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BSU, nakiisa sa pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wika

Nakiisa ang Benguet State University (BSU) sa pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa ngayong Agosto 2024 sa ilalim ng pamumuno ng Kagawaran ng Filipino ng Kolehiyo ng Sining at Humanidades. Sa pagdiriwang na ito ay tampok ang temang “Filipino: Wikang Mapagpalaya.” Ang Pampinid na Palatuntunan ng Buwan ng Wika ay ginanap noong Agosto 29, 2024 sa Himnasyo ng BSU.

Nagsilbing Panauhing Tagapagsalita sa nasabing pagdiriwang si Dona Fortes-Canda, Direktor ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura ng Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU).

Sa kanyang talumpati, ipinaliwanag niya ang kahulugan ng tema ng pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wika. Paliwanag niya, ang wika ay nagiging **BSU, nakiisa...continued on page 4**



Nagtanghal ng katutubong sayaw ang mga mag-aaral mula sa Kolehiyo ng Sining at Humanidades noong Pampinid ng Pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wika noong Agosto 29, 2024 sa BSU Gym.//EBawayan

BSU exceeds national passing rate in Guidance Counselors Licensure Exam

Benguet State University (BSU) has achieved a passing rate of 80% in the August 2024 Guidance Counselors Licensure Examination (GCLE) conducted by the Philippine Regulation Commission. BSU's passing rate exceeded the national passing rate of 58.63%.

The newly licensed guidance counselors from BSU, all first-time examinees, include Ryan Paul T. Dicos, Heber K. Layag, Kendrick Adrian I. Wanawan, and Manny P. Cosme.

College of Teacher Education (CTE) Dean Divina M. Yango was delighted about the licensure exam results. She believed that the college prepared their students and was optimistic about the results.

Yango and Donna Claire Colinang, one of the MAG faculty members, shared the college's best practices that contributed to the university's performance in the GCLE. It included an effective curriculum, faculty competencies, in-depth instruction activities, and conduct of extension activities for students' exposure.

“We assure that the curriculum aligns with the Master of Arts in Guidance (MAG) competency. There is a curriculum review being done and the contents are also evaluated by the teachers and experts. I think that's a big factor that contributed to the board exam result,” said Yango, emphasizing that the effective curriculum and teacher's commitment and expertise have significantly contributed to achieving high ratings in the exam.

Colinang emphasized the importance of both theoretical knowledge and practical skills in passing the GCLE. She added that the college focuses on both aspects that would equip students with the necessary competencies to excel in the field.

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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

More than 100 studies presented at the University Annual Agency In-House Review 2024

The University Annual Agency In-House Review (AAIHR) 2024 showcased diverse research with 123 papers presented on August 28-30, 2024. The event, which gathered researchers, extensionists, faculty, staff, and students from BSU, featured the theme “Pantabtalavan: Fostering Pathways to Nurture Innovative and Resilient Research, Development, and Extension.”



The Opening Program of the University Annual Agency In-House Review was held on August 28, 2024 at the R&E Everlasting Hall.//EBawayan

The AAIHR aimed to assess the progress of ongoing and completed research and extension programs in various fields within the University. The studies presented were categorized under Science and Technology Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources (S&T-AANR), S&T Food, Industry, Engineering, and Emerging Technologies (FIEET), Social-AANR, Social Non-AANR, Education, Development, and Extension Category. A number of the studies were funded by the University while the others were externally funded.

During the opening program on August 28, 2024, VP for Research and Extension Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres commended the University's researchers and extensionists for their dedication. He also emphasized that their research efforts have significantly contributed to the University's achievement in the international rankings, specifically in the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) and Times Higher Education (THE) impact rankings. He also assured support to the research and extension sector through updated policies and enhanced resources and processes.

Regional Director of the DOST-Cordillera Administrative Region Nancy A. Bantog, one of the guest speakers, underscored in her video message the significant role of universities like BSU as core leaders of the transformative processes for the communities.

“As key enablers of innovation, you serve as crucial knowledge generators

fostering an environment where ideas can flourish, technologies and innovations can be developed, and solutions can be realized for greater impact to national development,” she said.

Bantog also encouraged BSU to seek additional funding, promote collaborations with industry, other academe, and the government, including the local government units, and translate research into policies and products to utilize the benefits of research investments fully.

