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About the COVER

2019 highlights the contribution of our youth to agricultural development in the country. **Powering Agriculture by Empowering the youth**, answers the call towards ageing farmers and challenges on food sustainability.

Three (3) of Region VII's outstanding and inspiring youths are featured in this cover. **Gemiel J. Hermita** is a 4-H Regional President and proud farmer-entrepreneur. His produce include strawberries, high value vegetables, herbs, spices, chicken and swine; **Jonathan Quito** at 17, 'Bunsoy' as people fondly call him is one of the youngest mushroom producer in Bohol; and **Elnard S. Ympal** is a Multi-awardee as Best Young Farmer (National Gawad Saka), Best Farm Family, TESDA Idol and more. His passion in agriculture leads him to owning an Integrated Organic Farm in Siquijor an ATI-7 Certified Learning Site and TESDA Region 7 Assessment Center, where he teaches and inspires young agripreneurs to be.



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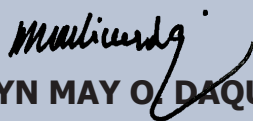
from the ATI Center Director

I would like to congratulate all the ATI-7 employees for giving our best efforts for 2019. We were officially ISO 9001:2015 certified by TUV-SUD surpassing the challenges we met.

We accomplished more than what was expected from us. What one cannot do alone, two or more can do together, and better in harmony is a big part in our service.

The agriprenuers-the young, not too old, and the young ones, your expressions of appreciation of our work are our inspiration and motivation to move on to a higher level.

We are committed to L E A D - LEARN, EXHIBIT, ADVISE, DISSEMINATE in agricultural extension.



CAROLYN MAY O. DAQUIO, Ph.D



The Six (6) Thematic Programs



1
Enhancing Access to
Agriculture Fishery
Extension Knowledge
Products and Services



3
Expanding Partnership
in Advancing Excellence
in Extension Delivery



5
Strengthening Agriculture
Fishery Extension Stake-
holder's Capacity in Climate
Change Adaptation and
Readiness



Strengthening
Competitiveness
and Capacities
of the Agriculture
and Fishery Sector



Scaling Up
Innovations



Improving Enabling
Environment and
Quality Governance



The ATI in Central Visayas have achieved our Agriculture and Fishery Extension training and other services in 2019 thru the 42 staff complement together with the strong collaborations among partners.

These achievements were defined according to its thematic platforms/programs.

Enhancing Access to Agriculture Fishery Extension Knowledge Products and Services



e-Extension

The Information Services Section (ISS) of the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas was consistently awarded by the Information Services Division in Central Office as MILESTONE AWARDEE for the e-learning Course on Urban Gardening with the Highest Number of Enrollees and Graduates.

The center had other two (2) online courses developed, the Yummy Yam: Online Course on Ubi Production and Mokusaku: Wood Vinegar Production which also made admirable achievements in the e-learning community.

More so, the ISS in ATI-7 also received the RISING STAR AWARD, as recognition as one of the most improved center in terms of accomplishments in all Information-related areas namely: e-Extension Management, Knowledge Products Development and Knowledge Resource Center Management.

Other awards that the ISS received include: 3rd Place – Best in Local Media Engagement; Best Center in Knowledge Products Development and Highest Number of School-on-the-Air Graduates respectively. This year, eight (8) e-extension briefings conducted in the region to 210 clients composed of agricultural extension workers, immersion students and walk-in clients.

Assisted 37 short message service (SMS) to clients on various concerns.



The DFP 101 participants composed of youths and farmers

The center produced and uploaded 39 articles to the center's website and promoted to its official Facebook page while the latter was uploaded with 91 posts. The center also promoted 117 times through various media through social media platform.

The center's webpage had a total of 9,103 views while ATI in Central Visayas official FB page had generated 88,469 reached.

Subscribed 2 print medium, Agriculture Magazine of the Manila Bulletin Publishing and the local tabloid in Bohol, The Bohol Chronicle.

Conducted and participated in 4 Agri fairs and exhibits in the region, such as: Ubi Festival; Sandugo; Araw ng Siquijor; Buglasan in Negros Oriental and CVAARRDEC FIESTA.

Assisted ATI-Central Office in the conduct of AGRITALK at SM Cebu City last August 9, 2019.

Conducted one (1) center initiated AgriTalk at Robinson's Place, Dumaguete City last September 18, 2019 with 123 participants.

