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Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics Hosts the First International Conference on Food and Agriculture 2017



The first International Conference on Food and Agriculture (ICFA) hosted by the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (DAAE), College of Economics and Management (CEM), University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) was successfully held on March 2 and 3, 2017 at the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), Los Baños, Laguna. It was held in partnership with the SEAMEO-SEARCA; Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR); Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD); and International Rice Research Institute (IRRI). A total of 144 participants from the Philippines and abroad attended the conference.

ICFA's 2017 conference theme was "Sharing Knowledge, Creating Solutions: Capacitating Agriculture Stakeholders for Future Earth" and was organized with three major plenary themes that included: 1) "The nexus of food security, poverty, rural development and climate change consequences"; 2) "Global and regional opportunities, challenges, and implications for agriculture development"; and 3) "The vital role of human capital development, innovation, and technology in advancing agriculture for future earth".

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Master in Management Midyear program will be held from June 16 to July 14, 2017. For details, please contact Asst. Prof. Arlene C. Gutierrez through email at acgutierrez@up.edu.ph or visit <http://www.uplbgraduateschool.org/prospective-st.../admission/>



Summer Program in Economics will be held from June 20 to July 14, 2017. For details, please contact: Asst. Prof. Rowena A. Dorado at de@up.edu.ph or call (049) 536-2505

ICOPED Conducts Consultation on Greening Cooperatives for Sustainable Growth



Participants during the workshop

The Institute of Cooperatives and Bio-Enterprise Development (ICOPED) conducted a consultation-workshop on greening cooperatives for sustainable growth on April 25, 2017 at the Splash Mountain Resort, Los Baños, Laguna. The workshop is part of ICOPED's action research on "Leveraging Agricultural Cooperatives for Green Growth: A Pilot Study." The project is being implemented under the leadership of Asst. Prof. Karen Quillo, ICOPED faculty and CEM Associate Dean, and is funded by the ASEAN-CSR Network, Ltd., Singapore, with the CEM Alumni Foundation, Inc. (CEMAFI) as fund manager.

The consultation-workshop aimed to stir discussion among experts and practitioners from different sectors and to solicit inputs on how to effectively encourage cooperatives to green their enterprises in a sustainable manner. A total of 20 participants attended the event, which included stakeholders from the cooperative, government, and academic sectors. Particularly, the cooperative stakeholders were from the Calamba Rice Growers Multipurpose Cooperative, New Batong Malake Public Market Multipurpose Cooperative, Southern Tagalog Rubber Producers Cooperative, and the Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) Multipurpose Cooperative. The government sector was represented by stakeholders from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Regional Office IV-A and DTI Provincial Office of Laguna, Land Bank of the Philippines Lending Center of Laguna, National Economic and Development Authority Regional Office IV-A, and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Calamba Extension Office.

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DAME coordinates the 27th TUA Philippine Bio-business Practice

The 27th Tokyo University of Agriculture (TUA) Philippine Biobusiness Practice was conducted on February 15-28, 2017. This year's batch consisted of 17 students, two professor-escorts, and one student escort. Assistant Professors Nina Nocon-Shimoguchi and Park Soo Young were the escort-professors.

The Tokyo University of Agriculture Philippine Bio-business Practice is the longest running international extension program of DAME. The objective of this program is to expose TUA students to tropical agriculture through actual farm practice and to visit institutions that support Bio-business development. This program started in 1999 and is already in its 18th year of implementation. Twenty-six batches of students have completed the program.

