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## Eskaya tribe goes healthy farming

by MA. GRACIA S. PUNGAY



Members of the Eskaya Indigenous People did the the hands-on preparation of the different nature farming systems technology

**M**ARIBOJOC, BOHOL - Thirty-four (34) participants from the Indigenous Peoples, the Eskaya embarked anew on healthy farming through organic agriculture practice as they participated in the Capability Enhancement Training for IPs: Healthy Farming and Production System at the Binhi sa Panginabuhian Organic Farm, Bayacabac, Maribojoc, Bohol on August 23-25, 2017.

Specifically, the training aimed to increase awareness of the participants on the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 and the aspects of sustainable agriculture, and perform hands-on on the various Natural Fermented Solutions. They have also experienced the appropriate method and application of the various farming techniques on organic swine production locally developed in the Binhi sa Panginabuhian Farm called MARIBOY,

and the organic poultry production, MARINOK.

The members of the Eskaya exhibited curiosity in developing positive attitudes towards healthy and sustainable farming, which is one of the objectives of the training.

Lanida Obut, one of the participants expressed after the training “I am so overwhelmed because I have learned so much especially about Mariboy and the Marinok wherein we learned how to raise swine and poultry with the least expenses but in a shorter span of time and we can readily apply it in our own farms.”

Mr. Reyland Jabonillo, Manager of the Binhi sa Panginabuhian Organic Farm was the resource person during the said training.

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~Lanida Obut~

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## ATI 7 joins UNAIP midyear review workshop

by JUN ALGUIN B. OLIVER

**I**n an effort to gain insights and draw lessons from the Unified National Artificial Insemination Program (UNAIP) activities, ATI 7 AI Coordinator Jun Oliver participated in the 2017 UNAIP Midyear Assessment and Planning Workshop at Cebu Business Hotel, Cebu City on Aug. 2-3, 2017.

Initiated by the lead agency, the Department of Agriculture (RFO) 7, the partner-agencies were given the updates and breakthroughs in the areas of artificial insemination both for large and small ruminants, marketing and cooperative development.

The two-day affair provided important insights which can guide similar future interventions of agencies like the ATI.

# FITS receive ICT tools

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

**T**AGBILARAN CITY. - “Extend our gratitude to your Local Chief Executives for your continuous support to ATI’s extension services. We all know that we have two (2) main objectives why we extend services beyond boundaries, it’s because we wanted to facilitate our clients’ needs to increase their production and at the same time decrease poverty status.” This was the message of Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, Training Center Superintendent II of ATI-RTC 7 in Central Visayas to the 10 FITS Managers in the region to which the ICT equipment were turned-over.

The ICT equipment was provided to enhance the functionality of the Farmers’ Information Technology Services (FITS) Centers in their respective municipality. The activity was held last August 16, 2017 at the training complex of ATI, this city.

The recipients of the ICT equipment are conducting deployment of the Rice Crop Manager (RCM) in the field. These FITS Centers are from Lazi, Siquijor and Carcar, Cebu while the municipalities of Candijay, San Miguel, Mabini, Antequera, Catigbian, Jagna, Garcia-Hernandez and Carmen are from Bohol.

The ICT equipment given includes netbook, tablet, pocket wifi, 3-in-1 printer, ink and other office supplies.

Moreover, representing said FITS were FITS Managers, Information Services Specialists (ISS) and Technical Services Specialists (TSS).

Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay, Media Production Specialist II of ATI who is also the RCM focal in the region expressed her sincerest appreciation to everybody who heeded the call. She also discussed the mechanics and the rationale of this activity to the FITS staff involved.



Ten FITS Managers in Central Visayas received the ICT equipment turned-over by Center Director Carolyn May O. Daquio, PhD (3rd from L) together with Ma. Gracia S. Pungay, MPS II/RCM Focal in the Region (2nd from R) last August 16, 2017 at AT17 Complex, Tagbilaran City

## ATI 7 Technical Staff Turns Today’s Writers

by JUN ALGUIN B. OLIVER

**D**AUIS, BOHOL. Fifteen staff from the center participated in the one-day Write to be Read: Training on Basic News Writing at Villa Del Gloria Resort, this municipality on August 4, 2017.

The writeshop was aimed at learning the Basics in News Writing and be able to contribute articles to be posted on the ATI –RTC 7 official website and to the center’s quarterly newsletter “Kaugmaran.” Veteran newswriters from

the Information Services and Career Development and Management Sections (ISS/CDMS) of ATI7 in the person of Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva and Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay took turns in sharing their expertise on the basics of news and headline writing and copy reading.

