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of a certified woman

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Anita J. Mandalupe, 68

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**KAUGMARAN** (*n*) Cebuano-Bisaya term for development  
Anita Jover Mandalupe was born and raised to a couple who depended on agriculture for a livelihood. She is a native of a rice farming area in Cansa-naan, Mabinay, Negros Oriental.

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# ATI7 turnovers 1M Pesos to LGU-Talibon

by REYNADEZ M. LIM



Lydia B. Borbano, ATI7 Senior Agriculturist (Far right) handed the 1M Pesos check to LGU-Talibon Mayor Restituto B. Auxtero and Ponciana Cruda, Municipal Agriculturist. Present during the awarding were (L-R) Rico Varquez and Erlindo Samblaceño, Jr. of Bohol Agricultural Promotion Center (B-APC) and Sergio Cuaco of OPA-Bohol.

June 21, 2017. The Local Government Unit of Talibon headed by Municipal Mayor Restituto B. Auxtero and Municipal Agriculturist Ms. Ponciana Cruda, were grateful to Agricultural Training Institute VII during the Turnover Ceremony of 1M Pesos for winning the Most Outstanding Municipality for 2016 Rice Achiever's Awards yesterday at Talibon FITS Center.

The awarding was made possible with the presence of Ms. Lydia B. Borbano, Senior Agriculturist of ATI 7 who personally gave the cheque to the LGU administrator for the construction of a new training center for the farmers in Talibon, Bohol based on their proposal.

Ms. Borbano said that to be awarded as the Most Outstanding Municipality out of all the municipalities in the country, LGU-Talibon must be proud. The achievement was a result of all the efforts of the farmers, technicians of its agriculture office and the administration of the LGU Talibon. It was not because of just one person but of all the hands that were put together to make it excel over other municipalities.

She also said that ATI 7 headed by Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio will always extend its services to those LGUs who will continue its support towards agricultural development like LGU Talibon.

“May this serve as an example to others so that they will be recognized maybe next year or the coming years,” Borbano added.

Mayor Auxtero together with its Municipal Agriculturist Ms. Cruda expressed their heartfelt thanks to the regional center for the award and even joked that it was not like others. “Hatod-balay gyud ni sya nga award,” he stated.

He reassured everyone that the said amount will be used as proposed for the additional training center to address the issue of overcrowding in their current facility. “Mas daghang farmers pa ang maserbisyon,” he continued.

Both parties said that the collaborative efforts of DA, ATI, LGU and other stakeholders will continue to realize better means of living for all especially the farmers.

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 ~Lydia B. Borbano~

## Bohol Parolees undergo IDOFS cum GAD Training

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

**M**ARIBOJOC, BOHOL. - The Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas conducted a three-day Gender-based Capability Building Training on Integrated Diversified Organic Farming Systems (IDOFS) for Bohol Parolees together with the personnel from the Department of Justice Bohol Parole and Probation Office and some Volunteer Probation Assistant last June 27-29, 2017 at Binhi sa Panginabuhian Demonstration Farm at Bayacabac this town with a total of 29 participants.

This collaborative effort is the first between ATI and DOJ-Parole and Probation Office with the objective of enhancing the skills of the participants on IDOFS as well as Gender and Development that can help into their family's income generating initiatives.



The participants actively enjoyed the hands-on activity on indigenous feed preparation during the IDOFS Training

The training produced a positive outcome among the participants because the methodologies used were both input and hands-on application since the activity made sure to have it on learning by doing.

Among the hands-on activities that the participants had conducted were the production of different Natural Farming Systems' concoctions as well as feed formulation and organic seed bed preparation.

Part of their learning experiences includes the actual feeding using prepared and formulated feed and concoctions to organic livestock and chicken as well as to large and small ruminants in the farm.