Conducted one (1) batch for the Digital Farmers Program (DFP) 101 at Egay's Farm, Bingag, Dauis, Bohol last October 24, 2019 with 15 youths and 15 farmers participating.

ATI-7 Information Officer, Mr. Jun Oliver has promoted ATI's program through radio guesting with live casting over FB in partnership with DYMR.

Various media print advertisement were also promoted. Fifteen (15) news articles were featured at local newspaper-The Bohol Chronicle.

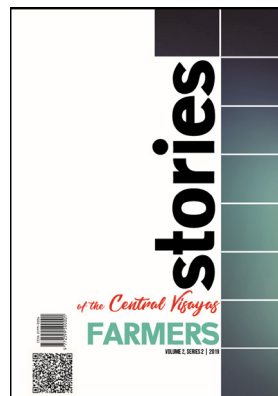


Knowledge Products Development/Dissemination

Four (4) Quarter Issues of KAUGMARAN, the center's official publication was developed, produced and disseminated.



Advocacy materials: Key Chain, Eco Bag and Ref Magnet.



STORIES Volume 2

Four (4) brochures developed Feed Formulation Techno Guide; Ubi Production Brochure (Series 3) – Harvesting; Giya sa Pagpananum og Atsal and Giya sa Teknolohiya sa Ampalaya. Translated 3 IECs to local dialects namely: African Swine Fever, Giya sa Pagpananum og Atsal and Giya sa Teknolohiya sa Ampalaya

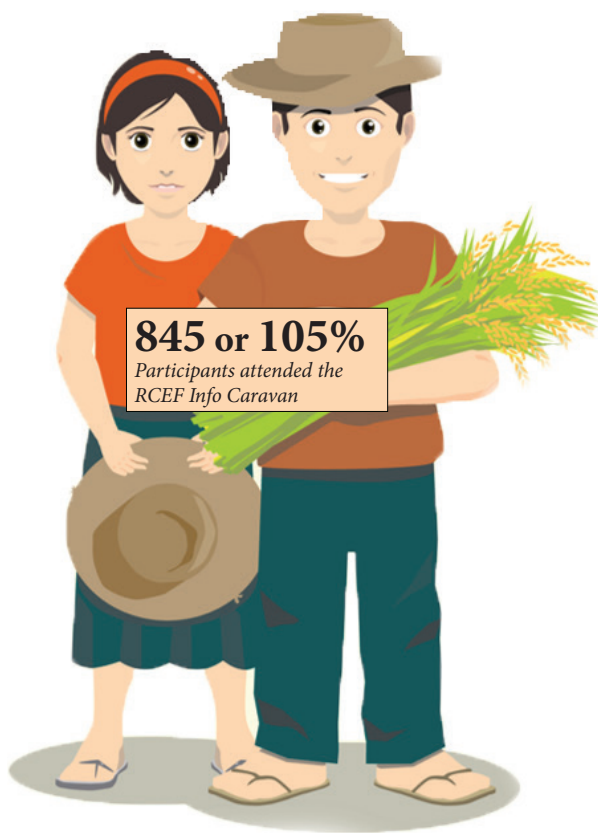
Developed (1) Mid-year Report in Infographics and 2018 Annual Report.

Printed and reproduced 20,589 copies of various IEC materials and distributed 16,519 copies.

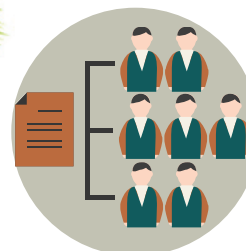


Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF)

SEED | MECHANIZATION | CREDIT | EXTENSION



2 Batches
RCEF Trainers Training held



8 Batches
RCEF Info Caravan conducted



7 FITS Centers
enhanced with complete set of ICT equipment

The 8-part series aimed to disseminate information about RCEF to the rice Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) and Farmers of the 22 towns in the province of Bohol and 14 towns in the province of Negros Oriental respectively. A total of 845 or 105% participants out of the 800 targets were briefed.

Republic Act 11203 has created the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) or Rice Fund to improve rice farmers' competitiveness and income amidst liberalization of the Philippine rice trade policy that lifted quantitative restrictions on rice imports and replaced it with tariffs, among others. RCEF has 4 key programs; 1. Rice farm machinery and equipment; 2. Rice seed development, propagation, and promotion; 3. Expanded rice credit assistance; and 4. Rice extension services, which shall be implemented in an integrated manner.