The writeshop was highlighted with an individual workshop on News Writing where publishable outputs were generated.



Personnel of ATI-7 pose for posterity after a day’s writing workshop together with CD Daquio (3rd from L)

# 29 extension workers finish organic course

by JUN ALGUIN B. OLIVER



Magsasaka Siyentista, Cesar Baroro of Siquijor (in pink-black shirt) illustrates his experience in growing dragon fruit during the on-field visit of the participants at his farm situated in Maria, Siquijor

As an initial step in the pursuit to make the lone district of Siquijor as the Organic Capital in the country, a total of 29 graduates composed of Agricultural Extension Workers, Teachers from the Department of Education (DepEd) and Barangay Agricultural Technicians of Siquijor completed the Appreciation Course on Organic Agriculture at the Department of Education Training Center, Solangon, San Juan, Siquijor last July 25-27, 2017.

The course aims to improve the participants' function-based technical and extension services on organic farming and strengthen their involvement in the vigorous implementation of the Organic Agricultural Program in the island.

It can be recalled that during the visit of DA Secretary Emmanuel Piñol in the province last June, he suggested that Siquijor must be the organic capital in the country.

## Siquijor Agri-Chief urges farmer-leaders, teachers: utilize ATI7's training, extension programs

by JUN ALGUIN B. OLIVER

Dr. Ramon A. Taroc, Provincial Agriculturist of Siquijor urged the farmers and teachers to utilize the programs and projects initiated by the Agricultural Training Institute to improve their agricultural systems in their respective schools and farms.

Speaking before the 29 graduates of the Appreciation Course on Organic Agriculture at the Department of Education Training Center at Solangon, San Juan, Siquijor last July 27, 2017, Dr. Taroc took note of the

programs of ATI-RTC 7 that are being undertaken in the island province.

He stressed on the agency's services such as the establishment/enhancement of learning sites, farmers' field schools, farm business schools and recently the farmers' radio program school-on-the-air which provides farmers the opportunities to know the agricultural production technologies even without attending seminars and trainings.



Dr. Ramon A. Taroc, the Provincial Agriculturist of Siquijor, is very much supportive to ATI-7's training and extension programs, thus, he emphasized such in his speech

Think globally,  
Act locally...

# BISU-Bilar requests GAP Training

by GRACIA F. ARADO, PHD

Three staff of Agricultural Training Institute- Regional Training Center (ATI-RTC) 7 served as Resource Persons during the Seminar on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) towards Enhanced SUC Extension Services on July 25-26, 2017 at the Farmers Training Center (FTC) Session Hall of the Bohol Island State University (BISU), Bilar Campus with fifty (50) faculty and students as participants.

The activity intended to give general orientation to faculty-extensionists and students about the good agricultural practices, good animal husbandry practices and good handling practices essential to the extension services of the university.

Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, Center Director of ATI-7 discussed the topic on Good Agricultural Practices, Vherney C. Cabasag II on Good Animal Husbandry Practices while Dr. Gracia F. Arado discussed on Good Hygiene/Handling Practices and Good Manufacturing Practices. Inputs on Understanding Extension emphasizing its six paradigms was also discussed by Dr. Daquio. Additional inputs on innovations were also shared by Dr. Daquio to inculcate the value of innovation among participants to be more effective in the delivery of their endeavors on instruction, research and extension.

Dr. Marina A. Labonite, Director of Research Development of the whole BISU system, in her closing remarks stressed that the inputs shared by ATI 7 should be applied whenever applicable.



Dr. Gracia F. Arado, the Training Center Superintendent I of ATI7 shared to the participants, the Good Hygiene/Handling Practices and Good Manufacturing Practices on GAP



A female agricultural extension worker experienced the actual utilization of a farm machinery during the training held at BISU-Bilar Campus on July 12-18, 2017

## Farm Machinery to hasten land preparation

by JOVANIA A. PICOT

To hasten farm operation and answer the inadequacy of labor during planting season, the Agricultural Training Institute Regional Training Center VII (ATI-RTC VII) conducted the Training Course on Farm Machinery Operation for Agricultural Engineers (AE's) with NCII at Bohol Island State University (BISU), Bilar Campus on July 12-18, 2017 which was attended by 34 participants employed at different municipalities of Bohol.