The pool of trainers during the training was composed of Mr. Reyland Jabonillo, Farm Operations and Training Manager of Binhi sa Panginabuhian Demo Farm together with Ms. Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay, Media Production Specialist II and GAD Focal of ATI-RTC 7 while the training management team was spearheaded by Project Officer, Merrian Piquero Soliva, MPS II with Ms. Judy Ann Lemoneras, Technical Support Staff.

## Climate Change with DRRM Training held at Siquijor

**S**IQUIJOR. The three-day training on Climate Change with Disaster Risk Reduction and Management held at the Conference Hall of the Office of Provincial Agriculturist in Helen, Larena, Siquijor created a sound learning insights among participants composed of farmers, representative from the academe and the local government unit. The group agreed that issues on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management should be included in the Academes' curriculum; that farmers should have constant updates on the Climate Risk in the locality and in order to build an Agri-fishery climate resilient

community must require great power, thus the need for the executives and leaders to appreciate the urgency of climate action.

The training was held last April 25-27 with 34 participants from this province. Composing the pool of resource speakers were Joemelyn S. Allianic of ATI-RTC 7, Focal Person on Climate Change and Training Personnel from the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office of Cebu in the persons of Elviena O. Subang, Belinda N. Bayron and Jenefer D. De la Cruz while Engr. Jonathan Sumagang, ATI 7 Technical Staff was the project officer of the said training.

# RCM invades central visayas

by MA. GRACIA SOLIVA-PUNGAY



**A generated recommendation was explained thoroughly by the Agricultural Extension Worker to the farmer for her to understand the whole steps**

**T**he Rice Crop Manager (RCM), a comprehensive decision support tool for increasing yields and income of farmers invaded the rice areas in Central Visayas covering the provinces of Bohol, Siquijor, Cebu and Negros Oriental.

A total of 111 rice technicians and local farmer technicians (LFTs) from the four (4) provinces in Region 7 trained under the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office-7 (DA-RFO7) and the Agricultural Training Institute – Region 7 (ATI-R7) on the basic use of the ICT-based tool to capacitate them on providing fertilizer management, seed rate, weed management, and crop health management to rice farmers.

During the training, selected DA-LGU staff, particularly rice technicians were coached to handle the RCM and generation of its recommendation; Operate RCM in both online and offline mode using a laptop, tablet, or smartphone; Print the

one-page RCM recommendation from a laptop, tablet, or smartphone; and explain

RCM questions and recommendations generated from a farmer interview.

The regional training team include RCM Regional Focal Gracelen C. Dagala, RCM Operations Focal Jonathan Pierre Limocon, RCM-Bohol Focal Ma. Corazon Palileo, and ATI-R7 RCM Focal Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay.

After the training, the rice technicians were deployed in their respective areas to interview rice farmers and provide fertilizer recommendation. Through the RCM, the farmers will have easy access to updated information for managing their rice crop every season to help increase their yield and income.

With this tool, farmers are encouraged to follow the recommendation provided by the RCM to optimize the farmers' yield. If recommendations will be followed, the country will have additional production of 20,000 metric tons of milled rice for each 100,000 hectares of rice cultivation per season.



**Farmers waiting for their turn during one of the Rice Crop Manager (RCM) briefing conducted in the region**

## Bohol Parole Office demystified on e-extension

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



e-Extension Coordinator in ATI Central Visayas, Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva (with certificate) is flanked by the personnel of Bohol Parole and Probation Employees

**W**ith e-extension's maxim that is "*any place and any pace*," the Information Services Section of the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 in Central Visayas has been invited to provide briefing on the services of the electronic extension among key personnel of the Department of Justice's Parole and Probation Administration –Bohol Province Parole and Probation Office No. 1 located at Hall of Justice, New Capitol Site, Tagbilaran City last May 29, 2017.

The objective of this invitation is to help the personnel as well as their clients' need in terms of continuous learning and skills enhancement.

Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva, e-Extension Coordinator of ATI-RTC 7 heeded the invitation requested by Mr. Raquelito G. Rollan, Chief Probation and Parole Officer.

