



## **BSU CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL YEAR**



Hon. Alex B. Brillantes speaks during the Centennial Launching Program on September 30. The Commission on Higher Education Commissioner is the keynote speaker of the event.

September, Benguet State University officially marked the two-year celebration of Centennial Foundation its Anniversary through a series of activities with the theme "Going Global: The Centennial Challenge." These activities include: the tree planting activity at Tawang, the Kapihan sa BSU and the launching of the photo exhibit by Dave and Kristian Leprozo on September 22; staking of 100 flags at the BSU stretch of the National Highway, unveiling of the Historical Marker, and Historical Tour on September 27; and the Eucharistic Celebration, Ceremonial Tree Planting and opening of BSU Historical Museum exhibits on September 30.

The activities were highlighted by the Centennial Launching Program on September 30 graced by Commission on Higher Education Commissioner, Hon. Alex B. Brillantes, Jr. who served as the keynote speaker.

Com. Brillantes speech focused on the theme of BSU's Centennial Celebration. The Commissioner encouraged BSU to think global, act local, to look back and be thankful, to critically assess the present, pursue reforms and be hopeful for the future. He ended his speech by reminding BSU constituents that "as we reflect on our achievements we realize that we have gone far but that there is more work to be done."

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#### BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY

#### **VISION**

A PREMIER UNIVERSITY delivering world-class education that promotes sustainable development amidst climate change.

#### **MISSION**

To provide quality education to enhance food security, sustainable communities, industry innovation,

climate resilience, gender equality, institutional development and partnerships.

#### **CORE VALUES (SLIDES)**

Student-centered Leadership Integrity Diversity Efficiency

#### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Service

**Goal I.** To develop proactive programs to ensure relevant quality education **Objectives:** 

- 1.To benchmark curricular and co-curricular programs with national and international standards
- 2.To develop alternative learning experiences to enhance skills that match industry needs
- 3. To develop innovative and relevant curricular and co-curricular programs
- 4. To enhance proactive student welfare and development programs

## **Goal II.** To develop proactive programs for quality service **Objectives:**

- 1.To enhance relevant human resource development programs
- 2.To develop effective and efficient innovative platforms for cascading information
- 3. To enhance and develop employee welfare programs

**Goal III.** To enhance responsive systems and procedures for transparent institutional development

#### **Objectives:**

- 1.To enhance and develop innovative financial management systems
- 2. To ensure transparency in all transactions in the university
- 3. To ensure inclusive and consultative decision making
- **Goal IV.** To develop relevant and gender sensitive research and extension programs for institutional development, sustainable communities, climate resilience, industry innovation, and partnerships

#### **Objectives:**

- 1. To develop relevant multimedia tools in disseminating technology, knowledge and information generated from RDE programs
- 2. To develop relevant RDE activities that will address current problems and support cultural advocacy
- 3. To partner with strategic local, regional, national and international entities

## **Goal V.** To strengthen and expand public-private partnership **Objectives:**

- 1. Sustain and pursue functional University-relation with the alumni and other organizations both in the government and non-government entities
- 2. To strengthen the linkage among academe, industries, LGUs and community

\*The above is the new VMGO of the University approved through the Board of Regents Resolution # 2494, s. 2016.

#### Erratum:

In Shamag's August 2016 issue, the passing rate of the College of Teacher Education in the Licensure Examination for Guidance Counselors was inadvertently stated as 61.28%

The actual passing rate is 80% surpassing the national passing rate of 61.28% Our apologies.

-The Shamag Staff

# BSU Team is finalist in regional baking competition

The university team composed of Connie Tumpao and Paulle Jesrael Tam-awen, fourth year BS in Home Economics students won the Bulacan leg of the Tinapay natin baking competition. The team's entry called "Pandesal Ube Flower Bread" bested nine other entries. Tumpao and Tam-awen will move on to the national competition in October.

According to Prof. Jao-jao Somyden of the College of Home Economics and Technology, the competition encouraged the participants to highlight a product that represents their respective regions. The BSU team picked pandesal, a common bread in the country and then added ube or purple yam to represent the Cordillera Administrative Region.

The competition was held on September 9, 2016 at Bulacan. Said competition is a project of Max's Corner Bakery and the Mahalin Pagkaing Atin program by the Pilmico Foods Corporation.//



Connie Tumpao and Paulle Jesrael Tam-awen, fourth year BS in Home Economics students pose with their winning entry to the Tinapay Natin Bread Baking Competition on September 9, 2016 in Bulacan.//Photo courtesy of Tinapay Natin Facebook Page

## Ipinagdiwang ng SWK sa Pagtataguyod ng Humanidades ang Buwan ng Wika

Nagtapos ang taunang pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa sa BSU noong Setyembre 2, 2016 sa pamamagitan ng isang programa na ginanap sa BSU Gymnasium.

