dvance technology and facility, **R**evitalize administration, **E**ngender partnership, and **S**erve intergenerational role.

DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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

Objectives:

1. **(Instruction)** To provide quality education responsive to the needs of time;
2. **(Research)** To enhance research productivity contributing to sustainable development;
3. **(Extension)** To disseminate relevant research outputs and other scholarly activities consistent with BSU's mandated programs;
4. **(Production)** To promote sustainable and appropriate resource generation strategies for the implementation of development plans; and
5. **(Administration)** 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. **(Instruction)** To use information and communication technology learning resources to sustain and enhance quality of alternative teaching - learning continuity endeavors;
2. **(Research and Extension)** To upgrade facilities and enable researchers/extensionists to conduct activities using specialized facilities;
3. **(Production)** To acquire and upgrade state-of-the-art facilities in the projects innovation; and
4. **(Administration)** 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. Engender Partnership by proactively strengthening linkages

Objectives:

1. **(Instruction)** To establish academic partnerships with local, regional, national, and international institutions providing educational opportunities for faculty, staff, and students;
2. **(Research)** To increase and sustain university relations with academe, industries, GOs, NGOs, and LGUs for research funding;
3. **(Extension)** To increase and sustain partnership with academe, LGUs, NGOs, Industries, and others; and
4. **(Production)** To comply with existing laws, policies and other requirements.

Goal V. 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 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 best practices of the University.

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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 hosts Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Agricultural Research mentoring workshop



DOST Balik-Scientist Venecio U. Ultra Jr. served as one of the resource speakers during the DA-BAR Mentoring Workshop on January 28-30, 2025 at the R&E Everlasting Hall//PGadang

The Research and Extension (R&E) sector hosted a three-day mentoring workshop on the development and packaging of research proposals for the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR). The workshop was held on January 28-30, 2025 at the R&E Everlasting Hall.

The participants were researchers from BSU, Northwest Samar State University, Bicol University, Marinduque State University, and the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines.

BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan and VP for Research and Extension Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres welcomed the participants and the resource speakers from the DA-BAR Program Development Division, Marnelie G. Subong and Leila Jamila P. Rebuldela.

The workshop started with a presentation of DA-BAR funding priorities, requirements, and submission processes by

Subong and Rebuldela. This was followed by a discussion on navigating the research processes for DA-BAR funding led by Nordalyn B. Pedroche, a faculty member of the BSU College of Agriculture and Deputy Director of the Cordillera Consortium for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Resources Research and Development (CORCAARRD).

This was followed by DOST Balik-Scientist Venecio U. Ultra Jr. who, along with the participants, explored initial topics or problems and areas of interest. Afterwards, a writeshop was facilitated for the participants to polish their study proposals.

More sessions for polishing the participants' research designs, methodologies, work plans, and budget were done on the next day. The participants also presented their work before a panel of evaluators.

The workshop concluded with the presentation of the participants' final

outputs and further mentoring facilitated by Ultra and the resource speakers. Junel B. Soriano, Director of DA-BAR, encouraged the participants to go beyond publishing their research. He emphasized the importance of research impact and urged collaborations with Local Government Units (LGUs). Raymond Patrick L. Cabrera of DA-BAR also attended the event and shared words of guidance with the participants.

In her closing remarks, Ruth S. Batani, Director of the Office of Research Services and CORCAARRD, reiterated Soriano's message about the importance of collaborating with LGUs. She acknowledged that researchers feel satisfied with their research outputs but what is essential is the impact and the need for cooperation with the LGUs. Batani also hoped for a partnership with the DA-BAR.//BTayaban

BSU hosts UHU staff mobility

Benguet State University (BSU) welcomed Erika Martinez Gonzales from the Faculty of Nursing, University of Huelva, Spain on January 13, 2025. She was in BSU for a week-long Staff Mobility Program. She was formally introduced to the BSU community by International Relations Office (IRO) Director Rex John G. Bawang during the flag-raising ceremony.

Her visit began with a courtesy call with BSU officials: BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan, VP for Academic Affairs Janet Pablo, VP for Research and Extension Roscinto Ian Lumbres, VP for Business Affairs Josel Florentin, and the receiving college representatives: College of Nursing Dean Mark U. Gay-as, College Secretary Jonalyn Esco, and GAD Director Jude L. Tayaben.

Following the courtesy call, Gonzales toured BSU's La Trinidad Campus, starting from the Centennial Park for a glimpse of the university's history. She also visited the Cordillera Regional Apiculture Center (CRAC) where Research Assistant Leo Kimbungan introduced her to BSU's bee research and honey production initiatives.