School-on-the-Air (SOA)

Three (3) SOA conducted in the Region (Eskwelahan sa Hayopan and on Corn Production which cut across all commodities such as Rice, HVCDP, Livestock and Organic using a magazine type format)



Library Services

The functional library of ATI-7 served 240 clients composed of its personnel, Agricultural Extension Workers and walk-in clients from schools and other agencies

Farm Business Advisory Services (FBAS)

2,006 walk-in clients served

Rice Crop Manager (RCM)

Conducted one (1) Rice Crop Manager Advisory Services last April 21-24, 2019 with 24 participants. Two (2) RCM Briefings conducted to 91 farmers and 854 RCM messages sent to farmers.

Strengthening Competitiveness and capacities of the Agriculture and Fishery Sector



The multi-stakeholder-participated AgriTalk in Robinson's Place, Dumaguete City last September 18, 2019. This activity is first in the region initiated by the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7.

ATI-7 has successfully accomplished **97%** or **179** of its target **183**. A total of **102** trainings and **73** other AF activities were conducted serving 8,655 stakeholders composed of farmers, AEWs, LGUs/NGAs/ NGOs, RBOs (4-H, P4MP, MS, RIC, VLAP), SUCs, Youth, others (PWDs, Senior Citizens, IPs).

Number of trainings and other AF activities

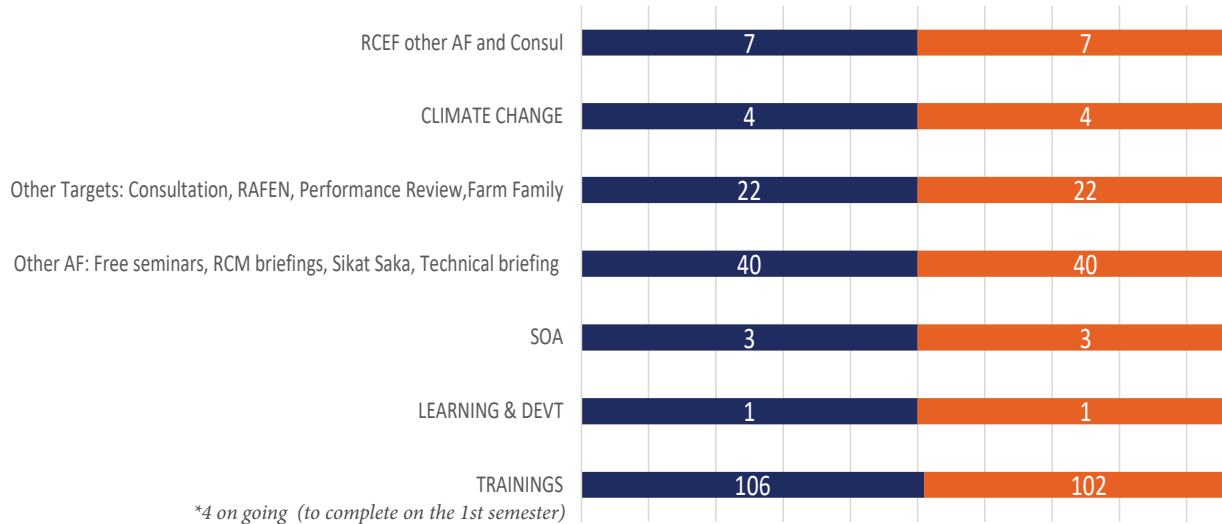


Fig. 1 Physical Accomplishments of ATI-7

■ Target ■ Accomplishment

Aside from trainings, the different types of activities conducted by the center include briefings or orientations, congress, campaigns, Farm Business School, review and planning workshops, among many others.

Number of participants trained

There were a total of 8,655 participants trained by ATI-7. Largely comprising the whole total were farmers (54%). Meanwhile, there were only 8% difference between female (54%) and male (46%) participants who attended the training.