Many queries were asked relative to extension services during the briefing and through the said activity, they are demystified and appreciated government's effort of maximizing the use of Information, Communication and Technology to attain a modernized agriculture and fisheries sector and the focus of creating an electronic and interactive bridge where farmers, fishers, and other stakeholders meet and transact to enhance productivity, profitability and global competitiveness.

**Congratulations!**  
**SPAAFI in Alegria, Cebu is now an**  
**Extension Service Provider (ESP)**  
**of ATI in Central Visayas**

## Training, Assessment for OA NC II conducted at SPAAFI Alegria, Cebu

**C**EBU – The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 in Central Visayas conducted an 11-day Training and Assessment on Organic Agriculture NC II at SPAAFI in Alegria this province with 32 participants composed of Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs); Farmers and State Universities and Colleges (SUC) Representatives from the region last April 24 to May 8, 2017.

The pool of trainers include: Mr. Elnard S. Ympal, Young and Awarded Farm-Entrepreneur from Siquijor; Cristino L. Villamor, Jr., Project Manager of Saint Peter Academy of Alegria Foundation, Inc. (SPAAFI) and Andrew M. Macaambac, Planning Evaluation Officer I of ATI-RTC 7.

The purpose of this 11-day activity is to keep the participants on track with well-crafted concept and innovation in agriculture; to garner learning opportunities for them to boost their skills and competencies related to Organic Agriculture; to acquire concepts and unique operations and management on farming, its technique, production and utilization which are worth replicating; to adopt new strategies and techniques which is applicable to them; and to obtain National Competency (NC-II) qualification for TESDA.

Mr. Aurelio L. Timtim, Training Specialist II of ATI-RTC 7 is the Project Officer of this activity.



## LOOKING INTO THE HEART of a certified woman rice seed grower

by MA. PAMELA N. RESPECIA

*Turning 67 years old, Anita Jover Mandalupe was born and raised to a couple who depended on agriculture for a livelihood. She is a native of a rice farming area in Cansa-naan, Mabinay, Negros Oriental. Fueled with determination in uplifting her family's quality of life, she mastered the technique in rice production. She participated actively in various non-government and government agricultural activities. She's one of the few females who became certified seed growers in the province and envisioned rice sufficiency by producing more good quality and high yielding rice seed varieties. Her noble contribution to the community made her an Outstanding Farmer from 1998 to 1999 during the Search for Regional Gawad Saka in Region VII. Until then, she never stopped learning.*

### Coping up with challenges in life

**W**hen her husband had a mild stroke in 2006, Anita Mandalupe took over all the responsibilities at home including earning a living to raise her seven children and send them to college.

She noticed then that with rice production alone, it definitely cannot cover all the household expenses and her husband's medicine maintenance.

Aside from growing crops, Anita also raised livestock including swine and cattle. The sale from the fattened swine and cattle was used to purchase one unit of thresher, which she rents to the neighbouring farmers.

Another project she managed to put up is duck raising. With 80 duck heads, she harvested an average of 64 eggs daily which she sells at P4.00 per piece. Sales from eggs enabled her to improve her house. Likewise she purchased a cattle and paid her daughter's one semester tuition fee in Nursing.

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*Nanay Anita was hailed as an Outstanding Farmer from 1998 to 1999 during the Search for Regional Gawad Saka in Region VII.*

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## Finding out her purpose

Though focused in maintaining to improve the family's quality of life, she was able to extend her services to fellow farmers.

One of her noble contributions to the development of the community was the donation of a piece of land for the construction of a multi-purpose drying pavement. The pavement serves the farmer-members of the Cansana-an Farmers Association, group of rice farmers she organized and influenced with her good practices in diversified farming.

Nita also loaned 30 sacks of seeds to her fellow farmers without interest during the El Nino phenomenon. It really helped them to recover their loss during the calamity.

## Reaping the seeds she has sown

For more than 20 years in farming, Anita fought against all odds to improve productivity not only for her own family but for the other farmers in the community.

