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BSU undergoes 2nd Surveillance Audit for ISO 9001:2015



TÜV Rheinland auditors met with BSU officials in an Opening Meeting on October 5, 2026 at the RDC Hall

October 5-8, 2026—TÜV Rheinland auditors verified BSU's compliance to ISO 9001:2015 standards in a four-day surveillance audit. The audit covered BSU La Trinidad, Bokod, and Buguias.

The audit team is composed of Lead Auditor Marlon Louis Almazan and John Francis Faustorillo, Jr.

The four-day assessment involved random sampling, interviews with key personnel and process owners, process observations, and record verifications.

The audit concluded on October 8, 2026 with a closing meeting. The auditors presented their findings, highlighting opportunities for improvement and non-conformities that must be addressed. Following their presentation, the audit team recommended the continuation of BSU's ISO certification, depending upon the submission and approval of the required corrective action plans.

VP for Academic Affairs Janet P. Pablo, representing University President Kenneth A. Laruan, expressed commitment and gratitude to the auditors.

Pablo emphasized that the audit reminded everyone that quality is not a destination but a continuing journey—a commitment to refining processes, serving stakeholders more effectively, and continuously improving the systems that support BSU's mission.

In his closing remarks, VP for Research and Extension Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres emphasized that the audit findings would help the University's growth.

Lumbres shared a famous phrase of Aristotelian philosophy—quality is not an act, but a habit. He encouraged BSU constituents to look beyond fault. "Ninety-nine percent of failures come from the habit of making excuses," he said quoting George Washington Carver.

The VPRE also emphasized that the three campuses of BSU share in celebrating success and in facing challenges.

"The success of one campus is the success of the university; however, the failure of one campus is the failure of the entire institution. So let us reflect on how can we help each other to elevate and assure the quality management system of the university," he concluded.

BSU, a state provider of tertiary education, has been ISO 9001:2015 certified since 2018.

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> **"We commit to shaping minds, transforming communities, and sustaining futures."**
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> **JANET P. PABLO**
> VP for Academic Affairs

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BSU VMGO
BSU BOR RESOLUTION No. 183, s. 2025

VISION: A premier university in

transformative education, innovative research, inclusive extension, sustainable development, and stewardship of culture and the environment

MISSION

Cultivate resilient and future-ready human capital through excellent teaching, responsive research, proactive and sustainable community engagements, strategic partnerships, and progressive leadership

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1 (Instruction) Ensure equity in accessing quality higher education
Objectives
- Formulate and implement affirmative action policies aligned with Free Higher Education
- Sustain enrollment of disadvantaged students
- Sustain grants and scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies students
- Develop learning continuity and student affairs services plan
- Implement inclusive education strategies for diverse learners
- Sustain optimal enrollment in all degree programs

GOAL 2 (Instruction) Advance quality and relevant instruction to boost regional economies
Objectives
- Enhance instruction through a supportive and innovative environment
- Continuously improve tertiary and advanced education standards

GOAL 3 (Research) Develop gender and culture-sensitive solutions, innovative and transformative research and technologies to reduce regional vulnerabilities and boost socio-economic activities
Objectives
- Strengthen policies, culture, linkages, and support for research and development
- Advance scholarly capabilities of faculty and staff through
- research-driven initiatives and activities

GOAL 4 (Extension) Develop proactive extension programs to sustain livable and resilient communities prioritizing disadvantaged areas and vulnerable sectors
Objectives
- Enhance extension system environment for effective community development
- Build capacity among extension service providers
- Implement culturally relevant and gender sensitive engagement programs
- Expand reach and inclusivity of extension initiatives
- Evaluate and amplify the impact of extension programs and projects

GOAL 5 (Administration and Finance) Promote integrity-based governance and efficient management of resources
Objectives
- Develop human resource capabilities
- Cultivate a culture of good governance and resource stewardship
- Develop smart and green campus solutions
- Establish sound financial policies and systems

GOAL 6 (Business Affairs) Balance progressive resource development while maintaining existing biophysical resources
Objectives
- Foster a supportive ecosystem for entrepreneurial ventures
- Create strategic and socially-responsible business partnerships
- Strengthen capabilities in revenue-generating activities
- Optimize existing income sources
- Pursue green enterprises and growth opportunities

GOAL 7 Strengthening and expanding strategic partnerships
Objectives
- Build a dynamic and enabling environment for partnerships
- Deepen engagement with alumni, government, and civil society
- Strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration among academe, LGUs, industries, and communities

BSU GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES
BSU BOR RESOLUTION No. 304, s. 2025



BSU CORE VALUES: Integrity, Resilience, Innovation, Stewardship, Service, and Excellence
BSU BOR RESOLUTION No. 304, s. 2025
Shaping Minds, Transforming Communities, Shaping Futures

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 supports the Sustainable Development Goals



Four degree programs undergo 4th Survey (Phase 2) by AACCUP

September 29-October 1, 2026—A team from the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) evaluated four Benguet State University degree programs for Level 4-Phase 2 during a Hybrid Accreditation Survey Visit.