Fig. 2 Participants distributed by type

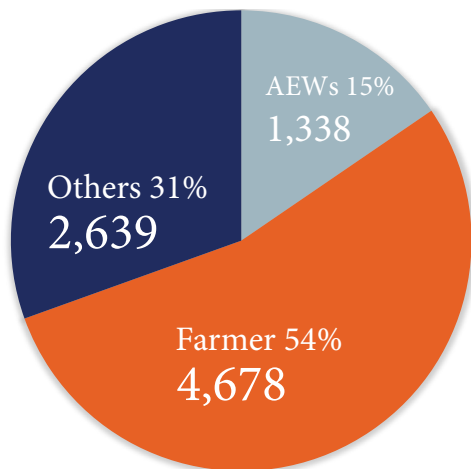
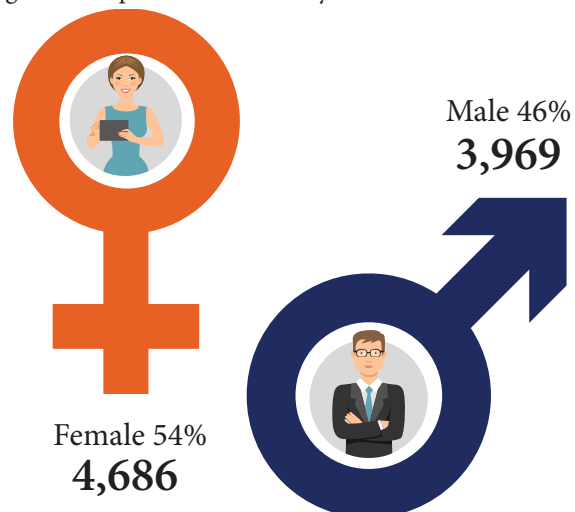


Fig. 3 Participants distributed by sex



Feature: Trainings and other activities for the marginalized sectors

Eat Well, Live Well: Capability Enhancement

Training for Senior Citizens on March 18-20, 2019

at ATI-7 Training Complex, Cabawan District Tagbilaran City with 27 participants.



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“Bahin sa training, okey kaayo daghan ko ug na learn nga among ika-apply sa among familia ug sa among kauban sa Senior Citizens. Bahin sa pagkaon maayo, ug satisfied mi kaayo, ug usab kining among venue daghang salamat. Hinaut duna pay lain nga training. Ang tigdumala ug ang tanan maayo kaayo ug approachable. Sa tanan nga staff, Thank you kaayo sa pag-abi2x namo”

CARMELITA LIMBARO, Dauis, Bohol

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Enhancing Capabilities of Persons with Disabilities

on June 28-30, 2019 at Poblacion, Tubigon, Bohol with 24 participants.

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Naghatag kini ug paglaum sa mga PWDs nga maghimo ug negosyo. Dako kaayo akong pasalamat sa mga tigdumala niining kalihokan. Wala ko kini damha nga ang ATI andam mohatag ug libreng training sa mga munisipyo. Buotan kaayo ang mga nagfacilitate ug dali ra maduolan. Maayo unta ug magkita pa ang atong landas ug matabangan pa ang daghang PWDs diri sa Tubigon. ANNA MAE FRAJELE

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Eskaya discover strawberry growing the natural way



The Indigenous People (Eskaya) of Taytay, Duero, Bohol together with the Resource Speaker, Mr. Gemiel Hermita discussed the theoretical inputs derived from the training during their actual visit at the strawberry farm to concretely learn and absorb such.



BOHOL. Thirty members of the Eskaya Indigenous People of Taytay, Duero, this province successfully completed the three-day Training on Naturally Grown Strawberry Production: Capability Enhancement last May 6-8, 2019 as spearheaded by Project Officer, Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay, Media Production Specialist II of ATI-7 with Support Staff, Quennie Lou Vistal.

The training aims to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitude (KSA) of the participants on the natural way of growing or producing strawberry. They also recognized the importance and nutritional value of strawberry; described the cultural management in the production of strawberry; demonstrated the various cultural management of natural way of strawberry production.

The sole-resource person of the training is a youth-farmer and strawberry grower who at the same time the owner of Gemiel Secret Garden in Cebu Province and the current Regional President of the 4-H Club in Central Visayas.

Ms. Mirason Verula, High Value Crop Development Program (HVCDP) Coordinator of the Local Government Unit of Duero facilitated the activity.

After training support distribution to Siquijor farmers



The farmer-beneficiaries of the Native Chicken Production Farm Family Modeling claimed their after training support consisting of one (1) cockerel and three (3) pullets plus 18kilograms of poultry pellets last July 18-19,2019.

The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 distributed one (1) cockerel and 3 pullets plus 18 kilograms of poultry pellets to the 28 participant beneficiaries of Barangay Parian, municipality of Enrique Villanueva, this province as after training support.

The distribution was spearheaded by Vherney Cabasag, II, Agriculturist I of ATI-7 together with Technical Support Staff, Julie Ann Lozada last July 18-19, 2019.

