

The University is all set in the implementation of the Free Tuition for school year 2017-2018, and as the implementation is underway, staff from the Office of the University Registrar are continuously providing quality and reliable service to its main clientele by setting up additional stations for the students to be able to process their enrollment for their Midyear Classes in June 2017.



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## BSU is set on free tuition for SY 2017-2018

**No tuition fee shall be collected from Benguet State University undergraduate students starting the first semester of SY 2017-2018.**

This was stipulated in the guidelines on the grant for free tuition in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) for Fiscal Year 2017, jointly issued by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

The number of students who may avail of the tuition subsidy shall be determined by the estimated tuition income of the SUC and only academically-able students shall be considered for the “free tuition.”

However, students who are beneficiaries of nationally-funded Student Financial Assistance Program (StuFAP) shall be the first to be prioritized in the availment of “free tuition.”

After all StuFAP beneficiaries have been enrolled, continuing students are prioritized next. If there are remaining “free tuition” funds, new enrollees and returning students shall likewise be given corresponding slots.

This is according to Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2017-1.

BSU, and all other SUCs, will be assessing the eligibility of students to “free tuition.” Before the opening of the formal enrollment period, the University shall rank all assessed students according to the student prioritization procedure of “free tuition” 2017.

BSU students are advised to submit an original or certified true copy of one document as proof of income during the pre-registration period, from June 26- July 1, 2017. These documents include Income Tax Return (ITR), BIR Form 2316, BIR Certificate of Exemption from Filing ITR, Barangay Certificate of Indigency, Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) Certificate, Employment Contract for OFWs, and other government-issued documents that indicate income earnings of member(s) of

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## BSU aggie grad places 5th in licensure exam; University surpasses nat'l passing rate

**Benguet State University (BSU) Agriculture graduate, Nora Hill G. Evasco was just hopeful she would pass the Agriculturist Licensure Examination as she was saddened that she did not have the right answers to the questions.**

This is why she was shocked and elated when she learned that she placed fifth (85.00%) in the top 10 list of passers.

“I am humbled when I heard the news that I placed fifth,” said Evasco.

Aside from Evasco making it to the top 10 list, BSU also registered a 37.82% passing rate in the 2017 Agriculturist Licensure Examination surpassing the national passing rate of 31.55%.

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## Tech Caravan identifies Kapangan's common soil problems

**Kapangan has recorded very low composition of soil organic materials.**

**Prof. Alexander Fagyan, director of the Climate Smart Agriculture Center, revealed this during the conduct of the Benguet State University (BSU) Technology Caravan in Kapangan on May 4, 2017.**

About 40 soil samples were brought by farmers were subjected to soil analysis during the caravan. After the results were revealed, Prof. Fagyan had a one-on-one consultation with the farmers where he recommended the appropriate amount of fertilizers and organic materials to be used.

*“Ta ti mula mangmangan met laeng iti sustansia ti daga isu a kasapulan met laeng ti husto a kaado ti mayaplikar nga abono* (Because

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*Prof. Alex Fagyan explains to the farmers of Kapangan the results of the different soil samples that were analyzed during the Tech Caravan on May 4, 2017 at Kapangan, Benguet.*



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## Benguet State University

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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  
Service

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**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

\*Board of Regents Approved Resolution # 2494, s. 2016.

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## Curriculum dev't workshop on Agritourism held; BSU eyes proposing BSAETM

With the aim to draft a proposal on Agritourism as an academic subject, as a major field, or as a baccalaureate degree program, a workshop on the curriculum development of Agritourism was conducted on May 30, 2017 at the Gladiola Center, BSU.

The consultation and dialogue was coordinated with the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA) for the revision and enhancement of their curricular offering, Bachelor of Science in Agri-EcoTourism Management (BSAETM). CBSUA is the first Higher Education Institution (HEI) to offer the said degree program.

"We are really happy for this collaboration because everyone has given their inputs. The different views and ideas are good for the revision of the curriculum," said Ms. Mia Bella R. Fresnido CBSUA-BSAETM instructor.

Before the workshop started, Fresnido emphasized that the importance of the BSAETM degree program is more than just for entrepreneurial, social, cultural, environmental, and economic purposes. The said course invokes community-based agritourism and environmental conservation. "Everything you do in the farm, you consider the environment," added Fresnido.