The assessed programs included Doctor of Philosophy in Horticulture, Master of Science in Horticulture, Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, and the Bachelor of Science in Statistics.

During the opening meeting on September 29, 2026, VP for Academic Affairs Janet P. Pablo emphasized that quality assurance mechanisms should not exist merely for compliance, but to be sustained, noting that the programs are evaluated for Level 4-Phase 2.

Pablo welcomed the accreditors and thanked the BSU faculty, staff, administrators, and stakeholders for their commitment to building and strengthening the university's culture of quality education.

She urged everyone to reflect by asking: Are the quality practices and improvements that our colleges, our institution has established truly being sustained, institutionalized, and translated into better educational outcomes?

"Ultimately, this is what quality assurance should be about—not simply meeting standards, but ensuring that our efforts create a lasting and meaningful difference in the lives of our students as well as our stakeholders," she said.

Following this, Office for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Director Joanna I. Alafag introduced the BSU officials and the AACCUP Overall Accreditor, Elsie M. Pacho from Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, who attended on-site. College of Agriculture Dean Constantino T. Sudaypan Sr. and College of Numeracy and Applied Sciences Dean Ederson Bawang introduced the Local Task Force from their respective colleges. Pacho also introduced the co-accreditors, shared the purpose of the visit, and provided an orientation on the accreditation process.

Other accreditors were Carmenchita M. Tumaca from Aklan State University, Amparo B. Lacandula from University of Southeastern Philippines, Pet Roey L. Pascual of Cebu Technological University, Cecile O. Legaspi from Aklan State University, Cristina R. Salvosa from Nueva Vizcaya State University, Shiela G. Reyes from Agusan Del Sur State University, and Alberto C. Arellano of University of Southern Mindanao.

The accreditation proper followed, evaluating the degree programs in areas of research; performance of graduates; community service; international linkages and consortia; and well-developed planning process.

At the closing meeting on October 1, 2026, Pacho presented the team's findings on the evaluated programs. She expressed hope that the survey visit strengthened everyone through the experience, inspired by the feedback, and united in their determination to elevate the academic programs even further. She also encouraged everyone to carry forward the lessons learned, insights gained, and momentum built during the three-day evaluation.

In his message, VP for Administration and Finance Richard H. Kinnud, representing University President Kenneth A. Laruan, related the story of the Three Little Pigs to the accreditation process. In the fable, three pigs built their houses out of straw, sticks, and bricks. When the strong winds blew, only the brick house survived and provided safety from the wolf.

Drawing from the story, Kinnud stressed that the university should build systems on solid foundations by establishing sound policies, clear processes, reliable data, proper documentation, capable people, and practices that can withstand not only the accreditation visit, but the test of time.

> **"As we move forward, let this not be the end of an academic exercise, but the continuation of a commitment. Accreditation should not be seen as a periodic event, but as a culture and a way of life—a culture of evidence-based improvement, innovation, accountability, and excellence."**
>
> **ELSIE M. PACHO**
> Overall Accreditor

Reaffirming the university's commitment to quality education, Kinnud expressed, "On behalf of our university president, I affirm the university's commitment to continue supporting the programs of the College of Agriculture and the College of Numeracy and Applied Sciences in strengthening those programs, improving systems, and responding to the recommendations and opportunities identified through this accreditation visit."

The program concluded with closing remarks from CA Dean Sudaypan, emphasizing that accreditation is a "way of life."

"The accreditation should not stop, because if we stop the accreditation, we stop the way of life. It will no longer be the College of Agriculture; it will no longer be the College of Numeracy and Applied Sciences," he said.

E. Bawayan

BSU hosts Regional Workers Congress

October 15, 2026—Benguet State University hosted the Regional Workers Congress, gathering officers of government employee from Regions I, II, and the Cordillera Administrative Region. The congress held at the BSU Gymnasium was themed, "United Public Workers and Genuine Representation in PSLMC- our Response to Optimization Law."