The activity started with a courtesy call to the UPLB Chancellor followed by visits and briefings in IRRI and SEARCA. The participants attended a lecture on Philippine agribusiness at the Department of Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship and visited various agribusiness companies fresh produce markets. They also performed actual farm operations in selected farms and cooked selected dishes at the Institute of Human Nutrition and Food of CHE. The final activity was the presentation of reports about their experiences and learnings. *LEMojica*



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The conference proper was opened by Dr. Isabelita M. Pabuayon, Dean of CEM and Dr. Ma. Eden S. Piadozo, Chair of DAAE. They both highlighted the vital role that the college and the department have in supporting agriculture development and development both in the country and the region. Dr. Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr., Chancellor of UPLB, welcomed the guests and participants on behalf of UPLB. He emphasized in his message that the university must be at the forefront of interdisciplinary research in order to tackle the challenges we face in our planet. Inspirational message from UP President Danilo L. Concepcion was delivered by Dr. Jose Y. Dalisay, Jr., Vice President for Public Affairs. He affirmed that UP and UPLB have an important contribution to make through food and agriculture education and research. Vice President Dalisay further emphasized that hunger, malnutrition and access to resources remain a big challenge for the country as well as the region that warrants attention such as what ICFA is now doing.

Hon. Fortunato T. Dela Peña, Secretary of Science and Technology, in his keynote address gave tremendous value on research results that are utilized by various stakeholders. He also shared news that the present administration aims to increase agriculture research funding to one percent of the Gross Value Added in agriculture. This is welcome news and in line with what had long been recommended as a minimum support for agriculture research among policy researchers and academe.

There was an impressive line-up of plenary speakers in both days of the conference and they detailed the major challenges for food and agriculture development. This included Dr. Howarth Bouis (founding director as well as ambassador-at-large of Harvest Plus and visiting fellow at the IRRI); Dr. V. Bruce Tolentino (IRRI's Deputy Director General for Communication and Partnerships); Dr Paul Teng (Principal Officer and Professor at the National Institute of Education of

Nanyang Technological University in Singapore); Dr. Eric Wailes (Distinguished Professor and L.C. Carter Endowed Chair, University of Arkansas); Dr. Ramon Clarete (former Dean of UP School of Economics, Professor at UP Diliman School of Economics); Dr. Rodel Lasco (Philippines Coordinator, World Agroforestry Center or ICRAF); Dr. William Dar (President, Inang Lupa, Inc. and former Director General of ICRISAT); Dr. Reynaldo Eborra (Executive Director, DOST-PCAARRD); and Dr. Ruben L. Villareal (former UPLB Chancellor).

Overall, there was keen interest in the conference because of the timeless concern for food security, climate change, poverty, and globalization, all of which touch on agriculture development. *GFLapina*

Our Warm Congratulations to ONE UP Awardees of CEM!

One UP Faculty Grant Recipients

Asst. Prof. Nanette A. Aquino	Asst. Prof. Jefferson A. Arapoc
Assoc. Prof. Amelia L. Bello	Prof. Salvador P. Catelo
Prof. Loida E. Mojica	Prof. Yolanda T. Garcia
Prof. Ma. Eden S. Piadozo	Prof. Roberto F. Rañola, Jr.
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Asst. Prof. Anna Floresca F. Fimalino	
Assoc. Prof. Jeanette Angeline B. Madamba	

One UP Professorial Chair Grant Recipients

Prof. Dinah Pura T. Depositario
 Prof. Isabelita M. Pabuayon
 Prof. Zenaida M. Sumalde
 Prof. Jose M. Yorobe, Jr.



Growing Food While Working at ICOPED: A Featured Story



The Institute of Cooperatives and Bio-Enterprise Development (ICOPED) is known within the UPLB community as an organization strongly focusing on the development of cooperatives. Housed in the ICOPED building is an auditorium where various events and activities of the University are held. With many visitors coming to the place, ICOPED, through the initiative and hard work of its staff, **Mr. Fernando "Kuya Fando" Banalo, transformed the simple pocket ornamental garden at the peripheral of the ICOPED auditorium into an edible landscape garden.**

Your eyes are in for a fresh treat with fruit and leafy vegetables such as cherry tomatoes, lettuce, okra, and patola that are naturally grown without using chemical fertilizers. With the combined labor of love of Kuya Fando and support of ICOPED faculty and staff, the garden is now not just for aesthetic purposes but also serves as a reliable source of fresh produce. Every month, harvests from the garden are enjoyed by ICOPED and are shared with others visiting the Institute.