Her seven children went all to college. Six of them became professionals in the field of Nursing, Education and Marine Engineering.

She has established an integrity of a trusted rice seed grower in the province. In fact many buyers from the neighbouring towns would prefer to buy rice from her farm, because they knew that it is certainly certified good variety of rice seeds.

Anita now is happily living with her growing family and enjoying life at its best. While, she remains a living testimony that indeed hardwork without love and passion is nothing.





# ATI-EP honors learners

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



The 20 EP learners of ATI in Central Visayas during their culmination program at Bohol Tropics Resort, Tagbilaran City last May 27 2017

**T**wenty ATI-EP learners who are at their elementary level ages 14-21 years who want to pursue secondary education was conferred during the culmination program held at Bohol Tropics Resort Hotel, Tagbilaran City last May 27, 2017 after they completed the six-month in-house and on-field training at ATI-Regional Training Center 7 and selected demonstration farm in Bohol together with the Department of Education-Alternative Learning Systems (DepEd ALS). Part of their expected output is to establish a backyard garden in their respective households.

The Academic and Technology Integration Education Program (ATI-EP) is an education and training intervention of the Agricultural Training Institute in support to the Youth Empowerment through a Sustainable (YES) Program for the 4H clubs in the Philippines, preparing the youth as a new breed of competent farmers of the new generation.

The invited guest who delivered his message of encouragement among these learners was Mr. Rex Rieta Villavelez, Youth Leader, Board Member, Children's Legal Bureau, Talisay City and who is currently the Research Specialist in Statistics at the

University of the Visayas in Cebu City.

In his speech, he challenged the youth to dream big and follow their heart's desire for the betterment of their life.

Moreover, ATI-RTC 7 Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio on her message encouraged the ATI-EP learners to continue striving in order to attain their life's objectives. She emphasized that through passion, dedication, and love for agriculture, everything will happen.

Three learners representing the ATI-EP shared their impressions on their journey. First to give is Dean B. Lamoste of Libertad Norte, Sagbayan, Bohol, where he reiterated that being a part of this scholarship is already considered a prize because, for so many youths in Region 7, we are among the chosen 20. The reason for quitting school is not my peers but due to the long distance of trekking from home to school, that's why, when ATI-RTC 7 accorded me this opportunity, I am so happy and I am also grateful for the dedication of Mam Zinklyn Largo and Mam Elvie Mijares for their patience wherein we considered them as our heroes because they stood still even if there were bad days, Dean added.

Meanwhile, John Joshua L. Bacus of Lantawan of Sinsin, Cebu City in his impression said, he was encouraged to join this program because of his interest to finish school besides the achievements of his friend, Mr. Jeswhelson Sacis, who was very diligent in joining every activity that ATI has been doing. With that, he was able to attain knowledge and skills in farming where he can do a lot beside grafting and budding technologies. What really encouraged Joshua is the big transformation of his friend wherein he is very responsible despite his very young age and the farm that he established right now. ATI-EP helped me to become a humble person wherein patience and respect should be considered in our daily undertaking in order to succeed. Thus, I am hoping that this combined program of DepEd and ATI will help us learners to develop ourselves and our lives in general, shared Joshua.

The last learner who shared his impression, Gilvin A. Laxa of Poblacion, Siquijor, Siquijor shared that through Elnard Ympal, he was encouraged to join this program and he is very much grateful for the opportunity accorded to him because he learned a lot and his skills in agriculture, as well as his self-esteem, has been developed. He said as quoted: "I truly believe that in agriculture, there is money because the seeds given to us by ATI such as pechay gave me income through its sales."

In general, all ATI-EP learners thanked ATI for the opportunities given to them because, through this program, their dream of pursuing further studies were materialized though they are aware that the realization of their dreams will depend on their dedication and perseverance to move on to greater heights. In closing, success depends on the wide acceptance of opportunities that came into our lives and the purity of its intention.