As a background, the native chicken or the organically grown chicken is now becoming popular due to its taste and its free from hormones and less use of antibiotic, but farmers who are growing poultry are struggling to meet the market, due to disease influenced by change of weather which can cause incidence of New Castle Disease (NCD).

This disease is very common, but not given priority by the farmers to cure or to lessen but rather they always start again and again after the outbreak.

To strengthen and help the farmers in the management, as well as lessen and prevent poultry diseases they need to be empowered.

With this backdrop, ATI-7 conducted three-day Training on Native Chicken Production Farm Family Modeling last June 13 - 15, 2019 at Ocean View Farm and Cottages, Olang, Maria, Siquijor.

2 batches urban greens cum culinary medicines conducted



Dr. Mechelle A. Palma, Lifestyle Medicine Specialist of Remnant Institute of Alternative Medicine, Inc. (RIAM) in Iloilo City (with a handkerchief) during the actual demonstration of participants on juicing.

A multi-stakeholder attended three-day Training of Trainers on Urban Greens cum Culinary Medicine last September 16-18, 2019 for Batch 1 and September 18-20, 2019 for Batch 2 respectively held at the ATI-RTC 7 Complex, Cabawan District, this city.

A total of 60 participants who are health conscious advocates and practitioners completed the trainers' training with the objective of cascading the advocacy for green and healthy living for the populace and clients in the region.

Among the topics discuss were development of gender specific chronic disease; customized lifestyle program for participants to prevent, arrest and even reverse some chronic diseases; causes of morbidity, absenteeism among workers and increase of health care expenditure.

The training expected to create a group support as a source of continuous motivation and inspiration to sustain the lifestyle program; establish activities that will further capacitate the participants to bring health education to their family and community as well and development and Implementation of programs utilizing Lifestyle Medicine in Primary Health Care as a mitigating tool to address the crisis of Non communicable disease.

The resource speaker of the two batches training of trainers was Dr. Mechelle A. Palma, Director of Education of the Asian Society of Lifestyle medicine and Medical Director of Remnant Institute Inc. , a Center for Lifestyle medicine Education.

The project officers of the said training were ATI7 Senior Agriculturist, Lydia B. Borbano and Agriculturist I, Reynadez Lim-Curayag.

8 batches RCEF Information Caravan held in the region



The Cluster 2 participants composed of Agricultural Extension Workers and Farmers during the RCEF Information Caravan held in Ubay, Bohol last October 16, 2019

CENTRAL VISAYAS– The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) in Central Visayas conducted the series of Information Caravan on Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) in the region through clusters in order to meet the number of participants considering the distance of each target areas.

The 8-part series aimed to disseminate information about RCEF to the rice Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) and Farmers of the 22 towns in the province of Bohol and 14 towns in the province of Negros Oriental respectively with a total of 845 participants.

The agencies present during the Info Caravan were representatives from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech), LandBank of the Philippines (LBP), Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP),

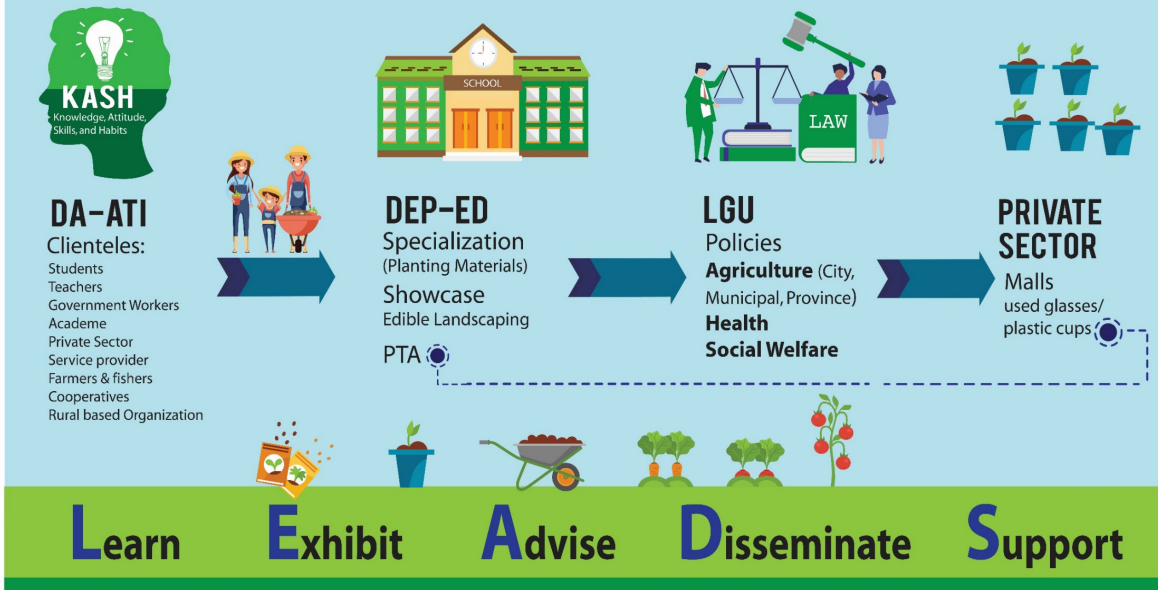
National Food Authority (NFA), National Irrigation Administration (NIA), Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC), Provincial Agriculture Office (PAO), and Department of Agriculture-Provincial Agricultural Technology Coordinating Office (DA-PATCO).