The tour continued at the Institute of Highland Farming Systems and Agroforestry (IHFS) where Von Amado shared insights into BSU's coffee production practices, including the innovative "coffee under pine" farming system. The tour concluded at the Benguet Museum, where Provincial Tourism Officer Kenneth Kelcho provided an overview of Benguet's rich cultural history.//GPalberas



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She recognized that the university helped in the improvement of the Benguet community where many students have completed their studies and gained new opportunities specially when the Free Higher Education Act was implemented. Canapi highlighted the university's achievements over the years and stated that this celebration reaffirms BSU's commitment to providing quality education and services to its community members.

Canapi also lauded BSU's consistent demonstration of commitment, competence, and resilience, reflecting its core values. She pointed out that despite the challenges faced during the

global pandemic and various setbacks, BSU continued to pursue world-class education that promotes sustainable development and effectively delivered services, even in difficult times.

"We expect the students, faculty, local government, and partners to remember that you are the heart of the institution. Continue to break barriers, expand horizons, and inspire change for BSU. Because BSU is not just a center of academic excellence, it is also a catalyst for societal transformation," Canapi added.

After her speech, Canapi was donned with a Devit- the traditional attire of Benguet women, to welcome her on her first visit to BSU.

The Charter Anniversary program was also attended by equally important guests from the BSU Board of Regents, Benguet Local Government Units, National Line Agencies, and State Colleges and Universities.

In a message, La Trinidad Mayor Romeo K. Salda represented by Councilor Judde Bryan Lubos Lee, acknowledged the university's commitment to growth and excellence in cultivating competitive students and individuals with strong values. He urged BSU to continue advancing knowledge, research, technology, and environmental stewardship for a sustainable tomorrow.

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Kapihan sa BSU, January 13, 2025 - The 39th Charter Anniversary Celebration began with the Kapihan sa BSU held at the College of Human Kinetics Hall.

The panelists were BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan, VP for Academic Affairs Janet P. Pablo, VP for Business Affairs Josel M. Florentin, VP for Research and Extension Roscinto Ian C.



Lumbres, and VP for Administration and Finance Richard H. Kinnud. This new set of BSU leaders presented their respective sectors' accomplishments and goals for the year. Activities for the 39th Charter Anniversary Celebration were also announced.

Journalists and reporters from the Philippine News Agency, BSU's Mountain Collegian, DZWT, RPN DZBS, Rappler, Bombo Radyo,

Business Mirror, The Filipino News Sentinel, and PIA-CAR attended the activity and interacted with the panelists. Some BSU employees were also present in support of the panelists.

Several issues and concerns of the public regarding BSU course offerings, research activities, employees, and land reservations were discussed and clarified.

January 15, 2025 - An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is a principal activity in the celebration of BSU milestones because majority of University stakeholders are Christians. The highlight of the 39th Charter Anniversary Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service was the dedication ceremony for BSU's top leadership.

This is to seek God's guidance for the leaders as they do their duties and responsibilities. BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan, VP for Research and Extension Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres, VP for Academic Affairs Janet P. Pablo, VP for Administration and Finance Richard H. Kinnud, and VP for Business Affairs Josel M. Florentin were dedicated and consecrated by the La Trinidad Ecumenical Council of Churches clergy.



January 15, 2025 - A total of 97 employees and four retirees were recognized during the PRAISE EVERLASTING Awards organized by the Human Resource Development Office and the Human Resource Management Office. This event honored employees and retirees for their years of government service.

The awards presented during the ceremony were the Salamat-Mabuhay Award, the Milestone Award, and the Loyalty Award. The Salamat-Mabuhay Award was given to retirees, the Milestone Award was awarded to those who completed 10 years of government service, and the Loyalty Award was presented to employees who served for 15 to 40 years.



January 16-17, 2025 - As part of the Benguet State University 39th Charter Anniversary Celebration, the Benguet State University Government Employees Association, Incorporated (BSUGEAI) in collaboration with the College of Human Kinetics organized the Fun Ride and Fun Bike events.

The events aimed to promote health and fitness, strengthen camaraderie, and encourage healthy lifestyles while providing a fun experience for the participants. Over 324 employees, students, alumni, and community members participated in the activities.