Philippine Government Employees Association (PGEA) spearheaded the event in coordination with the Civil Service Commission (CSC), Department of Labor and Employment – Bureau of Labor Relations (DOLE-BLR), and BSU.

BSU Government Employees Association President Donato Wanawan Jr. delivered the welcome remarks, expressing pride, excitement, and gratitude.

VP for Business Affairs Josel M. Florentin, representing BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan, delivered an inspirational message. He emphasized that the value of public service goes beyond a typical job, as it is carried out with deep commitment.

Florentin also highlighted worker unity and rights, citing Executive Order No. 180, providing guidelines for the exercise of the right to organize of government employees, creating a public sector labor-management council, and for other purposes, and Republic Act No. 12231, an act optimizing the national government for efficient public service delivery. He urged attendees to set aside their differences and stand united, emphasizing that only a united workforce can make their voice strong.

This was followed by solidarity messages delivered by SEU President Christopher C. Bautista, Santiago City GEA President Romulo Bumagat, and PGEA National President Esperanza S. Ocampo.



The first lecture was presented by PGEA Vice President Glen Pastorfide, who discussed ILO C151: Convention of the Labor Relations in the Public Service (Convention No. 151, 1978).

Fernando Depano, Philippine National AIDS Council Secretariat Employees Association President, discussed Republic Act no. 12231, also known as the Government Optimization Act.

After the discussions, CSC Chief Personnel Specialist Ma. Mercedes B. Bulas discussed Public Sector Labor-Management Council concerns and its role in the election of sectoral representatives.

Ramon A. Saura of the DOLE-BLR presented the election guidelines and filing of candidacy. This was followed by the election proper, tallying of votes, and the proclamation of regional representative winners.

> **"Public service is not just a job, it is a vocation, and you carry it with dedication ."**
>
> **JOSEL M. FLORENTIN**
> BSU VP for Business Affairs

The event concluded with the closing remarks of PGEA Education Officer Lylia Discartin. She congratulated the newly elected officers and commended the participants for their active presence until the end of the program. She also expressed optimism for more congresses in the future.

E. Bawayan

Scout Officials For A Day welcomed at BSU

October 12, 2026—Benguet State University joined the 2026 Scout Offcials for a Day (SOFAD) program. The program allows senior scouts from schools across Benguet to experience the duties and responsibilities of leaders from the national line agencies, Local Government Units, and State Universities and Colleges for one day.

The program was conducted in coordination with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines-Benguet Council, the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, the Benguet Provincial Local Government Unit, National Line Agencies, and BSU as part of the annual National Scouting Month celebration. The turnover and oath-taking ceremonies were held at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, La Trinidad, Benguet. During the program, selected scouts formally assumed designated positions in BSU offices.

The activity began with a flag-raising ceremony, followed by the rededication to the Scout Oath and Law and the Girl Scout Promise and Law officiated by Benguet Governor Melchor D. Diclas.

This was followed by the turnover of responsibility symbolized by the ceremonial key, gavel, and parliamentary books. This marks the scouts' temporary assumption of their respective assignments. The ceremony was led by Benguet Gov. Diclas, SOFAD Governor Greyzl Mark Bello, Benguet Vice Governor Marie Rose Fongwan-Kepes, and SOFAD Vice Governor Allysa Kate S. Laoyan.

In his message, Gov. Diclas encouraged the scouts to perform their duties well and to embrace service-centered leadership.

"This turn-over of the keys of the province is not just an exercise, it is an affirmation of our thoughts in your potential. Leadership is not about the titles we hold nor the sashes we wear, or the powers we hold. True leadership begins with a heart of service," he said.

After the message, Bello expressed gratitude for being selected as SOFAD Governor and reflected on the responsibility that comes with the opportunity.

"To be chosen for this opportunity, even for just a day, is not simply about holding a title. It is about understanding that leadership is not about power, but about service," Bello said.

BSU SOFADs received certificates, tokens, BSU products, and honoraria.

E. Bawang



BSU researchers garner awards at LUMIN-AWA 2026

September 29-October 1, 2026—Benguet State University researchers brought home multiple awards after representing the university at the 16th Regional Symposium on Research, Development, and Extension Highlights and the 9th Regional Student Research Congress.

BSU researchers secured top awards across the professional and student categories, as well as in the poster presentation and institutional booth competitions, showcasing research outputs and innovations across agriculture, environment, education, health, culture, and emerging technologies.