“DOST is thankful for the strong partnership with BSU and looks forward to deepening our collaboration on smart and sustainable R&D initiatives. DOST is a steadfast partner in our collective pursuit of knowledge and innovation. Beyond this in-house review, DOST support remains unwavering providing solutions and opening opportunities,” she assured.

Another guest speaker at the said event was Rickey T. Larkin, Jr., a visiting scholar and a Special Student Affiliate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He appreciated the diverse scope of research conducted and acknowledged the efforts of the University researchers despite the challenges they are facing such as the pandemic and funding limitations. He also underscored the importance of knowledge dissemination and the impact of research on gender equality and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The BSU AAIHR 2024 evaluators are Ruel Suralta, Career Scientist III at

the Philippine Rice Research Institute of the Department of Agriculture; Maritess A. Alimurung, Senior Agriculturist at the Bureau of Plant Industry-Baguio; Zenaida N. Ganga, Former Balik-Scientist of the DOST-Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development; Girlie Nora A. Abrigo, Associate Professor at the University of the Philippines (UP)-Los Banos; Virginia L. Anceno, Senior Economic Specialist of the National Economy and Development Authority-CAR; Zaldy C. Collado, Associate Professor of the De La Salle University Manila; Ferdinand Bulusan, Associate Professor V at the Isabela State University; Jupeth T. Pentang, Associate Professor at the Central Luzon State University (CLSU); Monalisa T. Sasing, Science Education Specialist at the UP Diliman; Buchard B. Cutin, Assistant Professor IV at the Mariano Marcos State University; Melba Domes Denson, Assistant Professor III at CLSU ; Rome R. Quizon, Professor at the UP Manila; Gladys M. Navarro, Market Research Specialist at the University of Pangasinan; Shiela Marie B. Singa-Claver, Provincial S&T Director of the Provincial Science and Technology Office-Benguet; and Bienvenido P. Tapang, Retired Professor from the UP-Baguio.

At the closing program on August 30, 2024, the presenters shared insights gained from the activity and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to showcase their work.

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mapagpalaya kapag ito ay nagagamit upang ipahayag ng isang tao ang kanyang saloobin, adhikain, at mga pangarap. Dagdag niya, ang wikang Filipino ay hindi lamang isang kasangkapan ng komunikasyon kundi isang makapangyarihang instrumento ng kalayaan, pagbabago, at pag-unlad.

Binigyang-diin din ni Canda ang kahalagahan ng wika sa edukasyon, pagkakaunawaan, pagbuo ng kilusan at pag-aaklas para matamo ang karapatan, at bilang plataporma ng mga mamamayan sa pagpapahayag ng ideya at opinion.

Ayon sa kanya, ang wika ang naging sandata ng mga bayani at manunulat sa kasaysayan ng Pilipinas na kung saan ang kanilang mga akda ay nagsilbing inspirasyon sa mga mamamayang Pilipino upang ipaglaban ang kanilang mga karapatan. Saad din niya na ito ay nagiging tulay upang maunawaan ang mga batas at serbisyong pampahalaan, magkaisa ang iba't ibang sektor ng lipunan, at magtaguyod pagkakapantay-pantay at katarungan.

Hinimok din ni Canda ang bawat isa na gamitin ang wika sa pagpapakalat ng tama at makatotohanang impormasyon at huwag itong gamitin para manira ng kapwa.

"Sa bawat salita at pangungusap na ating binibigkas, nawa ay magpagpalaya ang ating wikang gagamitin. Gamitin natin ito upang magbigay inspirasyon. Gamitin natin ang wika na magturo. Gamitin natin ang wika sa pagtataguyod ng mga positibong pagbabago sa ating lipunan. Ipahayag natin ang ating sarili, kilalanin natin ang ating mga karapatan, bumuo tayo ng komunidad gamit ang wikang mapagpalaya. Gamitin natin ang wika sa pag-ambag ng pag-unlad at pagtataguyod ng mas makatarungan at malayang lipunan," dagdag niya.

Sa loob ng isang buwang pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wika, ginanap ang iba't ibang paligsahan na nagbigay-diin sa kahalagahan ng wikang Filipino tulad ng paligsahan sa pagsulat ng tula, pagsulat ng sanaysay, tagisan ng kaalaman, poster-slogan, sayawit; at isahang pag-awit na nilahukan ng mga mag-aaral mula sa iba't ibang koliheyo ng pamantasan.