Aside from BSU and CBSUA, representatives from the Tarlac Agricultural University (TAU) and Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU) attended the said workshop.

The draft for the enhancement

of the BSAETM curriculum considered three major cores of the course - the Agri-Eco Core (21 units), Agri-EcoTourism Core (21 units), and Business Core (21 units). Moreover, specialized subjects were identified including regional identity subjects. The outlined curriculum has a total of 136 units.

In 2014, a proposal to offer agritourism as a major field in BS Agriculture by Dr. Lita M. Colting, chairman of the Department of Entomology was submitted. It was approved by the College of Agriculture Academic Council (CAAC).

"One of the oldest activities of the University is agritourism. We always entertain visitors and bring them to our R&D activities and projects, and to nearby tourism spots," said Dr. Janet Pablo, member of the CA Curriculum Committee. "The new course can complement the BSHRM course offered by the College of Home Economics and Technology and to realize the goal of the Farm Development Tourism Act of 2016."

Fresnido further said that the course offering brings the opportunity to empower farms in catering to tourists and that tourism is becoming a priority sector for development.

//Juman Kevin B. Tindo

### Errata

On the previous Issue of Shamag (APRIL 2017, VOL. XXVI, No. 6), the following errors were noted:

1. In the article "Spanish visiting profs share expertise on strawberry," it must be noted that there is no Department of Plant Breeding in the College of Agriculture. However, Dr. Janet Pablo is the chairman of the Department of Agronomy.
2. In the article "Tech Caravan reaches Kabayan," the acronym of the Horticulture Research and Training Institute is HORTI not HRTI. The last name of Ms. Elvira is Balinsay and she was explaining about the Fusarium wilt of sweet potatoes. Sweet potato is not a host of clubroot.

The Editorial Board apologizes for any inconvenience these errors have brought.



Saglit na kaganapan sa Pambansang Seminar-Gawaing kapulungan sa Uswag Dangkal ng Filipino 2017.

## Uswag Dangkal ng Filipino 2017, idinaos ng SWAK

Isang pambansang seminar-gawaing kapulungan ang idinaos ng BSU-Sentro ng Wika at Kultura (SWAK) noong Mayo 4-6, 2017 sa CTE Function Hall.

"Ito ay ipinanukala ng SWAK sa pagpapatibay ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino bilang tugon sa pangangailangan na mabigyan ng mas maraming pagsasanay palihan at katulad na gawain para sa kaunlaran sa pagtuturo," sabi ni Dr. Winston N. Ros, director ng SWAK.

Ang seminar-gawaing kapulungan ay dinaluhan ng 250 na guro galing sa iba't ibang panig ng bansa. Sa loob ng tatlong araw, nagkaroon ng tatlong panayam na kinabibilangan ng ortograpiyang pambansa na tinalakay ni G. John Enrico Torralba, puno ng Sangay Edukasyon at Networking-KWF; KWF manwal sa masinop na pagsusulat na tinalakay ni Dr. Romulo I. Baquiran Jr., propesor sa Unibersidad ng Pilipinas-

Diliman; at korespondensiya opisyal na tinalakay ni G. Rogelio G. Mangahas, isang editor at premyadong manunulat.

"Itong mga training namin ay para sa pagpapabuti ng paggamit at pagturo ng wikang Filipino. Sana maisapuso ninyo at maisagawa ang layunin ng training na ito," sabi ni Purificacion De Lema mula sa Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino na nagrepresenta kay Virgilio S. Almario, tagapangulo ng KWF at NCCA.

Ang pambukas na palatuntunan ay dinaluhan ni BSU President, Dr. Feliciano G. Calora Jr. Ang aktibidad ay sa pagtataguyod ng SWAK sa Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino at Cordillera Speech Management and Rhetoric Training Systems (SMART FITS).

//JTabangcura

## PASUC initiates forum on consti reforms

In partnership with BSU, the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) conducted a "Forum on Constitutional Reforms: Its Relevance to Higher Education, Peace, and Development" at the gymnasium on May 11, 2017.