Beyond research presentations, BSU was also recognized in the institutional booth competition, receiving the Excellence in Knowledge Packaging award and a separate Special Reward for showcasing packages of technologies and communication outputs.

The awards reflect the participation of BSU faculty and student researchers in the regional gathering, where research outputs, technologies, and innovations were presented across various fields and areas relevant to the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Through their presentations, research studies, technology packages, and institutional showcase, the BSU delegation contributed to the exchange of knowledge and research-driven initiatives highlighted throughout LUMIN-AWA 2026.

CD. De Guzman, P. Gadang, D. Paydowan

Scan the QR code to see the list of winners

BSU students showcase Cordillera culture through "Naila Mi, Naadal Mi"

October 28, 2026—The College of Social Sciences (CSS), in partnership with the International Relations Office (IRO), Gender and Development (GAD) Office, and the Office of Extension Services, conducted the "1st Nailami Mi, Naadal Mi."

The event highlighted the rich cultural heritage, indigenous knowledge, and traditions of the Cordillera through student presentations featuring cultural songs, dances, indigenous foods, and traditional games.

The activity provided students with an avenue to explore and appreciate the region's cultural identity through research and intercultural learning, emphasizing the importance of preserving indigenous knowledge and promoting cultural integrity.

CSS faculty member Mark Joshua Balao-as delivered the welcome remarks on behalf of CSS Dean Ma. Theresa Dolipas. He described the activity as more than a fulfillment of academic requirements, but a celebration of identity and living traditions.

IRO Director Rex John Bawang also highlighted the importance of remaining grounded in one's cultural roots amid internationalization. He emphasized that cultural identity serves as a vital foundation for engaging with the global community.

CSS instructor Gigi G. Banes explained that the word "first" in the title refers to the integration of indigenous peace processes into the program, building upon cultural presentations that have been conducted since 2009.

Banes highlighted the initiative's goal of promoting Cordilleran Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices, peace processes, and gender awareness through intercultural exchange.

The culminating activity featured 20 groups representing various academic programs. Students showcased their research through performances of indigenous songs and dances, demonstrating their understanding of the cultural traditions they had studied. The presentations were followed by a display of indigenous foods, featuring traditional dishes and specialties from across the Cordillera. This highlighted the region's culinary diversity and the cultural knowledge embedded within its food practices.

Students also participated in indigenous games, adding an interactive component to the activity while allowing them to experience traditional forms of recreation and community engagement.

In her closing remarks, Shaina O. Lucyao, chairperson of the CSS-Department of History and Philosophy, expressed her appreciation to the organizers, faculty members, and students whose collective efforts contributed to the activity's success.

N. Sudaypan

GAD conducts training on gender-responsive workplaces



October 19, 2026—Benguet State University (BSU), through its Gender and Development (GAD) Office, conducted a capacity-building training titled "Building Inclusive Gender-Responsive Workplaces" participated by employees of BSU Bokod and Buguias.

With the theme "Breaking Barriers, Building Inclusion: A One-Day Gender and Inclusive Learning Session," the training covered key topics on GAD, Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), the Social and Gender Inclusion in Education and Community (SOGIESC), and gender-fair language and inclusive communication.

GAD-Technical Working Group (TWG) member Rachel B. Kiong discussed the fundamentals of GAD, including the differences between sex and gender, gender roles, and how social institutions influence gender biases. She also emphasized the importance of integrating gender sensitivity into classroom instruction and syllabi.

Afterwards, GAD-TWG Imelda G. Parcasio, discussed the legal mandates and framework of GAD, the university's GAD structure and programs, and the roles and responsibilities of employees in mainstreaming gender in the workplace and classroom.

She also tackled GEDSI, highlighting barriers to inclusion, and discussed the importance of gender-responsive workplaces and the use of gender-fair language, including neutral terms and avoiding sexist expressions.

Finally, GAD-TWG Neivalyn B. Labenio talked about SOGIESC and emphasized the importance of understanding and respecting individual differences. She then encouraged employees to support one another and their students in fostering an inclusive environment.

The activity ended with the sharing of experiences by the participants and how they can apply gender-responsive and inclusive practices in their respective roles at the university.

"By consistently practicing self-awareness in my words and actions, I can apply what I have learned in my daily life. I also developed greater self-love, self-respect, and compassion, which I can also extend to my colleagues." shared by Febie Angihan of BSU Bokod.

The training reaffirmed BSU's commitment to fostering a gender-responsive, inclusive, and respectful environment.