Both men and women experienced in driving different farm machinery to help farmers utilize and maintain the machineries given by different municipal local government units (MLGU) of Bohol.

Engr. Avejun Abucot said, "I never experienced driving even touching agricultural machineries during my college life and I am very much thankful to ATI-RTC 7 for conducting this training. It's really necessary for us to help farmers via farm machineries."

After the culmination of the said activity, the participants practiced their new skills to prepare themselves for the Farm Machinery Operation NC II assessment this coming August 29, 30 and 31.

*"Food security is everybody's concern"*



**Batch 9 of Adopt a 4-H were flanked by (seated: L-R) Nida Abada, OPA-Siquijor 4H Coordinator; Dr. Gracia F. Arado of ATI7; Provincial Agriculturist of Siquijor, Dr. Ramon A. Taroc and Sr. Agriculturist of ATI7 at the same time the Regional RBO Coordinator, Lydia B. Borbano**

## Adopt-a-4-H batch 9 launched

by **LYDIA B. BORBANO**

**T**he Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7(ATI-RTC7) launched the 9th batch of Adopt-a- Farm Youth (Adopt a 4-H) Program on July 25, 2017 at Elnard's Organic Farm, Candura, San Juan, Siquijor. Five (5) 4-Her's coming from Bohol, Siquior, Negros Oriental and Cebu participated in the said program.

The Adopt-A-Farm Youth is another capability-building strategy geared towards the development and enhancement of the Out-of School Youth (4-H) who are engaged or want to engage in agri-fishery based livelihood projects.

This six-week immersion of the OSY to the farms of outstanding farmers aim to enhance the various skills of young farmers in farming through the use of the new agricultural technology in farming, fishing, livestock raising,

diversified farming including the basic entrepreneurial skills.

The launching was graced by Dr. Ramon A. Taroc, Provincial Agriculturist of Siquijor Province with Ms. Nida Abada, Provincial 4-H Coordinator, Mr. Arnold Manginsay, Municipal Agriculturist of San Juan, Siquijor, with his Agricultural Technician, Ms. Layzan Macalisang, and Dr. Gracia F. Arado, Training Center Superintendent I of ATI.

Dr. Ramon A. Taroc encouraged the youth to be productive because they are the hope of our fatherland.

The host farmer, Mr. Elnard Ympal and his family were very grateful that they were chosen as part of the AFY program with the assurance that the young trainees will be treated as family members since the program will run until Sept. 7, 2017.

## CRA project identified

by **MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD**

**B**OHOL. – “The reason for choosing barangay Tultugan as the pilot site for this project is that you fit the criteria,” Municipal Agriculturist of Calape, Elizabeth Cortes disclosed.

The Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA) Program of the Department of Agriculture through the Agricultural Training Institute conducted a participative baseline profiling and project identification and prioritization last July 18-19, 2017 at the Barangay Hall of Tultugan, Calape, this province.

The Climate Risk Reduction Network (CRRN) representatives brainstormed as to how the group will approach the community in terms of generating baseline profiling as well as an impartial process of ranking priority and doable projects that suits the beneficiaries' need.

A focus group discussion and creative workshop approach were used in order to generate the necessary data for the CRA project.

With the collaborative effort made by the beneficiaries and CRRN representatives, the desired information was generated and the identification of the two (2) projects that the beneficiaries deemed as their need. Said projects comprised of a motorized fishing boat with nets and swine raising production.

Capping the activity was the commitment setting through a candle lighting ceremony where each stakeholder offered their commitment to the project. The activity was facilitated by Ma. Gracia S. Pungay, MPS II of ATI-RTC 7.

Present during the activity were Calape Mayor Nelson Yu; SB Member and Chair on Agriculture and Fishery Committee,

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## *The beckon of urban gardening,* **A SUCCESS STORY OF JORGE FAT TRINIDAD**

by DR. MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA

**T**he yearning to eat freshly-picked and safe vegetables in the backyard is one of the many reasons why Jorge Fat Trinidad ventured into urban gardening.

He also considered gardening as a therapy and the best work out after an eight-hour butt-stressing and eye-and-neck-straining office work with bunch of papers at hand.

He is the Training Specialist II of Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 and at the same time the Cashier Designate for quite some time.

A graduate of Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Accounting with units in Master in Public Administration, Jorge has served 25 years in the government with two (2) years as casual; one (1) year temporary and 23 years as permanent employee. Through his perseverance and dedication, he roused from emergency labourer to artist Illustrator II to his present position and designation.