Participated by State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) from Regions 1, 2, and Cordillera Administrative Region, the main purpose of the activity is envisioned to assess the thoughts and encapsulate the views of the academic community, particularly state higher education institutions, on the call for constitutional reforms.

"The event will stimulate

discussion on significant reforms... The forum will have a common framework, common model among strategic regions that will be participated in by stakeholders," said Dr. Herbert Glenn P. Reyes, Executive Director of PASUC and member of the Forum Management Committee.

According to BSU President Dr. Feliciano G. Calora Jr., BSU

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## Tech Caravan...

plants also consume nutrients in the soil so it is necessary to apply the proper amount of fertilizer,” Prof. Fagyan said.

Fagyan emphasized that the three main macro-nutrients - Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Potassium - are important for crop development, especially in promoting the growth of the plant. It also helps in conditioning the soil so that it is easier to till.

Aside from low composition of soil organic materials, Ms. Elvira Balinsoy of the Horticulture Research and Training Institute (HORTI) found out that insect pests and *Fusarium* wilt are prevalent in the area. These pests include leaf miners, fruit flies, white flies, and thrips.

Ms. Balinsoy then proposed

the use of insect traps as a way to control the pests and to minimize the damage brought about by such.

Prof. Andres Basalong, director of Northern Philippines Root Crops Research and Training Center (NPRCRTC) explained that *Fusarium* wilt is a soil-borne pathogen that attacks sweet potato, tomato, and pepper plants which are common crops of Kapangan farmers.

Prof. Basalong urged the farmers to sprinkle water in their farms early in the morning to avoid multiplication of the fungus.

*“Importante di daga ay baknang si organic matter ta siyay pante-e an di man laban si sakit di mula (It’s important for the soil to have rich organic matter because it is where good microorganisms stay that fight most plant diseases),”*

Basalong exclaimed.

Prof. Basalong also strongly recommended the use of clean planting materials, resistant varieties, and *Trichoderma* which are available in the University.

“This caravan has helped the farmers learn the condition of their soils and made them realize that they might put too much fertilizer causing their soil to deteriorate. Also, the farmers were given knowledge about their plant diseases and what they should do,” said Dr. Peter T. Begawen Jr., Kapangan Municipal Agriculture Officer.

The Tech Caravan also included lectures on Coffee, Beekeeping, Processing of Semi temperate vegetables and Animal Production.

//Dalos S. Emok

## Best papers, posters recognized in IC FEC closing program

The beating of the brass gong gangsa coupled with songs for the environment intensified the heat of the venue as participants anticipated the announcement of victors in the best paper and poster presentations.

Twelve winners were awarded in the closing program of the 1st International Conference on Food, Environment, and Culture on May 17, 2017.

The winners in each respective category are as follows:

### FOOD CATEGORY

1st Best Paper

Title: *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) as Stimulus to Bicol Rice Economy*

Researcher: Rolan Jon G. Bulao

2nd Best Paper

Title: *Extraction Methods for High Quantity and Quality Genomic DNA from Bovine Whole and FTA Stored*

*Blood*

Researchers: Peter James C. Icalia, Mae Ann R. Batuyog, Don Carlo R. Batara

3rd Best Paper

Title: *Atoxigenic Strains of Aspergillus Flavus Isolated from Peanuts Collected from Northern*

Researchers: Janet S. Luis, Anthony Glenn, Robert Kemerait Jr., Floresca T. Agustin, Larry Pierce, Yolanda Angeles

### ENVIRONMENT CATEGORY

1st Best Paper

Title: *Novel Genetic Populations for Bovine Breeding Programs Identified Through Molecular Diversity*

*Analysis*

Researchers: Peter James Icalia, Agapita J. Salces, Geronima Ludan

2nd Best Paper

Title: *Stem Taper Models for Volume and Biomass Estimation of Japanese Cedar (Cryptomeria japonica) in Jeju Island, Korea: A Tool for Climate Change Mitigation*

Researchers: Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres, Yeon Ok Seo

3rd Best Paper

Title: *Indigenous Environmental Conservation and Farming Practices in Karao and Ekip, Bokod, Benguet*

