Hands Up! During the opening of the 45th Founding Anniversary Celebration of Bicol University, students perform the annual Hataw, a synchronized exercise routine, headed by the Institute of Physical Education, Sports, and Recreation (IPESR) on September 17 at the BU Oval. Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP

The 45th Anniversary of Bicol University with the theme “45 years of commitment to excellence, innovation, and good governance” is a very significant event, Bicol University being the first state university established in the Bicol Region. We therefore celebrate this milestone while at the same time reflect on how we have served as an intermediary towards social change. Much has been achieved, many heights have been reached, and there’s no way to go but up!

Five years ago, when we celebrated the university’s Ruby Anniversary, we had laid out ten intentions, which we have slowly but surely acted upon and translated into tangible. Over these five years, we have added to the list, and the ten intentions have evolved into what is now Bicol University’s 13-Point Agenda. We can only eagerly look forward to the university’s bright future, as a Regional Research University in sync with the ever-changing global educational landscape.

The 45 years span also marked seven University Presidents’ aggregate service to the University, a continuity of Academic leadership whose visions and aspirations shaped the University to what it is today. We have now 15 colleges, 6 campuses, and 25,000 students and about 1,000 staff, faculty and non-teaching personnel as a community committed to excellence, innovation, and good governance.

The next five years are the transition years for all HEIs not only in Bicol University as the basic education reform of K to 12 impacts on higher education. It will be a time for Bicol University to lead in this transformation. The strong foundation laid down these past 45 years has made Bicol University ready to shine and become an excellent University Not only in the country but among global universities.

Let us move as one to be the ONE!
Leadership of President Lauraya portrayed in last Lecture Series

During the celebration of the 45th BU Founding Anniversary, the Bicol University Graduate School held the seventh and last part of the Lecture Series on The Bicol University Leaders in the Context of their Time, focused on the leadership of Dr. Fay Lea Patria M. Lauraya, 7th President of Bicol University, at the BU Amphitheater on September 17.

Dr. Helen Llenaresas, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Amy Dorosan, Vice President for Administration, Dr. Joseph Bartolata, Chief Planning and Management Office, and Prof. Jerry Bigornia, Vice President for Resource Generation and Assets Management, presented the accomplishments of Bicol University under the leadership of Dr. Fay Lea Patria M. Lauraya through a series of video presentations and awarded her the plaque of recognition made from the wood of the University’s Centennial Tree.

BULC holds Dia Del Libro en Bicol

Del Libro en Bicol at the BUCE Center for Teaching Excellence Training Hall last September 26, 2014.

The said event aims to expose the students to Philippine-Spanish Relations, with activities such as Book Fair and Exhibit, Film Showing, Contests, Spanish Demo Lesson, and a talk on Philippine-Spanish Relations: The Bicol Experience by Prof. Raffi Banzuela. (Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP)

Colloquium...(from page 1)

experts from various organizations shared latest information, trends, and practices on topics related to the theme: “Multisectoral Convergence in Response to the Academic Challenges of ASEAN 2015”.

A total of 334 teachers, school administrators, professionals and graduate school students from different regions and at least 20 institutions participated in the event. The colloquium is one of the highlights of the BU Graduate School’s celebration of its 43rd year of existence, dubbed, “BUGS: Celebrating 43 Years of Committed Leadership in Advanced Education.” (Ma. Celina G. Meneses/OP)

Yoga session held for BU employees

Dante G. Simbulan, Jr., Ph.D., Head of Mind-Body Studies Section, Center for Complementary and Integrative Medicine, De la Salle Health Sciences Institute, Dasmariñas, Cavite led the yoga session for BU employees on September 9, 2014 at Bicol University College of Medicine. He tackled “Ang Benepisyo ng Yoga at Erhersisyong pa sa Pagpapanatili ng Kalusugan. Dr. Simbulan is also one of the speakers for the 4th International Academic Colloquium. (Jona V. Castañeda/OP)

DRR projects.... (from page 1)

Oriental Hotel, Legazpi City.

The partnership initially covers projects on health and disaster risk reduction amounting to US 200,000 (PhP85.6 million). These projects, laid out through a Rolling Work Plan (RWP), include the development of tools and training modules on assessing local health system resilience. Target beneficiaries are local government units who will also benefit from monitoring and evaluation frameworks so that they are able to measure the efficiency and effectiveness of their response. The Memorandum of Understanding identifies Bicol University as fund manager of the projects.

For the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Projects, UNICEF with the Province of Albay will develop a guidebook for local governments, assessing public funds for DRR and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA). To foster active participation of young people, the partnership will also build the capacity of the National Youth Commission on youth participation in DRR.

An assessment on the ability of responders in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) to respond to both manmade and natural disasters will also make way for further training and capacity building activities to be conducted.