Agricultural Extension Workers from Siquijor brainstormed during the TIER 2 briefing conducted last May 25, 2017

## 27th RFFF Congress cum 4H Youth Camp, a success

by MA. PAMELA N. RESPECIA

A total of one hundred eighty-two (182) Rural-based Organizations (RBOs) members joined the 27th Regional Farm Family Congress cum 4-H Youth Camp held in the City of Bogu on April 19-21, 2017 with the theme “*Nagka-hiusang Banay, Malambuon ug Himsog Kanunay.*”

Six (6) participating delegations from Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, Siquijor, Dumaguete City and Bayawan City competed in a number of contests. The City of Bogu as 5-times Champion (City Category) now hosted the said event.

The contests held were 4H Empowered Quiz Bee, 4H Handicraft Making, 4H Singing Contest, RIC Folk Dance, RIC Vegetable Pickles Processing, P4MP Doble Kara, Farm-Family Galing Mais and Fishermen Net Mending.

This year’s Regional Winners were the Province of Cebu (Province Category) and Dumaguete City (City Category).

Gracing the opening ceremony was Atty. Salvador Diputado, LL.M, Ph.D. who served as the keynote speaker. In his message, he emphasized the role of family in agriculture development. He furthered that as a basic unit of the society, family could contribute a lot especially in achieving food sufficiency in the country by producing their own food.

Distinguished guests present were; Mayor Jose Carlos A. Martinez of Bogu; Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, Training Center Superintendent II of ATI-7; Dr. Gracia F. Arado, Training

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## ATI7 briefs on Tier 2 Program

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

Seventeen (17) Agricultural Extension Workers from the province of Siquijor actively participated the one-day briefing on the Increasing Agricultural Productivity Towards Food Security and Poverty Alleviation: EXTENSION SUPPORT TO THE TWENTY TWO PROVINCES WITH HIGHEST POVERTY INCIDENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES (ATI TIER 2 PROGRAM FOR 2017) last May 25, 2017 at the Conference Room of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, Helen, Larena, Siquijor.

The activity aimed to orient/brief the enumerators about the Tier 2 Program and for them to familiarize the content of the survey questionnaire.

The purpose of this project is to increase agricultural productivity of the 22 poorest provinces through provision of high-impact extension interventions while the expected outputs include: 1) Local Government Unit (LGU-AEWs)

will be capacitated to provide extension services to farmers/fishers; 2) Farmers/fishers will be trained on improved and sustainable technologies; 3) Collaborations forged to provide extension and other support services; and 4) Information support and other extension support services will be provided to farmers/fishers.

Spearheading the activity is Engr. Jonathan O. Sumagang, Tier 2 Focal Person for Siquijor and was assisted by Ms. Merigine C. Otara, Tier 2 Focal Person for Negros Oriental.

### TIER 2 COVERAGE

#### SIQUIJOR

ENRIQUE VILLANUEVA  
LARENA  
LAZI  
MARIA  
SAN JUAN  
SIQUIJOR

#### NEGROS ORIENTAL

AMLAN  
BACONG  
DAUIN  
JIMALALUD  
SAN JOSE  
ZAMBOANGUITA



Agricultural Extension Workers from the Provinces of Bohol and Siquijor appreciated the step-by-step process of data tabulation and interpretation during the capability building training held at ATI-RTC 7 Complex, Tagbilaran City last May 30 to June 1, 2017.

## Data tabulation, interpretation training in easy way

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

**A** borrowed line from Hollywood Actor-Comedian, Dwayne Johnson that goes: "Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come."

The line best suited to the three-day Training-Workshop on Data Tabulation, Analysis and Interpretation for Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) conducted by the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 in Central Visayas last May 30 to June 01, 2017 at the facility's complex in Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City wherein this activity was designed for Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) in the provinces of Bohol and Siquijor respectively which objective of enhancing the participant's research and extension capability to facilitate technology transfer strategies.