P. Gadang

BSU employees attend training on water rescue and drowning prevention



October 27, 2026—Benguet State University, through its Gender and Development Office (GAD), in coordination with the Bureau of Fire Protection-Cordillera Administrative Region (BFP-CAR) La Trinidad Fire Station, conducted its fifth training on Water Rescue Safety and Drowning Prevention. The activity was held at the Palm Grove Hot Springs and Mountain Resort in Asin, Tuba, Benguet.

The training began with a rationale presentation by GAD-Technical Working Group (TWG) Member Estrellita M. Daclan. She acknowledged the active participation of BSU employees from La Trinidad, Bokod, and Buguias campuses. Daclan also recognized BFP-CAR's commitment to supporting the university's initiatives.

Fire Officer 1 Brix Copsiyan, Fire Officer 2 Christian Fadchal, and Fire Officer 1 Rovic Tillama led the discussions and practical training on proper swimming techniques, water rescue strategies, and drowning prevention methods. The session aimed to equip participants with essential water safety knowledge and skills, including techniques for responding to water-related emergencies and measures to prevent drowning incidents.

Kenneth Tamangen, one of the participants, shared his insights and experiences.

"Thankful ako kasi marami akong natutunan, especially wala pa akong formal training. Sa kanila ko natutunan yung iba't ibang klase ng techniques," he stated.

The training concluded with a message from Chief Administrative Officer and GAD-TWG Member Susan P. Buasen-Ocasen. She described the training as a productive learning experience, emphasizing that the knowledge and practical skills gained are essential life skills that participants can apply in their daily lives.

P. Gadang

CPAP and BSU seal partnership for agricultural scholarship

October 21, 2026—Benguet State University and the Crop Protection Association of the Philippines, Inc. (CPAP) formalized a partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement for the CPAP-Atong Labadan Scholarship Grant.

The MOA was signed by BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan, CPAP President Arturo Alejar Jr. (signed in absentia), VP for Academic Affairs Janet P. Pablo, and CPAP Scholarship Committee Chair Gemma T. Filipino.

This was witnessed by CPAP Executive Assistant Jennifer Cos, BSU Buguias Campus Administrator Leila P. Buloguey, and BSU-OSS Head of Student Scholarship and Grant Unit Editha A. Grande.

Through the agreement, CPAP will provide scholarship assistance to qualified third-year Bachelor of Science in Agriculture students at BSU pursuing majors in crop protection or related fields.

The scholarship will take effect in the Academic Year 2026–2027 with two slots allocated to BSU La Trinidad and two to BSU Buguias. The four selected scholars have met the prescribed



academic and enrollment requirements and are expected to maintain satisfactory academic performance and comply with university regulations to retain the grant.

Beyond the scholarship program, representatives of both institutions discussed potential areas for further partnership and collaboration, including shared initiatives and opportunities to strengthen their understanding of each other's programs and activities.

Laruan and Pablo also reminded the scholars of the responsibility that comes with receiving the grant, encouraging them to perform well academically and make the most of the opportunity.

CD. De Guzman

BSU strengthens IP management through regional master class and audit inventory training

October 20-22, 2026—Benguet State University, through its Intellectual Property Management Office (IPMO), conducted the Regional Intellectual Property Master Class and Intellectual Property Audit Inventory at the Everlasting Hall, Research and Extension Building. The activity aimed to strengthen their capabilities in intellectual property (IP) protection, management, technology transfer, and commercialization.

The three-day training gathered participants from Consortium Member Institutions, State Universities and Colleges, and other agencies across the Cordillera Administrative Region.

The first day covered the fundamentals of IP rights, invention identification, patentability assessment, prior art searching, and the preparation of patent and utility model drafts. Michael Karl M. Barnuevo, Chief of the IP Data Management Division of BSU-IPMO; Jeanne D. Dangkeo, IP Rights Specialist II of the Intellectual Property Satellite Office (IPSO)–Baguio; and Cynthia D. Garambas, Director of BSU-IPMO, led the discussions.

On the second day, Eric C. Paden, IP Rights Specialist V of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL), facilitated sessions on patent and utility model drafting, formality examination, responding to examination reports, and IP management and technology transfer pathways. The discussions emphasized the importance of protecting research outputs and identifying opportunities for their practical application and commercialization.

The third day focused on IP audit and inventory, facilitated by Michael Viccil B. Junsay, IP Rights Specialist III of IPOPHL. Through workshops on IP asset identification and documentation, assessment and gap identification, and inventory validation and prioritization, participants explored approaches to evaluating and managing institutional intellectual property assets.