Researchers: Maria Luz D. Fang-asan, Erlinda B. Alupias, Constantino T. Sudaypan, Jennyline S. Tabangcura, Christine Grace B. Sidchogan, Rachelle B. Kiong, Filmore Y. Awas, Jumar B. Yago-an, Matyline A. Camfili

### CULTURE CATEGORY

1st Best Paper

Title: *Thematic Analysis of Isnags’ Literary Texts*

Researcher: Rema B. Ocampo

2nd Best Paper

Title: *The Influence of Saint Louis School Center High School Department Curriculum on the*

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## ICFEC keynote speakers stress sustainable development in messages

Sustainable development is the buzzword in the opening program of the 1st International Conference on Food, Environment, and Culture (ICFEC) as heard from the keynote speakers on May 16, 2017.

Hon. Fortunato T. De La Peña, Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), highlighted the initiatives of the department in contribution to sustainable development. He then challenged everyone to look at how research and development can be used to maximize the number of beneficiaries. He went on to expound the opportunities of collaboration among researchers, institutions or organizations, with other countries and even bilateral cooperation.

On the other hand, Dr. Dindo M. Campilan, Director of the Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical- Asia Regional Office, presented “The Food-Environment-Culture Nexus for a Climate-Resilient-Future.”

He discussed the interconnectedness or synergy of food, environment and culture.

Dr. Napoleon B. Imperial, Deputy Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education quipped on the restructuring and reorienting of agricultural education challenges in the Philippines.

He mentioned the three key challenges in agricultural education: persistent poverty and hunger, aging and thinning of the ranks of the farmers and the not-so-bright prospect of replacements, ways to make the structure, contents and methodology of agricultural education quickly responsive to the two earlier challenges.

He said that in CHED, they are developing ways to come up with graduates who are socially accountable, productive human assets and relevant in the present time. He then mentioned the significant efforts of CHED in responding to this call.

“The way forward is to rethink, to innovate and to implement,” he ended.

//Christine Grace S. Fuchigami



**INTERNATIONAL AWARDEES.** Delegates from the Czech University of Life Sciences receive their certificate of recognition placing 2nd in the Best poster Competition from BSU President Dr. Feliciano G. Calora, Jr. during the IC FEC closing program on May 17, 2017.





BSU Faculty and Staff together with SEARCA guests and Alumni pose as the orientation on SEARCA Scholarship Programs conclude on May 3, 2017 at the BSU-Administration Conference Room.

## 2 SLS studes triumph in Palarong Pambansa '17

Todwin Minas and Islay Bomogao both showed their skills in combative sports by gaining gold and silver medals respectively during the April 23-29 Palarong Pambansa 2017 held in Antique.

Todwin Minas, who bagged a gold medal for Wushu felt honored to be a part of CAR's success in the Palarong Pambansa. According to the 8th grader, he was very happy to be one of the many athletes who qualified for the event representing not only the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) but also the BSU-SLS. When asked how he won, he said, "The key is determination, proper conditioning and my faith to God."

On the other hand, Islay Erika Bomogao, a 10th grader won a silver medal for Pencak Silat in the Tanding category. "I was shocked at first but very thankful because out of many players of Pencak Silat here in CAR, I was chosen," she said. For her, she won because of her.

Minas and Bomogao, who joined for the first time, hope that their achievement will inspire other students of BSU-Secondary Laboratory School to strive harder and be more dedicated to sports. Their awards contributed to the points earned by CAR that ranked 6th out of 17 other competing regions.

Other SLS athletes who joined the Palarong Pambansa were Marc Lejan Bie, Junuel Fianza, Rael Collado and Rolsky Lestino (football) Adrienne Jude Cayat (Pencak Silat) and Ericka Kuengan (futsal). The SLS athletes were trained by DepEd coaches and accompanied by Mr. Ryan Batinay, the SLS-JHS Sports Coordinator.

//BSU-SLS Mt. Breeze

## SEARCA invites more scholarship applicants

In the recent years, there was a noted decrease of Filipino applicants to scholarships offered by the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA).

This was according to Zacyl R. Jalotjot of the SEARCA-Graduate and Institutional Development Department. Jalotjot with her colleague, Blessie P. Saez met with several BSU faculty and staff on May 3, 2017 to invite SEARCA scholarship applicants.