This is a scaling-up activity from the recently concluded Capability Enhancement Training on Data Gathering, Analysis, Interpretation and Report Writing for Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) last March 22-24, 2017 at BPSTEA Training Hall, Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

Twenty-five participants from Bohol and Siquijor shared their learning insights that the training-workshop provided them knowledge and skills on data tabulation and interpretation in an easy way. Through the use of the MS Excel Program the step-by-step process given by resource speakers, they expressed gratefulness for the kind of activity given.

The pool of trainers includes Ma. Pamela N. Respecia, ATI-RTC 7 Technical Staff where she tackled MS Excel Program while Maria Corazon P. Palileo, Rice, Research and Devel-

opment of the Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Office 7 did the step-by-step process of data gathering, tabulation, interpretation, and analysis.

Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva, Media Production Specialist II of ATI-RTC 7 spearheaded the training-workshop as Project Officer with the supervision of Center Director Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio.

### 27th RFFF...



A 4Her demonstrates his flower making skills on one of the contest during the 27th RFFF Congress held in Bogo City last April 19-21, 2017.

Center Superintendent I/4-H Focal Person of ATI-7; Ms. Sol Bensi of DA-RFO 7; and some partners from LGUs of the different provinces of Region VII.

Meanwhile, more than thirty (30) 4-H youth participated the coastal clean-up and mangrove planting at Brgy. Siocon, Bogo City.

## GAD-based, EDS for AI Technicians conducted

by DR. MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA

With the general objective enhancing knowledge and skills on extension delivery and gender equality, three-day training on Gender-Based Training for AI Technicians cum Extension Delivery System was conducted by ATI in Central Visayas through its Project Officer, Reynadez M. Lim, Agriculturist I and alternate GAD Focal Person at ATICE-MCO Training Hall, M. Velez Street, Guadalupe, Cebu City last April 18-20, 2017.

Twenty-two Agricultural Extension Workers from the provinces of Cebu and Negros Oriental successfully completed all the requirements needed for the three-day activity.

The participants were given inputs on Civil Service Commission Code of Conduct for Government Employees by Atty. Farrah F. Quimada, which is timely since most of the participants were newly-hired and appointed from their Local Government Units respectively.

Ms. Lim discussed the Gender and Development concepts, laws, biases and issues and valuing male and female differences. Dr. Grace F. Arado, Training

Center Superintendent I of ATI-RTC 7 on one hand gave inputs about Extension Worker, its definition, concepts and principles as well as approaches, strategies and methodologies in the field while Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva, Media Production Specialist II of ATI-7 on the otherhand discussed the good qualities of a leader; communication and presentation skills and also visual aids preparation.

With their active involvement, the micro-teaching activity was very successful wherein each of the participants were given time to showcase their communication and presentation skills and the cliniquing capped the activity.

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Visual aid preparation is one of the activity during the GAD-based EDS training held in Cebu last April 18-20, 2017

# CRRN organized in Bohol

by DR. MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA

**T**AGBILARAN CITY. – Grounded with the following objectives; that is to establish a team to operationalize the extension initiatives that will contribute to building a climate-resilient agriculture and fishery livelihoods/community as well as to identify a vulnerable area that will serve as the pilot community and target beneficiaries and finally to draw support services of commitment from the partners and stakeholders, the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas organized and established a Climate Risk Reduction Network last May 16-17, 2017 at the center’s training hall in Cabawan District, this city.

Eighteen stakeholders representing various agencies like Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)-Bohol; Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)-Bohol; National Irrigation Administration (NIA) – Regional Office 7; Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Office 7 (DA-RFO7); Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA)-Bohol with Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO-Bohol) and Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRRMO-Bohol) headed the call by ATI-RTC 7.