January 16, 2025 - A Mobile Blood Letting Activity was held at the Benguet State University (BSU) – Secondary Laboratory School (SLS) covered court. The initiative was carried out by the Philippine Red Cross – Benguet Chapter in partnership with the BSU College of Nursing and the University Health Services. This activity is part of the 39th Charter Anniversary celebration of the university.



January 17, 2025 - The BSUGEAI spearheaded a ceremony to switch off the Christmas lights at the BSU Centennial Park. The cold evening was warmed up with a serenade by the BSU Rondalla and overflowing coffee sponsored by the BSUGEAI.

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Benguet Governor Melchor D. Diclas congratulated the university and announced the provincial scholarship program which sponsors one student from each Barangay every year. He also mentioned the "study now, pay later" plan for the Doctor of Medicine degree which will support one scholar per municipality. Gov. Diclas looked forward to the opening of BSU's College of Medicine and reaffirmed the Provincial Government's commitment to supporting the university.

Former members of the BSU Board of Regents including Hon. Lorenzo S. Acosta III, Hon. Felipe Salaing Comila, and Hon. Susan A. Sumbeling were also recognized during the program.

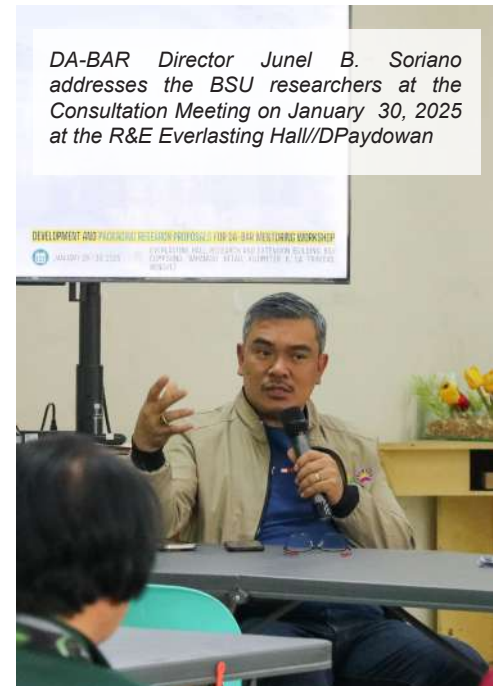
The new BSU VP for Academic Affairs, Janet P. Pablo highlighted that the celebration is an opportunity to appreciate

the university's partners and those who have contributed to its improvement. Meanwhile, VP for Research and Extension Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres appreciated the contribution of the Board of Regents to the development of the university. He emphasized that BSU is built on integrity and although its constituents have their differences, they still work, face challenges and celebrate together. He also thanked BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan for providing a clear direction so that BSU can achieve the Charter Anniversary theme.

The BSU Charter Anniversary is celebrated every year to commemorate its elevation from Mountain State Agricultural College (MSAC) to BSU on January 12, 1986. This year's celebration was themed "Advancing knowledge, research,

technology, and environmental stewardship for a sustainable tomorrow."

Lined up activities in celebration to this milestone were the Kapihan sa BSU, Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, PRAISE Everlasting Awards, Fun Run and Biking, Bloodletting, and the Christmas Lights Retreat.//BTayaban



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technologies will reach the field. There is assurance that the private sector will bring those technologies to the farmers because that is their mandate," he explained.

Following Soriano's message, BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan and the university researchers raised their concerns on BSU's DA-BAR-funded projects. VP for Research and Extension Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres assured the DA-BAR officials that the University will do its best to address the financial and technical issues raised.

In an interview, Laruan supported Soriano's call for increased R&D collaboration encouraging BSU researchers to strengthen collaboration by engaging stakeholders from the initial stages of research proposal development.

After the consultation, the DA-BAR officials visited several research projects at the Northern Philippines Root Crops Research and Training Center, Food Science Research Innovation Center, and the Agri-based Technology Business Incubator/Innovation Center, including projects previously funded by DA-BAR.//EBawayan

Japanese entrepreneur explores BSU's FSRIC and ATBI/IC



Kimio Takarada, President of Takara Inc., visited Benguet State University (BSU) on January 23, 2025 to explore its strawberry production system. His visit began with a courtesy call to President Kenneth A. Laruan, joined by International Relations Office Director Rex John G. Bawang and Agri-based Technology Business Incubator/Innovation Center (ATBI/IC) Director Ruth C. Diego.

After the introductory meeting, Takarada proceeded to meet VP for Research and Extension Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres. During their discussion, they explored potential areas for collaboration between Takara Inc. and BSU. Takarada also shared that he discovered BSU through Marlowe

Aquino of Mariano Marcos State University where they are collaborating on black garlic production and processing.