The open forum gave way for the clarification of information that is crucial for the beneficiaries of the program. The basic requirements for the individual farmers and farmer groups were highlighted during the briefing, especially the farmer's registration to the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA). Also, the participants were able to know the benefits they can get from the four programs of RCEF, namely Seed Program, Mechanization Program, Credit Program, and Extension Program.

Expanding Partnership in Advancing Excellence in Extension Delivery

Urban Greens_ through Young Agripreneurs Program

Tagline: **SAFE- Sustainable and Available Food for Everyone**
 Objectives: **3 A's Agripreneur, Agri-cator, Agri-tecture**



The program dubbed as #UGYAP is in partnership with the Agricultural Training Institute-7, Provincial Government of Bohol, City Government of Tagbilaran and DepEd City Division which aims to provide sustainable and available food for everyone (SAFE) and to institutionalize culinary medicine in both elementary and secondary schools.



The Urban Greens through Young Agri-preneurs Program was successfully launched on September 23, 2019 at ATI 4H Hub, Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City. More than 80 students, in-school 4-H Club officers, teachers, partner LGUs and private stakeholders participated in the activity.

Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 Center Director together with Bohol Governor Art Yap, and Tagbilaran City Mayor John Geesnell "Baba" Yap led the sowing of Kale seeds which stand for a new hope for agriculture development through revitalizing the participation of the youth. Kale is known as the Queen of Greens, embodies champion vegetable with a great source of nutrients and economic significance.



The said event also served as an avenue for the induction of 4-H Club Officers of Tagbilaran City High Schools. The following schools who participated include the award winning and National Nominee for Outstanding Young Farmer Organization, Manga National Highschool; Mansasa National Highschool; Dr. Cecilio Putong National Highschool (Junior & Senior High, and the Hearing Impaired).



19th Ubi Festival in Bohol

January 29, 2019

National Rice Awareness Month Celebration (NRAM) 2019



DA-Regional Field Office VII (DA-RFO 7) thru Regional Agricultural and Fisheries Information Services (RAFIS) in collaboration with DA Agricultural Training Institute 7 and Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) – Bohol, agreed during its preparatory meeting last October 22, 2019, that they will set an activity every week in November.

As a launching activity, a Kick-Off Program was held at the Ceremonial Hall, Provincial Capitol, Tagbilaran City last November 7, 2019. A motorcade activity with all of the DA line agencies, guests and students starting from Camp Bernido to the venue served as the start of the program. The celebration emphasized the theme “Buy Local. Eat Local”.