Sa parehas na okasyon ay pinarangalan ang mga nagwagi sa mga nasabing paligsahan.

Sa patimpalak sa pagsulat ng tula, nasungkit ni Mark Caingles ang unang puwesto; si Princess Kyla F. Laurelio ang pangalawang puwesto; at si Dave Cammas ang pangatlong puwesto. Sa pagsulat ng sanaysay, ang mga nanalo ay sina Melisa Baquiran sa unang puwesto; Darsen R. Suyat sa pangalawang puwesto; at Jovener S. Soro sa pangatlong puwesto. Sa tagisan ng kaalaman, nanalo sina Jhomel Lander B. Calam sa unang puwesto; si Marlon C. Cambay sa pangalawang puwesto; at si

Trixie L. Miranda sa pangatlong puwesto. Sa paligsahan ng Poster-Slogan, si Regie A. Bosque ang nanalo bilang unang puwesto; si Krizle E. Galino ang pangalawang puwesto; at si Jessica Mae A. Maramag ang pangatlong puwesto. Samantala, ang College of Teacher Education ang nag-iisang nagwagi sa paligsahan ng sayawit.

Sa isahang pag-awit, si Charisse Pelino ang nanalo sa unang puwesto; si Jaizer Darillio ang pangalawang puwesto; at si Rhean Tulian ang pangatlong puwesto.

Sa pagtatapos ng programa, pinasalamatan ni Myrna B. Sison-Kuiper, Dekana ng Kolehiyo ng Sining at

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BSU forges academic partnership with Apayao State College

Benguet State University (BSU) and Apayao State College (ASC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance educational quality, advance research, and strengthen community engagement. The agreement was formalized on August 19, 2024 at the College of Human Kinetics (CHK) Function Hall with ASC President John N. Cabansag and BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila leading the signing ceremony.



ASC President John N. Cabansag and BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila lead the signing of the MOU on August 19, 2024 at the CHK Function Hall.//EBawayan

BSU VP for Academic Affairs Samuel S. Poliden in his welcome remarks, expressed optimism to the success of the collaboration.

This was followed by the presentation of areas of collaboration outlined in the MOU by CHK Dean Marlon S. Tabdi.

Through the MOU, both parties committed to share resources, expertise, and best practices to enhance curricula, student and faculty exchange, research collaboration, and extension activities, particularly within the Bachelor of Physical Education program.

BSU will contribute its expertise and resources to curriculum development, encourage participation in exchange programs, identify research projects, and actively engage in community initiatives. In turn, ASC will lead efforts to enhance curricula, coordinate exchange programs, collaborate on research projects, and spearhead community outreach activities and workshops.

Comila expressed his gratitude for the collaboration emphasizing its

importance to the two HEIs in achieving their goals of delivering quality education and excellent services to their communities. He also highlighted the value of working together.

Cabansag also expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership.

"This is now a positive manifestation that we will have a very active collaboration. Our engagement with BSU will be dwelling on exchange program, faculty and students, training capacity and many more activities for the welfare of our students," he said. He looked forward to more collaboration with BSU not only in physical education but in all academic endeavors.

In his closing remarks, CHK Secretary Ryan B. Batinay encouraged everyone involved to cooperate and nurture the collaboration, hoping it would bring positive impact to both BSU and ASC communities.

The signing ceremony also featured performances by the BSU Combative Club and musical performances by the Mesomorph Band.//EBawayan

JAEC, BSU and LGU La Trinidad sign agreement for agric'l advancement

The Japan Agricultural Exchange Council (JAEC), Benguet State University (BSU), and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of La Trinidad signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on the implementation of the project, "The Safe Vegetable Production Technology and Vegetable Distribution System Improvement."

The MOA was signed by BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila and JAEC Director Ryoji Sakamoto on August 14, 2024 at the BSU President's Office. The MOA signing ceremony was facilitated by the Office of Research Services (ORS), headed by Director Gretchen Gaye C. Ablaza.