Bilang pag suporta sa tema ng Buwan ng Wika 2016 na "Filipino Wika ng Karunungan" nagkaroon ng iba't ibang patimpalak at pagtatanghal ng kanilang talento sa pagawit at pagsayaw ang mga estudyante ng BSU.



Paggawad ng Sertipiko ng Pagkilala ng Tagapangulo ng Humanidades na si Ginang S. Lourdes Bela-o at Direktor ng SWK na si Ginoong Winston N. Ros sa mga nagwaging mag-aaral sa isa sa mga paligsahan. // Ang larawan ay kuha ni KSPanolong

### Graduates shine in Licensure Exams

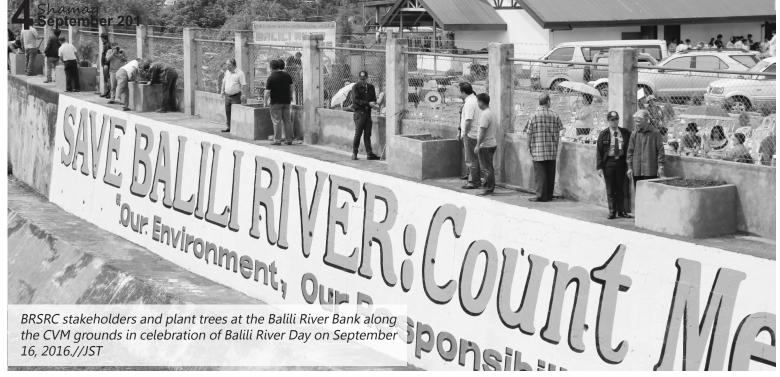
In September, two national licensure examination results were released. In the Licensure Examination for Foresters, the University achieved a passing rate of 53.23%. On the other hand, the University ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> among the top performing schools in the Licensure Examination for Librarians with a passing rate of 86.36%

As of August 2016, the result of three licensure examinations gave pride to the University.

Eighty percent (80%) of the first time

examinees passed in the Guidance and Counselling Licensure Examination. Two examinees, Leny O. Estacio and Hylene S. Tayaban placed 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place, respectively.

The overall performance of agricultural engineering graduates in their licensure examination resulted to a rate of 24.32% while the veterinary medicine graduates has an overall performance rate of 42.59% on their licensure exam. One of the examinees, Agustina B. Puclo ranked fourth place.



# Benguet and Baguio community gather for Balili River Day Celebration

On September 16, 2016, Benguet State University joined various institutions and Local Government Units from Benguet and Baguio City in celebrating the Balili River Day. The Balili River Day was declared through a Baguio City Ordinance in 2012 and a La Trinidad Municipal Ordinance in 2015.

The one-day program was held at the Cordillera Center for Animal Research and Development (CVM-CCARD) grounds. It consisted of the unveiling of the "Count Me In" signage, Ceremonial Tree Planting, Turn Over of action plans, recognition of Estero Adaptors, recommitment of all stakeholders and a mini concert.

The program also included the launching of two more projects for the Balili River. These are the Pollution Tracking Project and the "Five-to-Revive" Project.

The Pollution Tracking Project by the Balili River System Revitalization Coalition (BRSRC) is led by the University of the Cordilleras (UC). According to Engr. Nathaniel Vincent A. Lubrica of UC, the project aims to track the source of pollutants to the Balili River through Geographic Information System or GIS.

"It has been a long dream to do something more concrete in order to create a sustainable solution," said Engr. Lubrica. The results of the project will help understand the situation of the river and provide concrete data for the concerned LGUs to come up with policies in order to abate the further degradation of the Balili River.

On the other hand, the "Five to Revive" project is initiated by the BSU- College of Forestry which aims to raise funds for the propagation of bamboo and tree seedlings for the riverbank stabilization and for other coalition activities that will help revitalize the Balili River. This will be done through a bamboo coin bank placed in public areas under the supervision of partner organizations or agencies.

The program was attended by the BRSRC members, LGU officials and NGOs.



The BSU Secondary Laboratory School Football Team won the championship during the Milo Little Olympics 2016 North and Central Luzon Leg held on September 2-4, 2016 in Baguio City.// Photo courtesy of the BSU-Fc facebook page



## BSU performs well in Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill

BSU was rated very satisfactory by the Office of Civil Defense or OCD for the conduct of the National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on September 28, 2016. The rating is based on how people executed the duck, cover and hold, the warning system, the manner and speed of evacuation from the buildings, the presence of a first aid kit, the condition of the evacuation site and the evacuation route.

The drill began on 9:00 am and the Dengue Prevention siren from the La Trinidad Municipal Hall served as the alarm. Umpires from the OCD, Benguet Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, La Trinidad Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and the Philippine Red Cross were assigned on each of the BSU buildings to observe how the drill was executed.

