The Bicol University’s Founding Anniversary has always been one of its most anticipated events. This year is no exception. It also marks the first foundation celebration and BU Olympics I am officiating.

My promise of better things to happen is still a thing of the future but indeed something to look forward to. We are working slowly but surely towards becoming a world-class university that produces graduates who will become leaders and change agents towards social transformation and development.

As we celebrate BU’s birth, let us also celebrate change. Let us be happy that we continue to find opportunities for improvement, while building on the gains and achievements of the previous years.

To all students, faculty, and non-teaching personnel of Bicol University, I wish you an enjoyable, fun-filled celebration of success and of greater things to come!

Mabuhay ang Bicol University!!!
Dr. Mascarenhas welcomed the attendees during the Bicentennial Celebration in celebration of the 46th Founding Anniversary, El Epson Leon Camuado/OP

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The topics ‘The City, as part of BU’s 46th Founding Anniversary.
BU College of Arts and Letters Amphitheater, Legazpi City, as part of BU’s 46th Founding Anniversary.

The topics ‘The Filipino Indigenous Health System’ tackled by UP Chancellor, Dr. Michael L. Tan and ‘Rediscovering Filipino Tradition on Health and Wellness’ discussed by Integrative Medicine Practitioner, Dr. Susana M. Balingit, became the core of the discussion.

The speakers explained several indigenous healing practices present in the Filipino community and how it is being patronized in rural areas.

Different BU personnel and staff together with medical students and faculty joined the event. Representatives from Bicol Healers Association, headed by Integrative Medicine Practitioner, Dr. Susana M. Balingit, became the core of the discussion.

BUHRMO conducts seminar for Retiring BU Employees
A Post Career Orientation and Direction for Retiring BU Employees organized Bicol University Human Resource Management Office (BU HRMO) on September 9 at the La Roca Veranda Suites and Restaurant, Gogon Legazpi City.

This activity is one of the mandated activities of the Civil Service Commission, Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), supportive of the university’s commitment to provide every BU personnel with information.

BUCE wins BU Voices
The College of Education bagged first place in this year’s “Bicol University Voices: A Choral Competition,” held September 22 at the BU Amphitheatre, and organized by last year’s winner, the College of Arts and Letters. Five units competed this year, the second year of the competition.

The College of Nursing garnered second place, while Polangui Campus got third place. All the winners were given the Acacia Awards and cash prizes of fifteen thousand, ten thousand, and five thousand, respectively.

The College of Science and Gubat Campus, the two other competitors, were also awarded certificates.

Prof. Ma. Aparicion Martinez, Chair of the Board of Judges, said that they had a difficult time to pick the winners since everyone did well and had different styles. She said they depended on who strictly followed the original tune of the contest piece, “Si Nanay, Si Tatay”. Martinez suggested that there be a seminar-workshop prior to the next competition, to study the piece chosen for next year. The song “Karangahan” was also announced to be the contest piece for 2016, during the 47th Founding Anniversary of Bicol University. (Jona V. Castañeda/OP)

3rd extension review conducted
The 3rd In-house Extension Review of Bicol University Extension Service Center was held on September 15, with an opening message from its Director, Dr. Antonio Payonga. He expressed his pride in the Center’s endeavor of celebrating the good extension practices of the various units and colleges of the university. He said that he hopes this event would inspire both the teaching and non-teaching personnel as well as the students of the university to conduct more extension activities.

BU President Arnulfo Mascarinas was represented during the program by Vice President Helen Llenaeresas. She ably delivered his message of support noting the significance of the Center to BU’s role of contributing to community development through extension, the third mandate of the University. Five external evaluators from different agencies in the province of Albay were invited, namely, Department of Social Work and Development, Department of Social and Development.

BUCE bags the Acacia Award during the BU Voices on September 22 at the BU Amphitheatre. (Jona V. Castañeda/OP)