"We try as much as we can go to schools for orientation programs

in order to invite more applicants," added Jalotjot.

SEARCA offers full Master's and PhD scholarship and PhD research scholarship. Aside from technical fields in agriculture, the center also supports fields in social science. These are mostly funded by European countries.

One of the application

requirements is an IELTS score of 6.0 or TOEFL score of 550 for paper-based, 213 for computer based, and 80 for Internet-based test. Saez clarified that since the IELTS and TOEFL examination can be costly, these can be taken after being qualified for SEARCA scholarship.

"Once you are a SEARCA scholar, it will not stop there. As a SEARCA alumni, you will be invited to trainings and will receive additional support for research. We have SEARCA Alumni Regional Centers and SEARCA gives support when they organize conferences," said Jalotjot.

Dr. Janet S. Luis, Dr. Cipriano C. Consolacion, Dr. Romeo A. Gomez, Dr. Marissa R. Parao and Dr. Kenneth C. Laruan are among the BSU faculty who are SEARCA Alumni.

//JSTabangcura

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### Best papers, posters...

*Ethnic Identity Development of Fourth Year Students School Year 2009-2010*

Researcher: Kristine T. Baniqued-Dela Cruz  
3rd Best Paper

Title: *Indigenous Knowledge and Practices in Agriculture among the Bugkalots in Quirino*

Researcher: Cynthia Grace T. Valdez

### POSTER PRESENTATION

First

Title: *Hybrid Nanoparticles Modified Electride for DSSCs-Future Energy Challenge*

Researcher: MR Hasan, M. Zaved H. Khan

Second

Title: *Antimicrobial and Antioxidant Activity of Cambodian Neglected Edible and Medicinal Plants*

Researchers: Johana Rondevaldova, Marketa Houdkova, Ladislav Kokoska

Third

Title: *Higher Ecological Income and Improved Soil Properties of Low Agro-Ecological Zone Vegetables Farm: Effect of Good Agricultural Practices*

Researchers: Janet S. Luis, Luciana M. Villanueva, Carlito P. Laurean, Belinda A. Tad-awan, Araceli G. Ladilad, Craig P. Lucas, Diwa B. Kingay

"I promise that I will continue and dig into the richness of our culture. Because researching is something that entails a lot of work, a lot of reading, for example. That is why I advise our researches to continue adding on what they already have and continue discovering knowledge through readings," said Rema B. Ocampo, author of the 1st Best Paper in the culture track.

//Juman Kevin B. Tindo



### SWEET VICTORY!

Islay Bomogao (L) with Coach Ryan Batinay (SLS Sports Coordinator) and Todwin Minas (R) proudly display their medals during the 2017 Palarong Pambansa. //Mt. Breeze

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## PASUC initiates forum on consti reforms

President, there is a need to enlighten and demystify the topic on federalism.

Speakers from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) were also invited as resource persons for the forum.

Dr. Alex B. Brillantes, professor at the University of the Philippines-National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG), presented federalism concepts and models. "The status quo is unacceptable that is why we should change the framework and mindsets of people...We will be changing the structure but we will not be inserting a new government...We will concentrate on the needs of the local people," said Dr. Brillantes.

"Federalism in the decentralization continuum is the next big step after devolution... In a federal system, sovereignty is shared between the national and the local government units, powers are divided between a central government and several local governments," emphasized Dr. Brillantes.

On the other hand, Mr. Conrado Generoso, consultant on the DILG Task Team on Federalism, talked about "Philippine PHederalism." He said that "PHederalism" is a process towards system change which is uniquely our own.

"Let's give the country a fresh

start- clean slate- and with a new hope," said Mr. Generoso.

Mr. Generoso also said that if "PHederalism" will be pushed, there should be only one constitution, flag, armed forces, foreign policy, education system, civil service system, and central bank or monetary system.

Moreover, CHED Commissioner Dr. J. Prospero

accordingly, HEIs will be clustered based on industry sectors and economic potentials of the region. Once focus areas are established, regional/state HEIs with specializations in the disciplines required by the top industries will be nurtured.