After the drill, the umpires and BSU officials gathered at the AdCor for the assessment. The umpires reported that 1,846 students and 18 faculty members were accounted for at the evacuation areas designated for the College of Home Economics and Technology, College of Arts and Sciences, Early Childhood Education Center,

College of Nursing and the CTE-Secondary Laboratory School. The Evacuation time ranged from 60 to 120 seconds.

The umpires, however, suggested that the evacuation areas be re-evaluated as well as the evacuation route. They added that the first aid kits should be checked and enough for the number of people in the evacuation area. Finally, there should be a policy on the Disaster Management Plan for

the whole University and a more frequent conduct of seminars and IEC campaign.

BSU is chosen by the OCD as an NSED pilot school for the Cordillera Administrative Region. According to Ms. Dianne Rivera of OCD-CAR, this means that the OCD would like to showcase BSU's best practices in terms of earthquake preparedness and at the same time, help the administration in improving its capacity and bridge gaps.//JST



A group of 13 students and academic staff of the Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine from Japan were in the University on September 19, 2016. The students are with the International Cooperation Studies Program of their university. The purpose of their visit was to study and observe farming systems in BSU.// JST



### BSU Historical Marker unveiled

The Historical Marker of BSU was unveiled on September 27, 2016 at the future location of the Centennial Park. The event was attended by Arch. Veronica Dado of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, Benguet Governor, Hon. Crescencio Pacalso, La Trinidad Mayor Romeo K. Salda, BSU retirees, alumni, faculty, staff and students.

The marker read, ""Nagsimula bilang Farm School, 1916. Nanguna sa pagtataguyod ng Sekondaryang Edukasyon at Edukasyong pang agrikultura sa mga katutubong mag-aaral ng mga lalawigang sakop ng dating Mountain Province (ngayo'y Cordillera Administrative Region. Isa sa mga nanguna sa mga kinakailangan reporestasyon sa Baguio at mga kalapit na bayan. Naging Mountain State Agricultural College, 1969, at Benguet State University, 1986."

After the unveiling of the marker, the signing and turn over of the Katibayan ng Paglilipat ng Panandang Pangkasaysayan or Historical Marker was done by Arch. Dado and BSU President Dr. Feliciano G. Calora, Jr. witnessed by NHCP Commemoration and Museum Division Chief, Ms. Gina C. Batuhan and BSU VP for Academic Affairs, Dr. Tessie M. Merestela.

"Binabati ko ang Benguet State University dahil narating ninyo ang ika isangdaangtaon ng pagkakatatag ng inyong paaralan, hindi lingid sa kaalaman ng lahat na nagsikap ang bawat isa sa inyo at ang nauna ninyong mga opisyales upang magkaroon ng isang paaralang gagabay sa pagsasanay sa agrikultura," said Arch. Dado

The Historical Marker of BSU has Level 2 recognition from the NHCP. According to the NHCP Guidelines on the Identification, Classification, and Recognition of Historic Sites and Structures in the Philippines, level 2 recognition entail the installation of a historical marker in a historic site or structure that is not declared a heritage zone/historic center, national cultural treasure, shrine, monument or memorial, or or historical landmark, but nonetheless has some historical significance. Such a site or structure may later be elevated to Level 1 recognition pending further research and evaluation.

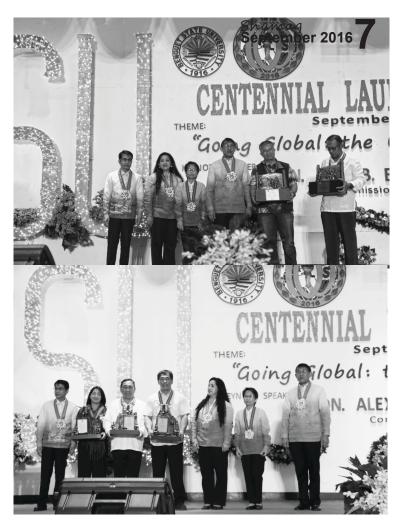
The BSU history committee first explored the possibility of receiving financial assistance from the NHCP for the restoration and maintenance of the BSU Historical Museum in 2011. On October 20, 2011, the BSU History Committee members had a meeting with NHCP chief of the Research and Heraldry Division, Ms. Carminda R. Arevalo. Then on December 2015, considering that BSU is about to celebrate its Centennial Foundation Anniversary, a request was sent to the NHCP for the consideration of BSU as a Historical Site and on May 2016, the NHCP Board of Regents approved the request but as an institute with Level 2 recognition, not a Historical Site as requested. This recognition can be elevated with further research and evaluation.