The training combined technical discussions with practical exercises to help participants better understand the processes involved in protecting, documenting, and maximizing the potential of research-generated innovations. It also provided a venue to exchange knowledge and strengthen institutional approaches to intellectual property management.

Through BSU-IPMO, the University continues to promote intellectual property awareness and strengthen research and innovation capacities. The activity underscores BSU's commitment to advancing technology transfer and commercialization by supporting the effective protection and utilization of research outputs and innovations.

W. Marcos



University Business Affairs holds first festival

October 1, 2026—The Benguet State University Business Affairs held the first UBA Festival, themed Partnerships and Innovations: Transforming Income-Generating Projects into Inclusive Model Green Enterprises." The event aimed to showcase various services and products of UBA, highlighting initiatives, accomplishments, and continuing efforts toward promoting Green Enterprise.

During the opening program at the Marketing Grounds, UBA Special Projects and Partnerships Director Conrado C. Bao-idang welcomed everyone and emphasized the sector's contribution to the financial needs of the university.

Business Development Services Director Dalifer A. Gano provided the rationale for the activities. He introduced the university's four pillars—instruction, research, extension, and production—and explained that UBA falls under production. He further explained that the activity is anchored in the Sustainable Development Goals.

"This celebration seeks to foster a shared understanding that the university enterprise is not solely about income-generating; it is about creating sustainable value for the institution and its stakeholders, through the integration of financial sustainability, environment responsiveness, innovation, gender responsiveness, social inclusion, responsible production and consumption, climate action, education, and partnerships," he said.

VP for Academic Affairs Janet P. Pablo, representing BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan, delivered her message, commending UBA's partnerships with over 900 partners and the income generated. She also congratulated all the people who worked and helped the sector grow, saying the event is a festival of accomplishments.

Highlighting the event's theme, she assured that the academic sector joins UBA in its journey of being a model green enterprise. She added that BSU should not only be an institution of learning, but we should be catalysts for innovation.

"Let us envision an IGP that does not—that does more than provide additional income. Let us build enterprises that empower students, the employees, the community, our partners most especially, and also create opportunities for all of our stakeholders, and inculcate the protection of the environment by following 'yung ating SDG, and of course, inspire others," she emphasized.

Activities for the month-long celebration included open house for IGP projects, seminars on mental health, sustainable packaging, customer service, and stock tracking and wealth, master junior chef contest, legal aid, blood donation drive, TARIPNONG, IGP convergence, and the launching of UBA manual of operations.

E. Bawayan, W. Marcos

BSU celebrates United Nations Day

October 28, 2026—Benguet State University (BSU) celebrated the United Nations Day through various activities organized by the BSU Supreme Student Government (BSU SSG) in coordination with the International Relations Office.

The celebration began with a Parade of Flags, bringing together students, faculty, staff, and international students. Each college represented various nations. The parade symbolized global unity and respect for cultural diversity. It began from the BSU Museum to the Administration Building, passing through the National Highway, then ending at the BSU Gymnasium.

The parade was followed by a short program before the Pasikatan competition while each college had put up food stalls at the BSU Covered Court for the UN Food Bonanza. SSG Executive Margaret D. Barlis welcomed the participants then gave the overview of activities for the day.

Representing University President Kenneth A. Laruan, Executive Assistant IV Maridel P. Langbis emphasized that promoting peace, unity, and global partnership begins with everyday actions within BSU. She encouraged students to resolve disagreements through dialogue, respect differences, support others, verify information, and practice environmental responsibility.

"To our dear students, your education gives you the opportunity to improve your life and the ability to improve life of others. The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals give us a shared direction. Here at BSU we can turn these goals into everyday actions," she said.

After Langbis' message, the Pasikatan activity began where BSU colleges made performances inspired by the country of their choice. This highlighted cultural heritage through music, dance, and storytelling. The Mr. and Ms. United Nations competition added excitement as representatives from each college proudly showcased attires from different countries and also participated in a question-and-answer segment.

The celebration concluded with the UN Variety Show, where students demonstrated their talents in cultural and modern dance, music, and dramatic dialogues. The variety show was organized by the BSU-SSG and the Center for Culture and the Arts.

This celebration highlighted the university's commitment to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). Through this event, Benguet State University champions peace, inclusivity, and global partnerships, fostering a campus environment that embraces diversity and collaboration for a better future.

E. Bawang