Scaling-Up AFE Innovations



List of new ATI-7 certified Learning Sites for 2019

- 1** LSA-2019-02-011 | Valid until: Feb. 21, 2024
JQL Organic Farm-Integrated Diversified Farm
Cooperator: Casimero H. Llubit
Address: Luyo, Dimiao, Bohol
- 2** LSA-2019-02-012 | Valid until: Feb. 21, 2024
Iyaah Eco Farm- Integrated-Diversified Farm
Cooperator: Robert B. Olaer
Address: San Isidro, Tagbilaran City, Bohol
- 3** LSA-2019-02-013 | Valid until: Feb. 27, 2024
BEST INC. Integrated Diversified Farm
Cooperator: Romelito H. Mantuhac
Address: Cantuod, Balamban, Cebu
- 4** LSA-2019-03-014 | Valid until: March 7, 2024
Pestales Agriculture Cooperative- Integrated Diversified Farm
Cooperator: Jenalyn A. Ontoy
Address: Kawayan St. Candabong, Binlod, Argao, Cebu
- 5** LSA-2019-03-029 | Valid until: March 18, 2024
Noyrita-Genmar Ysic Farm
Cooperator: Genara A. Ysic
Address: Tambisan, Siquijor, Siquijor
- 6** LSA-2019-05-056 | Valid until: May 8, 2024
Green Thumb Integrated Farm
Cooperator: Rona M. Denque
Address: Sambog, Corella, Bohol
- 7** LSA-2019-08-108 | Valid until: Aug. 6, 2024
Mayana Upper Sampong Farmers Association-
Bohol Organic Farm
Cooperator: Anastacio T. Daniel, Jr.
Address: Mayana, Jagna, Bohol
- 8** LSA-2019-09-124 | Valid until: Sept. 16, 2024
Teofila's Nature Farm
Cooperator: Esteban S. Avanceña
Address: Sitio Gaboc, Malaiba, Canlaon City

Lamac Multipurpose Cooperative is ATI-7's newly accredited Extension Service Provider (Administrative Order No. 01 Series of 2018) in the Regional level.



Accreditation No : R2019-10-52
Date of Issuance : October 22, 2019
Date of Expiry : October 22, 2022



Lamac MPC representatives, Mr. Kevin Paslon and Mr. Marcial Menchavez received the certificate of accreditation during the 3rd RAFEN Summit on November 14, 2019 at Diamond Suite, Cebu City.

Lamac Integrated and Organic Farm and Farm School is also accredited by ATI-7 as learning site; and as TESDA Farm School, Training and Assessment Center which offers Organic Agriculture Production NC II; Agro Entrepreneurship NC II, III, IV. Also, it is registered as Farm Tourism Camp by the Department of Tourism.

The Farm School can provide accommodations for 10-20 days and can serve healthy foods coming from the farm itself. Some of its components include vegetable production, livestock (goat, sheep, native pigs, and white buffalo) and native chicken.

The farm also accept walk-in guests. Farm tourism activities include feeding and milking white buffalos, make a Turkey Lechon, vermi composting, silage making, formulating organic pesticides and organic fertilizer.

Strengthening Agriculture Fishery Extension Stakeholder's Capacity in Climate Change Adaptation and Readiness



The participants during their mangrove planting activity at Tultugan, Calape, Bohol as an offshoot of the 3-day Training on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation last June 4-6, 2019

Twenty-seven participants composed of farmers, agricultural extension workers and environmental advocates successfully joined the activity. They learned about the role of the local community towards Climate Change impacts, causes and its measures; the importance of Environmental Conservation; experienced field visit to Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA) Pilot projects; joined in the advocacy of environmental-friendly practices to avoid the increase of pollutant emissions and reduce vulnerability to the consequences of climate change.

Capping the activity was the mangrove planting at Barangay Tultugan in Calape. Apart from this, the participants also crafted an Action Plan for their community.

Three (3) capability building related to Climate Change was conducted by ATI-7 with 97 participants served composed of farmers, extension workers and the institute's personnel.

These training were: 1) Save the Environment and Make a Difference: A Training on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation with the primary objective of helping how to combat the ill-effects of Climate Change by attending its causes and reducing vulnerability to its consequences; 2) Save the Environment & Make a Difference: A Training on Waste Management which objective is to help address the impacts brought by Climate Change by creating livelihood activities out of wastes and the 3) Disaster Risk Reduction Management: Skills Training in Handling Hazards with the aim of ensuring the ATI vicinity, employees, clientele, and facilities safe from natural and emergency hazards.

Climate Smart Farm Business School (CSFBS)

Moreover, there are also six (6) Climate Resiliency Farm Business School- Farmer Level (CRFBS) in the region with 136 farmers served. The reason of conducting this activity is to enhance the farmers' knowledge, skills and attitude in rice production and marketing techniques that can help them increase profitability and preserve the environment.



Thirty-five agricultural extension workers from Central Visayas successfully completed the 10-day Trainers Training on Climate Resiliency FBS held at Tagbilaran City last April 1-10, 2019

CRA Snap Visit/ Monitoring

The house-to-house project monitoring activity was conducted on October 25, 2019 at Calape, Bohol (Pilot Barangay of the CRA project). The activity was conducted to document successes in the lives and livelihoods of the project beneficiaries and challenges along the project implementation. The result of the monitoring activity will be one of the bases for next years' plans and programs of the agency to augment the extension support given to the community. The activity was in coordination with the Municipal Agriculture Office of Calape.