The collaboration focuses on the implementation of three key initiatives: a crop programming system, the Farmers Improvement of Vegetable Packing and Shipment (FIVPS) technology, and the Safe Vegetable from Rich Soil (SAVERS) technology. SAVERS aims to improve soil conditions for better crop production, while FIVPS focuses on preserving vegetable freshness and reducing vegetable waste. The crop programming system, on the other hand, is designed to stabilize vegetable supplies for farmers.

Through the MOA, BSU students will learn about the effectiveness of SAVERS and FIVPS technology and crop programming systems.

Additionally, JAEC will offer technological expertise, including a state-of-the-art mokusaku chamber and postharvest equipment. This equipment will be accessible to BSU faculty, researchers, and students for various academic and research activities but not limited to student internships, collaborative research on mokusaku technology, FIVPS technology, value chain, and marketing and training for students, farmers, and other stakeholders.

The LGU will support the project implementation by extending it to local farmers.//BTayaban

BSU and Animal Kingdom Foundation ink MOA for cage-free layer farm

Benguet State University (BSU) has partnered with the Animal Kingdom Foundation (AKF) towards a humane and sustainable animal farming practice, through the establishment of a research and demonstration farm for cage-free chicken. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed on August 7, 2024, at the BSU RDC Hall.

The MOA outlines a collaborative effort between BSU, through the College of Agriculture-Department of Animal Science (CA-DAS), and the AKF, with support from the BSU Office of the University Business Affairs (UBA) and the Research and Extension Sector. The project will utilize the DAS Laboratory Farm to demonstrate and research cage-free chicken production methods. It will also collect data on the performance of laying hens within the caged facility at the BSU Layer Farm.

According to Heidi M. Caguioa, Program Director of AKF, this initiative aims to promote a more animal-friendly and humane production system. She emphasized the potential benefits of the project noting that it would not only enhance academic research but also improve egg production.

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BSU holds SMART Archiving seminar with National Archives of the Philippines

The Benguet State University - Human Resource Development Office (BSU-HRDO) in collaboration with the National Archives of the Philippines (NAP) organized a two-day seminar titled "Streamlining Management and Administration of Records for Transparent (SMART) Archiving." The event, held at the International Relations Office Hall on August 29-30 2024, was attended by various BSU offices. The seminar aimed to enhance the participants' knowledge on the principles of records and archiving.

On the first day of the seminar, VP for Administration and Finance Allan C. Sacpa emphasized the significance of the seminar. He mentioned that the knowledge gained will help improve the university's record-keeping.

"Please apply it [learnings] for the betterment of the records system of the university. Help us organize and manage our records," Sacpa said.

Andres Arnold Lampacan, officer-in-charge of the Office of the President, delivered a message emphasizing the importance of maintaining the integrity and security of documents.

Senior Records Management Analyst of the Record Management Services Division of NAP Jose Domingo M. Barola, discussed records management, covering the records and archives management program (RAMP) and records creation and control.

Barola discussed the NAP Act of 2007 (RA No. 9470), which protects, preserves, conserves, and promotes records. He reiterated that any person who destroys public records violating the act will be subject to fines ranging from 500,000.00 to 1,000,000.00 or imprisonment from five to 15 years or both fine and imprisonment.

This was followed by Jhoana Marie M. Ong, Senior Records Management Analyst of the Records Center Division of NAP, who talked about Records Maintenance and Use, Mail Management, and Files Management. She discussed the responsibilities of records personnel in maintaining records, as well as the different types of filing systems.

As per filing of records, Ong mentioned that one of the types of filing is the Functional Subject Alphabetic Classification System (FSACS) alongside alphabetic, numeric, chronological, and function filing.

FSACS is prescribed by the NAP which organizes documents including electronic records into function and organizational activities, alphabetically.

On the second day, Marvin Erwin M. Supan, NAP Records Management Analyst II, discussed the records disposition processes and the steps for disposing of files and presented the retention periods for records.

Supan presented problems in filing records as some may not be organized. He encouraged participants to fix their records for easier tracking.

For the disposition of files, he presented that it shall follow the RDS and as per the act, no disposal shall be made if there is no approval of the NAP.

Next, Patrick T. Woods, a Records Management Analyst of the Record Center Division of NAP, discussed records center administration, archives administration, and security of records. He elaborated on the record center operations, objectives of archives administration, and the facility requirements for implementing a record and archiving centers.