These stakeholders were delighted of the network because of the timeliness of the program. With Training Specialist I and Regional Climate Change Focal Person, Joemelyn S. Allianic of ATI-RTC 7 who spearheaded the activity, the following output were generated: a) The Climate Risk Reduction Network in the province of Bohol was organized with an eight (8) agency-membership including ATI; b) Identification of pilot site qualifying the criteria that are prone to disaster which livelihood on farming and fishing is



**The eight-agency network spearheaded by ATI in Central Visayas together with representatives from BFAR-Bohol; PCA-Bohol; NIA-Regional Office 7; DA-RFO7; PAGASA-Bohol; PPDO-Bohol and PDRRMO-Bohol**

greatly attributed; and c) the next steps that this newly-organized network will be doing for the succeeding months/years of collaboration.

The members of this network are comprised of the following representatives: Aqua Technicians Ana Liza O. Aniba, Ma. Genevieve R. Cosenas and Epifanio Gultia, Jr. of BFAR-Bohol; the Provincial Manager of PCA-Bohol, Emiliano M. Romero together with Senior Agriculturist Primo T. Galendez and Coconut Development Officer, Ma. Cindy G. Escabillas; from NIA-Region 7, Engineer Beverly Joy Q. Pocot and Engineering Assistant, Romel Sarigumba; Planning Officer I of DA-RFO 7, Mildred Montecillo; PAGASA-Dauis Station Officer-in-Charge, Leonardo F. Samar; Engineer Angelus L. Sales of the Provincial Planning and Development Office-Bohol with Head, Research and Planning Division, Glaiza N. Melecio of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office-Bohol.

Representing ATI7 personnel is the Climate Change Focal Person, Joemelyn S. Allianic together Dr. Gracia S. Arado, Training Center Superintendent I; Senior Agriculturist/Planning Officer, Lydia B. Borbano; GAD Focal Person/Media Production Specialist II, Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay; Budget Officer, Lourdino B. Sale and Media Production Specialist II, Merrian Piquero Soliva, PhD.

# Tultogan, Calape identified as pilot site for CRA

by DR. MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA



Calape Mayor Nelson N. Yu assured that his administration will support the projects that will be implemented at barangay Tultogan

**B**OHOL. – The Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA) Program of the Department of Agriculture through the Agricultural Training Institute selects this province as one of the pilot sites particularly in barangay Tultogan in the municipality of Calape.

The collaborative effort was finalized last June 19, 2017 at the office of the Local Chief Executive in Calape this province spearheaded by Mayor Nelson N. Yu together with representatives from the Climate Risk Reduction Network (CRRN), Emiliano M. Romero, Provincial Manager of PCA-Bohol; Mildred E. Montecillo, Planning Officer I of DA-RFO 7; Ma. Gracia S. Pungay, Media Production Specialist II and Joemelyn S. Allianic, Regional Climate Change Focal Person of ATI-RTC 7.

Also present during the courtesy call cum launching were Municipal Councilor Gerry Regalado, Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Fishery, Municipal Agriculturist

Elizabeth Cortes and Agricultural Extension Worker, Teresita J. Penticase.

By choosing said barangay, a baseline profiling, and vulnerability assessment will be conducted in order to identify priority projects that these beneficiaries will be served for the period of one (1) year and for them to sustain even after the termination of the project.

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*Tultogan is blessed to be chosen as the pilot site in Bohol to implement the Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA) Program and we are very much supportive to this endeavor.*

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~Mayor Nelson Yu~

# ATI CENTRAL VISAYAS

We together with the strong collaboration of our Subject Matter Specialists in the region developed

## THREE [3] COURSES



### YUMMY YAM: ONLINE COURSE ON UBI PRODUCTION

launched in **2009**

**1,185\***  
ENROLLEES

**990\***  
GRADUATES

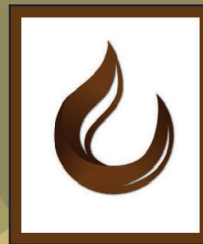


### BASIC URBAN GARDENING

launched in **2014**

**2,294\***  
ENROLLEES

**1,918\***  
GRADUATES



### MOKUSAKU: WOOD VINEGAR PRODUCTION

launched in **2016**

**61\***  
ENROLLEES

**53\***  
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