ATI personnel joins International Coastal Clean-up



The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-RTC 7) once again joined the celebration of the International Coastal Clean-up on September 21, 2019 at Punta Cruz, Maribojoc, this province which was spearheaded by its Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio.

Presidential Proclamation No. 470 declares the third Sunday of September of each year as the International Coastal Clean-Up (ICC) Day in observance of the Global Coastal Clean-up celebrations.

International Coastal Cleanup is the largest volunteer effort for ocean's health. People around the world gather on beaches, coasts, rivers, waterways and underwater dive sites to remove trash and record information on the debris collected. Results will aid in better waste management policies/plans, product packaging designs and in stirring environmental consciousness among the people.

Improving Enabling Environment and Quality Governance

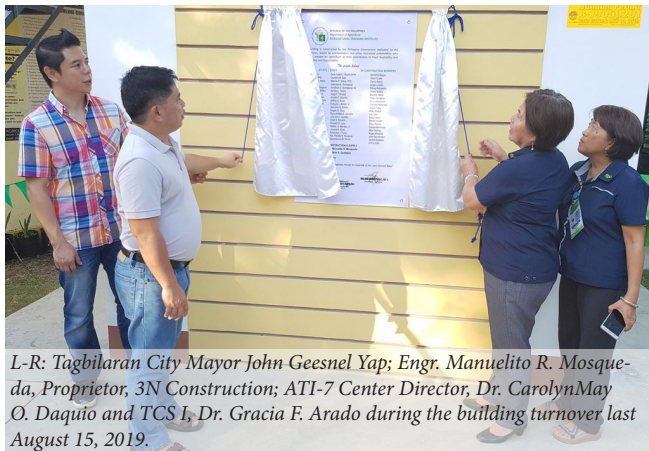


ATI Central Visayas is ISO 9001:2015 officially certified. Along with other ATI RTCs, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 Center Director received the ISO 9001:2015 certificate at ATI-Central Office, Diliman, Quezon City last July 24, 2019.



ATI-7 in its quest to serve with excellence in agriculture, fishery and extension and to harmonize all activities, Mid-Year and Annual Strategic Planning were conducted in the center.

ATI-7 acquires 2-story Building



L-R: Tagbilaran City Mayor John Geesnel Yap; Engr. Manuelito R. Mosqueda, Proprietor, 3N Construction; ATI-7 Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquiao and TCSI, Dr. Gracia F. Arado during the building turnover last August 15, 2019.

With this, ATI-7 can now accommodate more training and participants inside the regional training center, Cabawan District, this city. ATI-7 Center Director Carolyn May O. Daquiao, Ph.D. during the ceremony said, “the average age of farmers now is 57 which is aging, thus there is a need to train more young farmers” and “this new building will be of great use to serve as another training hub,” she added. Present during the event was Tagbilaran City Mayor John Geesnell “Baba” Yap.

In his speech, he thanked ATI-7 for choosing this City as the location of its regional training center because it brings development, particularly on agriculture. He quipped that with ATI’s Young Agripreneurs Program he is happy because saying it short, it is tagged as “YAP”. He added that the City Government in its support to agriculture also conducts agricultural drive by giving small backyard gardening and livestock projects for the Tagbilaranons to know the importance of agriculture and farmers. Meanwhile, it has been known that the lot where ATI-7 is located is under the city government of Tagbilaran and Mayor Yap was instrumental in the expansion of ATI’s training complex.

ATI-7 Staff undergo skills training in handling hazards



A three-day skills training in handling hazards was conducted at the Agricultural Training Institute's (ATI) Training Complex in Cabawan, this city last December 9-11, 2019 with Joemelyn Allianic- Sumagang, Training Specialist I as the project officer.

The objectives of the skills training were learning the things to do before, during, and after the occurrence of a certain disaster and fire safety practices and demonstrating and simulation of earthquake and fire drill exercises respectively.

The pool of trainers were from City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRR-MO)-Tagbilaran City in the persons of Emmanuel Marco Longjas and Gerard Lavadia with SFO1 Ronel R. Lofranco, FO3 Joseph Francis Rueno and FO1 Pearl Marie Pogoy of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Tagbilaran City. This training is designed since ATI, as one of the national agencies performing education and extension services, should also ensure the safety of their clientele, employees and its facilities.

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