He also mentioned to protect records from hazards which are man-made, environmental, and natural causes.

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"Thank you, R&E, for giving us the opportunity to present our research, boost our confidence, and share our findings to the community. Thank you, evaluators, for the feedback. We know that it can make us better researchers and experts," said John Paul M. Payopay, one of the presenters. He reflected on the event, saying that significant challenges remain such as effectively communicating research, transferring it to the community, and translating it into policy.

The evaluators also commended the relevance of the presentations and provided recommendations for further improvement. They also encouraged continuous research with significant impact and emphasized the importance of technology transfer and commercialization to bring research benefits to the broader community.

"We hope this is not the end of these projects. We have to do technology transfer and commercialization. Because if we go back to the reason why we are doing all of these - is to bring it to the people," expressed Singa-Claver.

BSU officials, including VP for Administration and Finance Allan C. Sacpa, College of Arts and Humanities Associate Dean Kara S. Panolong, and Office of Extension Services Director Anna Cris L. Langaan also expressed support and encouragement to the University researchers and extensionists. They urged them to continue their impactful work, emphasizing its potential to benefit both BSU and the wider community.

The winning papers in each category were recognized and will represent the University at the upcoming Regional Symposium scheduled for October 2024.

The winning papers can be accessed at the BSU website at www.bsu.edu.ph//EBawayan

Scan QR code below to access the winning papers during the AAIHR 2024:



<http://bsu.edu.ph/article/more-100-studies-presented-university-annual-agency-house-review-2024>

DICT-CAR brings digital startup Info Session to BSU

Through the Republic Act 11337 or the Innovative Startup Act (ISA), the Department of Information and Communication Technology - Cordillera Administrative Region (DICT - CAR) was at the College of Information Sciences (CIS) on August 22, 2024 for an Info Session about the upcoming Philippine Startup Challenge. Headed by DICT Luzon Cluster 1-Benguet Provincial Officer Alicia Piacos, the DICT personnel first made a courtesy call to BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila. Piacos introduced their purpose to promote entrepreneurship and technopreneurship for the development of the students' social impact. Comila on the other hand, expressed his thoughts regarding entrepreneurship.



DICT personnel pose with BS Information Technology students during the Info Session for the Philippine Startup Challenge held on August 22, 2024 at the CIS.//PGadag

After the courtesy call, the DICT personnel proceeded to the CIS building to formally start the session attended by Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) students and faculty members. CIS Dean Russel B. Dolendo gave her opening remarks followed by the introduction of speakers by the Department of Information Technology (DIT) Chairperson Maria Teresa T. Cachero.

DICT resource person Mike Payangdo introduced the concept of Startup in the digital and business world, and discussed its importance in giving solutions to the problems of communities.

Payangdo then encouraged students to start creating their teams and ideas for the Startup challenge and

inspired them to join and participate in competitions. He also mentioned the cash rewards they are going to receive upon winning.

ICT Industry Development Focal, Katherine Faith Aguilar then discussed the innovative and relevant ICT products and services that has the potential to solve social problems. Aguilar also facilitated a short game where they gave the students some ICT - related problems for them to propose solutions. This became an idea - sharing session for the students.

After the session, a certificate of appreciation was awarded to BSU-CIS -DIT by Payangdo of the Digital Startup Development and Acceleration Program (DSDAP) under Raising Awareness and Inspiring the Startup Ecosystem (RAISE) project.//DPaydowan

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The seminar included a workshop for the participants to apply what have been learned. The participants organized their office records based on the discussed filing system and presented their outputs afterwards.

The seminar ended with a message from Matias C. Angiwan Jr., BSU Chief Administrative Officer. Angiwan expressed his gratitude to the NAP personnel for their time and knowledge shared during the seminar. He also looked forward to the implementation of what the participants have learned.//BTayaban

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"In teaching, students not only learn theories but also how to apply these theories," she said.

To further enhance BSU's performance in future Guidance Counselor Licensure Examinations, Yango stated that the college is committed to providing additional support to re-takers and encouraging aspiring guidance counselors to strive for excellence to be able to apply their profession.