"HEI with expertise in agriculture, forestry, fishery, and vetmed for...the largest agricultural

accompanied with other reforms. "Federalism or other political systems is not the magic bullet to fight corruption," said Dr. De Vera.

The event was the eighth leg of a series of fora for the information dissemination on the theme which is in collaboration with the DILG and CHED.

//Juman Kevin B. Tindo



**FEDERALISM AND PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION.** Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III, CHED Commissioner said that federalism makes education more responsive to what the people needs and that it brings accountability close to the local constituents.

E. De Vera III expounded on federalism and its impact on public higher education. Dr. De Vera said that federalism makes education more responsive to what the people need and that it brings accountability close to the local constituents.

Dr. De Vera, however, exclaimed that "we can decide whether Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) will remain in the federal government or we can have a mix up, which depends upon the model to be adopted."

If the model is already decided,

producing regions of the country," said Dr. De Vera.

"Other SUCs may be integrated into universities that are known to be strong or more effective in the delivery of programs or undertake a refocusing of their programs to better meet the needs of the state or regional economy," added Dr. De Vera.

Furthermore, Dr. De Vera and Mr. Generoso corrected the misconception that corruption can be solved if federalism will be adopted. They said that constitutional reforms must be

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### BSU is set on free tuition...

the household who would be responsible for the financing of the student's cost of education.

The "free tuition" will not cover laboratory and miscellaneous fees.

"The free tuition program is a big help to students. It would remove a 'burden' from the parents," said Kezia Bando, an incoming BS Nursing III student.

Further, Walter Jensen, incoming Bachelor of Secondary Education IV student said that the "free tuition" is an immense support for students who are financially struggling. "Students who also have single parents can take a breath because of the free tuition implementation."

PHP 8Billion is allocated under the provision for the Higher Education Support Program, is allocated to SUCs based on the estimated income from tuition fees of the respective SUCs for Fiscal Year 2017.

//Juman Kevin B. Tindo



My advice to future students who will take the board exam is that they should always be prepared for anything. They should also pray because we need prayers. And we should aim high."

Nora Hill G. Evasco, LEA Top 5

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### BSU aggie grad...

"We are very much happy and proud that our students have improved their performance in the agriculture board exam," said Dr. Leoncia L. Tandang, dean of the College of Agriculture.

According to Dr. Tandang, BSU has been doing well in the previous agriculture board exams. She said that this good performance in the licensure exams is a requirement for the program's accreditation, as well as, for the college to regain its Center of

Excellence in Agriculture status.

"This is also one reason why we are coming up with curriculum enhancements in the BS Agriculture program to update topics and contents in the different courses. Aside from this, we are also implementing a course audit in the fourth year of the students," said Dr. Tandang.

Dr. Tandang also emphasized that the course audit of the program is important to sustain and update issues in the field of agriculture.

"We are also encouraging students to always supplement their stock knowledge by reading about new developments in the agricultural industry, proceedings in conferences, the agriculture

section in newspapers, and of course the basic concepts of agriculture," added Dr. Tandang.

Moreover, to augment the review of students, Dr. Tandang said that some students schedule a special voluntary review session to the faculty members of the college. "We are one family, so we have to share at least a general review for the students because it is a big help for them," she said.

"My advice to future students (agriculturists) who will take the board exam is that they should always be prepared for anything. They should also pray because we need prayers. And we should aim high," said Evasco.

//Juman Kevin B. Tindo





University President Feliciano G. Calora, Jr., one of the plenary speakers, presents the needs of the University to improve on Research and Development during the PHILARM 2nd International Research, Development and Extension Management Congress on May 24, 2017 at the Hptel Elizabeth, Baguio City.

## BSU co-sponsors PHILARM int'l conference

The University co-sponsored the 2nd International Research, Development, and Extension (RDE) Management Congress and 27th National Convention of the Philippine Association of Research Managers (PHILARM). The event was held on May 23-25, 2017 at the Hotel Elizabeth in Baguio City with the theme, "Enhancing Multidisciplinary RDE Management in the ASEAN Region towards Inclusive and Sustainable Growth."