Takarada also met with Food Science Research and Innovation Center Director Lesley Dale Umayat, where they discussed their shared interest in food processing and production, comparing methods used in Japan and the Philippines. The visit continued with a tour led by Diego, who showcased the university's Incubation Center and ATBI Demo Farms. Diego highlighted how the university supports its incubatees in producing and marketing strawberries and strawberry-based products.//GPalberas

CTE holds first pinning ceremony for pre-service teachers

The Benguet State University-College of Teacher Education (CTE) recently made history by holding its first Pinning Ceremony with the theme "Cultivating Future Educators Towards Sustainable Development" for pre-service teachers on January 13, 2025 at the Hotel Supreme, Baguio City.

After CTE Dean Divina M. Yango welcomed the students, parents, and other guests, Alexandra S. Sad-ang shared the purpose of the ceremony. Sad-ang is the Chairperson of the CTE-Department of Elementary Teacher Education.

The ceremony was to formally send-off students for their teaching internship and to recognize the completion of their academic courses. It symbolized the passage of the torch of knowledge and the transition from students to educators.

Maridel P. Langbis delivered a message on behalf of University President Kenneth A. Laruan. Langbis emphasized the crucial role of educators in shaping the future. She also highlighted that teaching is more than just imparting knowledge, it involves nurturing values, skills, and aspirations in students. Langbis shared the acronym TEACHER: Transformative, Empathetic, Adaptable, Committed, Holistic, Evolving, and Resilient to inspire the students and help them towards their goals.

The ceremony was highlighted with the pinning of the student's nameplates by their parents and the lighting of candles to symbolize the students' commitment and dedication to their profession.

The ceremony was solemnized with a message from Rev. Sam B. Galino, Senior Pastor of the Pico Church of the Nazarene. Galino shared the four C's: Calling, Competence, Context, and Character which are needed for a teaching profession. He further elaborated that the calling for the teaching profession comes with a responsibility particularly in teaching different



students and making a positive impact in their lives.

Out of the four C's, Galino said that a teachers' character is the most important adding that they also need to learn how to collaborate with their fellow teachers and not treat them as enemies. He hoped that with the sharing and lessons he shared, the students would be reminded of the four C's as they teach.

Student representatives shared their responses. Bachelor of Early Childhood Education Intern Brenia B. Cunning thanked their professors, mentors, and families for their unwavering support. She emphasized the significance of the pin as a symbol of readiness and their commitment to make a positive impact in the lives of their future students.

"It's in these moments that we realize the heart of teaching isn't just about delivering lessons or meeting objectives. It's about the connection we build with our students, the pride we feel in their growth, and the privilege of being part of their learning journey," Cunning said.

Bachelor of Secondary Education Intern John Rey N. Macasieb also expressed

his gratitude for all the support they received during their journey as students. Macasieb shared his joy for being part of CTE's first pinning ceremony. He reminded his co-interns to instill the values they learned and carry the weight of their responsibilities with pride and humility.

"This ceremony is a promise to our students, to our community, and of course to ourselves that we will strive for excellence in our profession and that we are committed to cultivating future educators toward sustainable development," Macasieb said.

Department of Early Childhood Teacher Education Chairperson Evelyn S. Angiwan delivered the closing message. Angiwan emphasized the significance of the first pinning ceremony at CTE, recognizing it as a crucial step in the journey of pre-service teachers. She also acknowledged the challenges of the teaching profession emphasizing the need for dedication and a brave heart. Finally, Angiwan expressed her gratitude and recognized the efforts of the organizers for the success of the event and the parents for their unwavering support.// PGadang

BSU welcomes delegates from Pacific Islands

Benguet State University (BSU) welcomed delegates from the Pacific Islands with a cultural dinner organized by the International Relations Office (IRO) on January 8, 2025. The event highlighted the rich cultural heritage of the Cordillera, showcased through performances by the BSU KONTAD Cultural Group, which presented various traditional dances from the region.

In his welcome remarks, IRO Director Rex John G. Bawang provided a brief introduction to Cordilleran culture.

Maridel P. Langbis, representing BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan, extended a warm welcome to the guests, emphasizing the shared values of indigenous culture among Pacific Islanders and Cordillerans. On behalf of the University of Guam (UOG), Lisa Linda Natividad underscored the enduring partnership between BSU and UOG, highlighting almost six years of collaboration that continue to expand, now involving other Pacific Island partners.