Representing Bicol University was its president, Dr. Fay Lea Patria M. Lauraya. The Provincial Government of Albay was represented by Dr. Cedric Deap, the head of the Albay Public Safety and Emergency Management Office (APSEMO) and the Climate Change Academy (CCA), while UNICEF was represented by Ms. Lotta Sylwander, its Country Representative for the Philippines. (Ma. Celina G. Meneses/OP)
The second rain water collector system was launched at CS Building 4 of the Bicol University College of Science on September 26, as a project of BS Chemistry students for their Environmental Chemistry Class supervised by Prof. Samuel C. Bobiles, Head of the Chemistry Department. During the launch, Dr. Fay Lea Patria M. Lauraya congratulated the students and expressed her support for the project. She challenged the students to create more of such projects. The rain water collector aims to provide water for the boys’ and girls’ comfort rooms to conserve water. The first collector system was launched on February 7, 2014. (Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP)

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Academecian Evelyn Mae Tecson Mendoza, Ph.D., the project leader and core trainer, Biotechnology IEC Project, talks about the Introduction to Biotechnology IEC Project of the National Science and Technology Week, with the theme “Philippines: A Science Nation Meeting Global Challenges” which aimed to disseminate information on available DOST human resource development programs that would capacitate research institutions and universities, towards building a “Science Nation”. This was organized by the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD), together with the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD), and Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD). (Jona V. Castañeda/OP)

**Google... (from page 4)**

President Fay M. Lauraya in her speech during the event, Bicol University wishes to produce “future global citizens that are ready to solve problems of the future with our learnings now.” She, however, cautioned the teachers that they have the responsibility to guide their students in the use of technology as to what is “true, right, and good.”

Tanpoco gave updates of Google applications, presented learning mechanisms including Chromebooks for which they promised leverage for classroom usage, and introduced Pixsell as the largest training partner of Google. They also promised support to Bicol University’s Information Technology capabilities, such as additional bandwidth support, trainings and updates on Google apps, and the possibility of BU’s becoming a wifi school. Pixsell also gifted the university with three digital signage units for advertisements around the BU campus.

Since August, Bicol University’s Information Management Office (IMO) has been conducting Google Apps trainings at the College of Science and other venues within the university. To this date, over 1,350 users made up of at least 122 teachers, 103 non-teaching personnel, and 1,125 students have been trained in BU, with a promise of more trainings to come. (Ma. Celina G. Meneses/OP)
Bicol University congratulates all the passers of the September 2014 Registered Master Electricians (RME) and the Registered Electrical Engineer (REE) Licensure Examinations given by the Board of Electrical Engineering, especially the following:

MARK JOSEPH BIEN CERIOLA, Rank 6, 85.50  
(Registered Master Electrician)

KEVIN YUSON BRITON, Rank 4, 90.15  
JOHN ANTHONY PEÑALBA DY, Rank 7, 89.40  
(Registered Electrical Engineers)

BU Passing Rate  National Passing Rate  
RME  57.89%  32.79% (972 out of 2,964)  
REE  54.43%  59.82% (2,190 out of 3,661)

BU breaks ground for new building

The officials of Bicol University head the groundbreaking of the new BU Multi-tech Complex and BU Food Innovation and Commercialization Center at the BU East Campus on September 25, 2014.

BU goes Google

Pixsell Asia’s Chairman and CEO, Joseph Tanpoco, CEO and Chairman, Pixsell Asia, demonstrate the use of the Google Glasses during the BU Now Global thru Google on September 18 at the BU Amphitheater.

On September 10, the College of Arts and Letters (CAL), College of Science (CS), College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP), and the College of Business, Economics and Management (CBEM) celebrated their 10th founding anniversary, having been created following the implementation of the Comprehensive Development Plan of Bicol University in 2004.

CAL formally started the celebration by a foot parade around the BU main campus, with students, faculty members, and non-teaching personnel dressed in various costumes. This was followed by decALibreng Opening Program that was held at the commencement stage, a Thanksgiving Mass at the BU Amphitheatre, and the decALibreng talent showcase wherein faculty members and students displayed their talents through song and dance numbers. A musical play titled PS.1.4.3.4.4., directed by Prof. Indira Tabo of the STA Department and produced by the 4th Year Speech and Theater Arts students together with the Bicol University New Generation Cultural (BUNGCUL) Singers, capped the celebrations.

CAL in Retrospect: A Variety Show, was held on September 22, and made part of the BU foundation celebrations. Faculty, non-teaching personnel, and students showcased the achievements and milestones of the college in the past 10 years. Some of the Foundation/ P3

The deans of the BU College of Arts and Letters blow the candles of the anniversary cake for the college’s 10th year on September 10 at the BU Amphitheater. Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP

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