The three-day conference was graced by Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAAARD) Executive Director, Dr. Danilo C. Cardenas representing DOST Secretary, Hon. Fortunato T. Dela Peña and InangLupa Movement Inc. President, Dr. William D. Dar. The plenary speakers include Mr. Kyle Connely, a Coastal Resource Management Volunteer of the US Peace Corps; Dr. Demily Biji, an

Ayurvedic Doctor/Consultant of the Dr. RA Fernando School of Health Care and Technology; Dr. Feliciano G. Calora Jr., BSU President; and Mr. Arsenio "Toto" Barcelona, President of Harvest Agribusiness Corporation.

The keynote and plenary speakers' topics covered DOST programs, biotechnology and agricultural research towards resiliency to climate change.

"I am confident that this event will prove successful in sharing

knowledge and experiences, establishing more research collaboration and strengthening linkages toward building a more vibrant science community in ASEAN," said Sec. Dela Peña as relayed by Cardenas. Mr. Barcelona also hoped that 'the wealth of knowledge from Agricultural Research on water will become the essential foundation for crops research on yield, resiliency to climate change and quality of produce'.

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## BAPTC launches carrot washing facility, invites more traders

The Benguet Agri-Pinoy Trading Center (BAPTC) launched its carrot washing facility on May 12, 2017. The facility included carrot washing sheds for the Carrot Washers, Disposers and Buyers Association (CWDBA). The association is among the first group of vegetable traders who started transferring to the BAPTC recently.

According to BAPTC Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Violeta B. Salda, the carrot washing facility was an answer to the request that a space be allocated for the carrot washers. This way, they can already transfer to the center.

"We are thankful to God for opening our eyes, hearts and minds to gradually understand what is BAPTC, its programs and services, why and how it was established, and who were the people behind. At first, BAPTC was so difficult to accept for we were told that BAPTC is only for the farmers and the market facilitators or disposers will be displaced," said Market Facilitator, Ms. Melita K. Erico.

New officers of the CWDBA, Cordillera Truckers Packers and Vegetable Traders Association, Truckers (Divisoria, Balintawak, Urdaneta) and Farmer Leader Council were also presented and inducted during the event. It was attended by Benguet Governor, Hon. Crescencio C. Pacalso; La Trinidad Mayor, Hon. Romeo K. Salda; Farmer's Representative to BAPTC, Mr. Joaquin M. Depalog Jr.; Atty. Peter Guibac representing Benguet Congressman, Hon. Ronald M. Cosalan and Mr. Robert Domoguen representing the Department of Agriculture-CAR.

A carrot washer by the DA-Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) is also being pre-tested in the facility. If the results are good, PhilMech will sell the carrot washer to the farmers.

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**INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCES.** The Glee Club, Highland Dance Troupe, Lowland Dance Troupe, and Dramatics Club from the Center for Culture and the Arts showed off their prowess during the First International Conference on Food, Culture and Environment on May 15-17, 2017 at the Hotel Supreme, Baguio City.

## CRAC conducts beekeeping training

To continually promote the development of the beekeeping industry and increase the number of beekeepers, the Cordillera Regional Apiculture Center (CRAC) conducted two seminars on basic beekeeping.

The first seminar was on basic beekeeping held on May 5, 2017 at the Strawberry hall with 150 participants composed of BSU student and staff as well as individuals from the general public. The one-day activity included free lectures on bee biology and anatomy; beekeeping tools and equipment; and pest and disease management.

The second training was held on May 24-26, 2017 at the CRAC Apiary, College of Forestry building

with eight participants from Baguio City, La Trinidad, Kapangan and Kibungan. This time, although collecting a registration fee; the training included a practicum aside from the lectures. Hive management, honey extraction, harvest of other bee products, and queen rearing was also added in the lectures.

CRAC Director Paquito P. Untalan and other CRAC staff members served as trainers during the training. //Elsie S. Maamo



The BSU-Elementary Laboratory School held its Recognition and Graduation Exercises on May 16, 2017 at the BSU Gymnasium. This was attended by BSU Vice President for University Business Affairs, Dr. Silvestre K. Aben who confirmed the 80 graduates. Certificates and medals were awarded to academic achievers and outstanding graduates as well as to the best performing Grade 1-5 pupils.