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BU Extension personnel interacting with a Visayan host institution.

BU extension family goes to Visayas schools for benchmarking of extension practice, related functions

The aspiration for more productive, efficient and effective performance in extension and related functions in research, instruction and administration were utmost concerns for a benchmarking by the BU Extension Service Center (BUESC) staff, coordinators and other personnel at the Visayas tertiary schools on May 23-27, 2016.

The first route to the University of Eastern Philippines (UNEP), Borongan, Samar opened opportunities for learning of external linkages which made possible for extension program/projects, self-generating production sources such as refilling gasoline station, beach resort, water refilling station, to name a few, TESDA-accreditation for skills development, one-faculty-one research scheme and incentives for publications. Dr. Rolando Dolorino, UNEP President said that "research and extension have unifying framework, but gradually it is being operationalized". His Vice Presidents, directors of Research and Extension and heads of major offices also shared goals, objectives and programs of their offices during the orientation. Prof. Rowena Zoilio, unit head for BUESC Consultancy, linkages, Support and Other Services rendered the bird's eye view of the visit.

The second destination at

Leyte Normal University (LNU) gave an impression of sharing an equity on incentive distribution through the reproduction of books and other publications, strength in instruction and equally younger stages in operation of research and extension functions. As led by LNU President Dr. Jude Duarte, he expressed words of gratitude to Bicol University for the cash donation on supervised scholarship of students affected by Typhoon Glenda as well as acceptance of the practice teachers assigned in BU. The warm hospitality was felt with the presence of the administrators, coordinators and heads of offices with their thrusts and programs presented. Dr. Antonio Payonga, BUESC director was also thankful in accommodating their time to the mobile learning travel workshop with the objectives to gain experiences, best practices, and strategies and upgrade extension services from the lessons derived in the schools visited. With query on improving watershed community, LNU is also involved in rehabilitation of the Lake Samar Mangrove and coral reefs, as well as Panal, Leyte for the advocacy on the water use and environmental protection.

The third route at Visayas State University provided a laudable

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Payonga, Naz attend BIDANI Member SUC Meeting

As a signified state university adopting the **Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI)**, BUESC Director **Dr. Antonio P. Payonga** and Prof. **Ma. Corazon R. Naz**, BUESC head for development and action research represented the Bicol University in the BIDANI Member SUC Meeting last June 24, 2016 at College of Human Ecology (CHE) Conference Room, UP Los Banos, College, Laguna.

Equally important was the message of Dr. Normahitta Gordoncillo, Institute of Human Nutrition and Foods director emphasizing that BIDANI is an ideal extension public service which the state universities and colleges has the mandate of capability building and generation of resources that can strategize partnership and institutionalize interventions towards nutrition improvement which is dynamic in nature. Furthermore, Mrs. Lorna Garcia, BIDANI Program Leader reiterated the action points taken up during the 2013 BIDANI Partners meeting on the commitment of the SUCs to forge a Memo of Agreement between UPLB and SUCs. The advantage to such partnership would allow collective lobbying of financial and technical support from sponsoring agencies that would enhance BIDANI Implementation in respective areas of operation.

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presentation of the strong linkage between research and extension with the presence of Regional or National Centers – Philippine Carabao Center, Philippine Rootcrops Centers to name a few, active publication of information, education and communication materials, DAT-BED student involvement in entrepreneurial activities, conduct of field days, strong linkages, pasalubong center for home-grown developed products, conduct of extension projects/activities at the outside periphery of the university campus, among others. The able leadership of Dr. Edgardo Tolin, VSU President, Dr. Othello Capuno, VP for Research & Extension, the Extension Director and other heads of offices had proudly presented their programs and thrusts through interdisciplinary approach emphasizing the need for capacity building, the use of indicators for behavioral changes (knowledge, attitude, skills, and practice), adoption of the Theory of Change, the role of administrative support in the conduct of research and extension.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Hazel Grace-Taganas, training head of Agricultural Training Institute for Region 8 had cited the proven strategies of extension training, use of various extension modalities along their thematic areas (knowledge product, capability building, partnership, scaling up of innovation, governance) and e-extension services, the opportunity for Innovation and Productivity Seminar at Singapore, close coordination with VSU, and the need for research studies, and encouragement for posting at the Wall of Innovation for bright ideas, innovative minds, among others.

The fourth day brought the group to visits at the agro-forest area, the VSU campus, Carabao Center, Pasalubong Center for food and non-food developed products sourced within and outside the University. At Barangay Guadalupe, the barangay showcased the importance of the Barangay Management Information System for barangay profiling that empowered the barangay leaders to come up the Barangay Integrated Development Plan stipulating the multi-disciplinary interventions from the academe, LGU-Baybay City, non-government organizations, socio-civic organizations and concerned individual. As a take-off from the grueling travel, the group toured to historical places at Tacloban City.

They went home with bright smiles and inspiration that with the insights gathered, they would be able to integrate the learnings that would boost the extension or extension-research continuum in appropriate projects and programs of the University. *(MaCRNaz)*



BUESC Director Antonio Payonga and Ma. Corazon Naz as they attend the BIDANI meeting.

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She mentioned, “this meeting would be an avenue to address the issues, problems and concerns of each state SUC in implementing BIDANI as a program and strategy at the level of the academe and with partner LGU”. Dr. Raden Piadozo, CHE dean acknowledged this event for planning in enhancing the BIDANI implementation.

BIDANI representative from Visayas State University, Central Mindanao University, Central Luzon State University, University of Southeastern Philippines, Cavite State University, University of Rizal System, Batangay State University, Isabela State University and Bicol University presented the brief updates of BIDANI accomplishment per catchment sites.

Issues and concerns were discussed. Among these was the maintenance of BIDANI corporate identify to operationalize the Barangay Management Information System (BMIS), the Barangay Integrated Development Approach (BIDA) through local planning and integration of nutrition in the local development plan, the active participation as member of the Local Nutrition Committee at municipal, provincial or regional levels, as well as, the Participative Nutrition Enhancement Approach (PNEA); the adoption of the BIDANI strategy in extension undertakings with renamed program/project that corresponds the thrusts of the SUCs; conduct of BIDANI impact assessment with pre-identified indicators covering BMIS, BIDA

and PNEA as part on the action-research scheme, and sourcing of fund with Gender and Development as an example and other co-sponsorship with other partners.

The next BIDANI Partner’s Meeting shall tentatively be held on June 22-23, 2017 at USEP, Davao City. *(MaCRNaz)*



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