The program was attended by Atty. Federico Basco representing Benguet Congressman Hon. Ronald M. Cosalan, Benguet Governor Hon. Cresencio C. Pacalso, La Trinidad Mayor, Hon. Romeo K. Salda, Bokod Mayor, Hon. Thomas K. Wales and Atty. Jenny Sagpaey representing Buguias Mayor, Hon. Ruben L. Tinda-an. All expressed their support and congratulations to the University.

The program was likewise attended by BSU retirees and alumni led by former presidents Dr. Cipriano C. Consolacion and Dr. Rogelio D. Colting. Representatives from DA-CAR, Easter College, CSC-CAR, PDEA, IFAD, COA, PNP-CAR, DTI-CAR and the private sector also attended the event.//



The opening of the Centennial Exhibit at the Historical Museum on September 30, 2016 became a nostalgic moment for some BSU employees who went to view the displays consisting of BSU's oldest Willy jeep that was donated to the University after it was used in the Vietnam war. Aside from old photos, there were also memorabilia and a scale model of Mountain National Agricultural School.



(Top) Atty. Federico Basco representing Benguet Congressman Hon. Ronald M. Cosalan and Benguet Governor Hon. Cresencio C. Pacalso (below) La Trinidad Mayor, Hon. Romeo K. Salda, Bokod Mayor, Hon. Thomas K. Wales and Atty. Jenny Sagpaey representing Buguias Mayor, Hon. Ruben L. Tinda-an pose with BSU President, Dr. Feliciano G. Calora Jr., VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Tessie M. Merestela, VP for Research and Extension, Dr. Carlito P. Laurean and VP for Administration and Finance, Dr. Estrellita M. Daclan after receiving their plaques of appreciation on September 30, 2016 at the BSU gymnasium.//



The Ecumenical Eucharistic Thanksgiving Celebration of the Benguet State University to commemorate its Centennial Foundation Anniversary on September 30 was celebrated by ten members of the clergy representing four Christian Sects. They are: Right Rev. Joel A. Pachao, the main celebrant; Very Rev. Genesis Langbao, Rev. Agustin B. Lizardo III, Rev. Nestor Politic and Rev. Joseph Dawang of the Episcopal Church of the Philippines; Rev. Esther K. Balawag and Rev. Christopher Alegoyojo of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines; Rev. Felix Y. Yango and Rev. Sweger Bolona of the La Trinidad Baptist Church; and Ptr. Sam Galino of the Church of the Nazarene.



Former BSU Presidents, Dr. Cipriano C. Consolacion (left) and Dr. Rogelio D. Colting (right) during the Ceremonial Tree Planting on September 30, 2016 at the IHK grounds. There were 16 trees of various indigenous species planted during the occasion by BSU guests including Atty. Federico Basco representing Benguet Congressman, Hon. Ronald M. Cosalan; Benguet Governor, Hon. Crescencio C. Pacalso, La Trinidad Mayor, Hon. Romeo K. Salda; Bokod Mayor, Hon. Thomas K. Wales; Atty. Jenny Sagpaey representing Buguias Mayor, Hon. Ruben L. Tinda-an; and CHED Commissioner, Hon. Alex B. Brilliantes, Jr.

#### WORDS FROM OUR GUESTS....

"I am here to assure you the continuing support of the Congressman to the development of this University."

-Atty. Federico Basco

representing Benguet Congressman Hon. Ronald M. Cosalan

"Today is more than a celebration of your status as one premier agricultural learning institution, it is a celebration of our hope to rise as one people through agricultural education." -La Trinidad Mayor, Hon. Romeo K. Salda "Umun-una tayo nga mapukaw bago nga mapukaw ti BSU."

(We will all disappear before BSU does)
-Benguet Governor Hon. Cresencio C. Pacalso

"As a graduate of BSAT (now BSU Bokod) I support the development of BSU Bokod not only physical but also in human resources." -Bokod Mayor, Hon. Thomas K. Wales

"Benguet State University has been the frontier of learning here in the Cordilleras giving our constituents the access they need to make their marks in our society." -Buguias Mayor, Hon. Ruben L. Tinda-an, in a message read by Atty. Jenny Sagpaey



This activity happened 7:30 am of September 27, 2016 to commemorate BSU's Centennial Anniversary Celebration. BSU top officials raised the main centennial flag at the BSU main gate and later on, each office/sector also raised their respective flags. According to Prof. Evelyn Angiwan, the staking of the 99 flaglets by the members of the administrative council, college representatives, and student leaders that comes in different colors symbolize a festive spirit that brings the message of unity in diversity. The different colors of the flaglets represent the values and principles that each college, institute, and unit believes and adheres to. These flags will remain on the poles until September 27, 2017. It will represent our ability to survive over time or hopefully for the next 100 years. These flags will also remind us to stand for what is right and to defend our institution. "Let us then declare God's blessings upon Benguet State University as we work together for the common good," she added.