The University has consistently surpassed the national passing rate in GCLE since 2015.//EBawayan

CHED Technical Evaluator and Technical Committee Team evaluates BSU's advanced studies programs

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Technical Evaluator and Technical Committee Team evaluated the master and doctorate programs of Benguet State University (BSU) on August 13-15, 2024. This assessment aims to determine the programs' compliance to the minimum requirements set by CHED and the programs' eligibility to the issuance of CHED-Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC).



The Commission on Higher Education Technical Evaluator and Technical Committee Team together with BSU Officials and Local Task Force after the Closing Meeting on August 15, 2024 at the RDC Hall.//EBawayan

The evaluated programs were Master of Arts in Education - Educational and Administration Supervision, Early Childhood Education, and Elementary Education; Doctor of Philosophy in Education-Educational and Administration Supervision; Master of Arts in Home Economics; Master of Arts in Technical-Vocational Studies; Master of Arts in General Science; Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education-Biology; Master of Science in Physical Education; and Master of Arts in Social Studies.

The evaluation team included Ericson M. Reyes, Ma. Kripper N. Valmote, Allen V. Bautista, and Larry A. Gabao. Also present during the evaluation were CHED CAR officials Ma. Geraldine Casipit and Patricio Dinamling.

BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila thanked the expertise of the evaluation team at the opening program on

August 14, 2024. He said their assistance and insights would guide the University towards quality programs and continued progress and development.

The assessment focused on the review of program documents under the areas of board resolutions on the offering of the programs; accreditation status; program description, outcomes, goals, and objectives; profile of the dean and program coordinator; faculty profile; curriculum; Outcomes-Based Education (OBE) requirement; library resources; laboratory and facilities; admission and retention policy, adviser to student ration, and thesis/dissertation panel; research and creative works; and Higher Education Institution (HEI)-Industry partnership. It also involved validation of the evidences and discussions with the BSU Local Task Force.

During the closing program on August 15, 2024, the Evaluation Team presented their feedback on the programs, highlighting areas for improvement and providing recommendations.

VP for Academic Affairs Samuel S. Poliden, representing President Comila, delivered his commitment to addressing the evaluation team's recommendations and assured that updates related to the evaluation would be shared with other colleges.

"Thank you for the constructive comments that will help us improve our services to our clientele. Thank you for showing us the things we need to do and presenting our compliant services, which will also help us continue what we have started and are yet to improve based on your recommendations," said College of Teacher Education Dean Divina M. Yango in her closing remarks.//EBawayan

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"Let today begin for BSU as one of the campus leaders in animal welfare, especially in farm animal production," she declared.

BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila expressed his appreciation, stating that the event demonstrates our love, care, and responsibility for nature and animals.

To better appreciate the project, the AKF presented a video on managing a cage-free facility showcasing its benefits compared to a caged facility. Leo S. Laruan, the Project Leader, also provided a brief background of the MOA and the project.

After the MOA signing, VP for Business Affairs Norma P. Banania and

Anna Cris L. Langaoan representing VP for Research and Extension Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres, committed support for the project and looked forward to the positive impact of this collaboration to the community and the environment.

"We are looking forward to a brighter future for the BSU Poultry Project. For years, we've been producing eggs in a cage, we did well and we are still doing well. But we look forward to a healthier eggs that will be served to the community and making BSU take the lead," Banania said.

Madeline S. Kingan, CA Secretary, thanked the AKF for their interest in

collaborating with BSU in this venture. She reiterated that this initiative shows BSU's support for the AKF in its goal of advocating the prevention of animal cruelty and suffering and the protection and promotion of animal welfare.

"We join the AKF in their passionate and dedicated campaign towards humane animal production and we assure you that the department will do whatever it can for the successful implementation of this MOA. We take on the challenge of being the campus leader for the cage-free egg production in the Cordillera Administrative Region," she assured.//EBawayan

BSU welcomes reciprocal visit from USDA-FEP mentors

Two mentors from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Faculty Exchange Program (FEP), Dr. Jennie Ivey and Ms. Sabrina Gouldsbury, were at the Benguet State University (BSU) on August 20, 2024 for a reciprocal visit.

The visit began with a courtesy call to BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila. The visitors were accompanied by faculty and staff from the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) led by their Dean, Dr. Maureen de Vera and the International Relations Office (IRO) led by Director Rex John Bawang.