The edible garden may have just started as a hobby, but even a simple project like this contributes to greening the environment and improving food security. *JDSAsma*

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Meanwhile, the academe was represented by faculty and REPS from the Department of Economics, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, and ICOPED of the College of Economics and Management (CEM) and from the College of Public Affairs and Development, UPLB.

During the consultation, it was emphasized that cooperatives are good entry point for promoting green growth in the enterprise sector and among communities and individuals as they are supportive of the sustainable development goals and green growth objectives, being a triple bottomline people-based enterprise. Green growth is embedded in the cooperative principles specifically under the concern for the community, which

encompasses the three pillars of sustainability. The cooperative is also seen as instrumental in influencing the implementation of green practices through education, values formation, and cooperative practices.

At the end of the workshop, the participants came up with an improved version of the proposed green growth framework of the project team and a priority list of green growth practices for cooperatives. These outputs will be used as inputs for the preparation of a toolkit for greening cooperatives and to the next activity under the project, which is a training-workshop on strategies, practices, and opportunities for greening agri-based cooperatives to be held in May 2017. *JRDDomingo*

Three Golds and Five Silvers for CEM Black Ravens

The CEM Black Ravens bagged three golds for Lawn Tennis (Mixed), Volleyball (Women's), and Dance Sport (Jive) and five silvers for Basketball (Women's), Badminton (Men's), Swimming (Women's), Volleyball (Men's), and Dance Sport (Chacha) in the last Palarong UPLB held last March 27 to April 7, 2017. The team landed fourth in Basketball (Men's), Football (Mixed) and Badminton (Women's). Overall, the Black Ravens ranked 6th among the eight participating teams.

Though the student's team did well, the Red Griffins, composed of faculty, staff and employees from the College of Development Communication (CDC), College of Public Affairs and Development (CPAF), School of Environmental Science and Management (SESAM) and Graduate School (GS) tailed the five competing teams. The Red Griffins joined eight of the 18 sports events. *MCChaves*



CEM Black Ravens Women's Volleyball Team



DAME-CEM and Nagasaki University Faculty of Economics conduct the 2nd Global Social Responsibility Short-Term Study Program

The 2nd Global Social Responsibility (GSR) Short-Term Study Program was conducted from March 6 to 13, 2017. The program is a partnership between the Faculty of Economics, Nagasaki University (NU) and the Department of Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship (DAME), CEM, UPLB. The program, which was attended by nine (9) student participants, was coordinated by Prof. Dinah Pura T. Depositario and Asst. Prof. Mar B. Cruz of UPLB, and Assoc. Prof. Yasuko Ono of NU.



The participants with CEM dean, Dr. Isabelita M. Pabuayon, and DAME faculty during the 2nd GSR Short-Term Study Program Closing Ceremony.

The GSR short-term study program is part of the International Business (Plus) Program of NU. Its objective is to improve the **students' understanding about the Philippine** society and culture, business, and economy through lectures and field visits. It is a requirement for the International Business

(plus) Program to give the students the opportunity to acquire formative experience and fundamental knowledge that are important to promote mutual cooperation and understanding in the global society. During the program, participants are expected to observe, recognize, and distinguish how the companies or institutions visited meet their social responsibility.

With the aim in mind, the participants visited various companies such as Sojitz Philippines Corporation, CARD Bank, Ato Belen's Farm, Tsukiden Electronics Philippines, Inc., and MHPS Technical Service Corporation; and UPLB partners such as the Philippine Carabao Center and International Rice Research Institute. Lectures on Philippines society and economy, human capital, trade and investment, agribusiness, and entrepreneurship were conducted by CEM faculty members. *MBCruz*



July 11	THANKSGIVING MASS
July 12	REGIONAL PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC SOCIETY CONFERENCE
July 13	CEM SPORTSFEST
July 14	FOUNDATION DAY PROGRAM, REDREC BUILDING INAUGURATION AND DIALOGUE WITH FARMERS CO-OPS

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