As part of the program, the delegates presented a gift to BSU, which

was handed over by Hema Wi Hongi from Aotearoa (New Zealand) and received by Langbis. The evening concluded with a community dance performed by KONTAD, joined by the delegates, followed by a moving Māori chant by Hema. IRO Deputy Director Doreen I. Allasiw delivered the closing remarks, expressing gratitude and anticipation for further collaborations.

The delegates represent various Pacific Islands and participated in a research symposium on January 9, 2025, at the Carnation Hall, Research and Extension Building.//GPalberas

BSU hosts research symposium on Indigenous healing practices in the Cordilleras and the Pacific Islands



The resource speakers and the organizers of the Research Symposium from the BSU, PIKP, UOG, and Pawanka Fund Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Learning, with the participants pose after the event on January 9, 2025 at the R&E Everlasting Hall/EBawang

Benguet State University's Institute of Social Research and Development (ISRD), Gender and Development (GAD) Office, International Relations Office (IRO), and the College of Social Sciences (CSS) hosted a research symposium showcasing studies on the indigenous healing practices in the Cordillera Administrative Region and the Pacific Islands. This was held on January 9, 2025 at the Everlasting Hall of the Research and Extension Bldg. in collaboration with the Partners of Indigenous Knowledge-Philippines (PIKP), University of Guam: Unibetsedät Guåhan (UOG), and Pawanka Fund Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Learning.

CSS Dean Stanley F. Anongos Jr. welcomed the participants by sharing how Cordillerans greet each other. He stated that the Cordillerans do not have standard form of greeting as this depends on what the person being greeted would consider as a greeting. Anongos explained that the greeting can be through food, coffee or betel nut.

Ruth S. Batani, Director of the Office of Research Services representing BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan, continued the story by saying that the sharing of betel nuts even without talking is already sending a message of commitment to each other. She then expressed her hopes of more partnerships, open discussions, and sharing of knowledge and expertise.

Anita Borja Enriquez, President and Maga'haga of the UOG who attended online,

resonated Batani's message also expressing her hopes for a continued partnership with BSU. She then highlighted the importance of passing down and recognizing traditional and indigenous healing practices.

Next, CSS Extension Coordinator Gigy G. Banes presented the rationale of the symposium and shared how the partnership between BSU and UOG began. Both universities maintained a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on the issues related to indigenous health, gender, history, and culture. For BSU, it is also a collaboration among the ISRD, GAD Office, IRO, and the CSS.

The resource speakers on the indigenous healing practices of the Pacific Islands were introduced by IRO Deputy Director Doreen Allasiw. The studies presented are "The Voyage to Center: Micronesian Seafaring and Healing" by Melissa Taitano, Pairourou Pwo Navigator from Guam; "Possible Causes of Spiritual Illness and Discerning the Type of Method for the Treatment" by Señot Donald Meniola, Yo'anti and Spiritual Healer from the Mariana Islands; "The Sacred Winds: Connection to Ancestors" by Hema Wi Hongi from the Māori Women's Welfare League Tuia te Waiori Branch in Aotearoa, New Zealand; and "Settler Responsibility: Island-Relationality and Decolonial Solidarity" by Rebekah Garrison of the Sierra Club of Hawai'i. An

open forum after the presentations was facilitated by Adrian Peter Cruz, a Cultural Consultant in Guam.

The resource speakers from the Cordilleras were introduced by CSS-Department of Psychology Chairperson Agnes Kryza Sito. The studies presented were "Bogwa: An Alternative Healing Practice of Senafe, Ifugao" by Ke-al Alindayo, Teacher III at Sto. Thomas National High School and "Indigenous Healing: Facilitating Cultural Assertions of Indigenous Peoples in Northern Luzon" by Christine Grace S. Fuchigami, BSU Faculty-Researcher. This was followed by talks on medicinal plants and ritual/spiritual healing by Corazon Loste and Beatriz Aliwana from PIKP. Afterwards, an open forum was facilitated by ISRD Director Ann Heather B. Kiwang.

The symposium ended with remarks by Zenaida Hamada Pawid, former National Commission on Indigenous Peoples Chairperson and CSS History Department Chairperson Tecah C. Sagandoy. Pawid shared her hopes that the presentations and discussion during the symposium would lead to the establishment of the College of Indigenous Medicine. On the other hand, Sagandoy encouraged the participants to continue what they do and what they have to do whether by sharing, engaging or conversing.//BTayaban