Following the courtesy call, Dr. Samantha Aquino of CVM, a previous USDA-FEP participant, and Glyrel Palberas from IRO facilitated a campus tour for Dr. Ivey and Ms. Gouldsbury.

As part of their visit, Dr. Ivey and Ms. Gouldsbury gave lectures at the Everlasting Hall of the Research and Extension Building. In his welcome remarks, BSU VP for Research and Extension, Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres expressed his gratitude and hopes for a fruitful collaboration between BSU and the USDA. He emphasized the importance of learning from international experiences and applying them locally and highlighted

the potential for international collaboration in research and extension.

Dr. Ivey first lectured about balancing extension and faculty expectations in academia followed by Ms. Gouldsbury who talked about cultivating a culture of accountability where she presented strategies for building strong teams. They also shared their personal experiences in facing and overcoming challenges in their respective fields.

The day ended with a dinner hosted by the IRO where the visitors were exposed to the culture of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) through dances and food. The dinner also served as an opportunity for the CVM Faculty and Staff Members to further interact with the visitors.

Dr. Ivey thanked BSU for being gracious, welcoming and open in sharing about life and culture.

"I really do believe that this is a reciprocal visit but not just a one-way opportunity. It's been really enlightening but

also eye-opening with all the wonderful strengths and opportunities that you have here in your university...and so I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Sam (Dr. Aquino)," she added.

Dr. Ivey, an extension specialist, is an Associate Professor in the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, USA and Ms. Gouldsbury is an Operations Manager of the Signature Events and Festival, Disney Events Group based in USA. The USDA-FEP brings educators from colleges of veterinary medicine to the United States for 4.5 months (one semester) to increase their knowledge and ability to teach and perform research in veterinary medicine and science. The program began in 2022 and in 2023, Dr. Aquino of CVM was accepted to the program. This year, Dr. Loretta C. Romero of the CVM was also accepted to the program.//PGadang, BTayaban & JTabangcura

BSUGAEI Corner

BSUGAEI learns from SORSU employees association

The Benguet State University Government Employees Association Incorporated (BSUGAEI) embarked on a benchmarking trip to Sorsogon State University (SORSU), the *Pamantasang may Puso*, on June 3 and 4, 2024. The primary purpose of the activity was to learn about the Sorsu employee association's best practices to enhance BSUGAEI's quality of service and organizational performance by integrating proven strategies and methodologies.



The BSUGAEI officers with Sorsogon State University President Geraldine De Jesus during the benchmarking activity at SORSU on June 3-4, 2024.//Photo contributed by SORSU

BSUGAEI officers were warmly welcomed by SORSU President Geraldine De Jesus. After a fruitful discussion, the BSUGAEI assured her of unwavering support to collaborative endeavors in the future aimed at the holistic advancement of all stakeholders. The BSUGAEI visited SORSU's Sorsogon City and Castilla campuses on June 3 and the Magallanes and Bulan campuses on June 4, 2024.

In all the four SORSU campuses, BSUGAEI was presented with SORSU's best practices through comprehensive videos showcasing various employee training programs and seminar initiatives, these were followed by an open forum where BSUGAEI actively engaged with SORSU officials through discussions highlighted with rich exchange of ideas fostering a spirit of cooperation and mutual learning.//DWanawan

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Humanidades, ang aktibong pakikilahok ng mga mag-aaral at mga guro ng pamantasan. Ayon sa kanya, napatunayan sa loob ng isang buwang pagdiriwang na ang wikang Filipino ay buhay, mayaman, at patuloy na yumayabong sa bawat henerasyon.

Nagbigay din siya ng hamon sa bawat isa na ipagpatuloy ang diwa ng wikang mapagpalaya sa araw-araw ng ating pamumuhay at saan man tayo magpunta.

"Huwag sana natin kalimutang itaguyod at palaganapin ang ating wika, ganun din ang ating mother tongue o unang wika, lalo na sa mga kabataan na siyang mapapatuloy sa ating mga nasimulan," sabi niya.

Ang pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wika ay alinsunod sa Proklamasyon Blg. 1041, na nilagdaan noong 1997 na nagtatakda ng Agosto bilang Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa at naglalayong itaguyod ang paggamit ng wikang Filipino at pahalagahan ang wika at kultura.//EBawayan