A native of Barili, Cebu, Jorge is married to Ma. Socorro Aradillos, a government employee with four (4) children, all professional, they live in Mabuhay Village, Dao District, Tagbilaran City.



## *road to urban gardening...*

With the enticing power of the internet and the sharing among resource speakers during training, Mr. Trinidad was motivated to do urban gardening.

For him, "it takes only few seconds to plant a single seedling but the satisfaction can be felt in minutes, hours, days, months and even years. I am grateful for at least I am helping the environment in my own little way." Thus, his 342 square meter house area thrived as his gardening-playground.

Rewind. His love of farming can be traced during his childhood because his uncle, who was an agriculturist, planted a variety of plants together with his farmer-parents and older sisters who were so active and even graduates of the university-on-the-air/school-on-the-air and they inspired and motivated him in this craft.

As far as his memory served him right, there were times that middle men went to their farm to buy their produce because they have more, even after they set aside for their consumption, though; it's not yet organically grown then, since they were still adhering to the Masagana 99 program.

Fast forward. With such innate

inspiration, Jordz as we fondly call him in the office practice urban gardening in their home nestled at one of the old subdivision in the city of Tagbilaran, province of Bohol for the past five (5) years.

Among the containerized vegetables and spices he's growing organically include eggplant, ampalaya, tomato, spring onion, pepper, squash, radish, pechay and lettuce. He recalled that his produce reached as far as 50 kilos in total.

## *motivation to do more*

With his harvest, he is motivated more to pursue urban gardening because aside from family consumption, he was able to share his harvest to friends and officemates.

Mr. Trinidad said, "it's a delight sharing our fruits of labor to friends, even if I only have basic knowledge on how to grow plants because for me planting as many vegetables, herbs and spices in my little space using organic-inputs such as vermicast and nature farming system is a joy to behold."

Through this practice, their domestic wastes were properly segregated. All that are biodegradable are placed in their compost pile while residual materials were taken by the roving



truck that regularly collects garbage in the city. Mr. Trinidad further stressed that the soil he harvested from his compost are the very soil used in his urban gardening. It is not just cheap and nature-based but safe for our health.

Mr. Trinidad disclosed by saying, "as long as I can plant, I will continue this activity because as an employee of the Department of Agriculture specifically ATI who trained individuals to do farming, I think I have the responsibility to do this to showcase that it's not good to just do all the talking but doing as well. This little contribution of mine to achieve our vision and mission is already a feat of a lifetime."

Today, I wish all my neighbours here in the village will do the same, if this effort will be replicated among the villagers, we can consider this as the first village in the city to grow organic plants in our own landscape.

Moreover, Mr. Trinidad is very much happy and privileged that ATI-RTC 7 and Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) provided him plenty of seeds and planting materials plus an opportunity to visit organic farms for technology at the same time exposure trip.

With this experience, Mr. Trinidad is not just considered as a model employee because he walks the talk but a good citizen who is not solely depending on what he earned but what he can do to augment their living.



# Bohol launches GO NEGOSYO

by VHERNEY C. CABASAG II



The participants of the GO Negosyo, Kapatid Agri Mentor Me Training/Capacity Building pose with hearts full of hope during the launching last July 24, 2017 at Bohol Tropics, Tagbilaran City

The Kapatid Agri Mentor Me Training/Capacity Building which was launched on July 24, 2017 at Bohol Tropics, Tagbilaran City, was done through the collaborative effort of ATI-RTC VII, DA-RFO and the Go Negosyo personnel.

The activity was attended by different business representatives of Bohol province and few representatives of Cebu, Negros and Siquijor.

Regional Executive Director (RED) of DA-RFO 7 Atty. Salvador Diputado said “through this activity we can turn the farmers into businessmen and women.”

Meanwhile, Center Director (CD) of ATI-7 Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio acknowledged the participants.

After the opening program, a lecture-discussion about the Go Negosyo was presented and discussed by Mr. Victor Madlangbayan, the sole resource person. He said during his discussion, “*hindi dahilan kong anu*

*tayo pinapanganak para magtagumpay sa buhay because it always depends on the hard-work and determination of a person, kung gusto, maraming paraan at kung ayaw maraming dahilan,”* he said.

After the lecture-discussion, Go Negosyo Personnel offered free consultation for different Farm Business opportunities to the farmers. The participants moreover submitted their business plans.

## Agri-preneurship Program for Young Farmers Conducted

by MA. PAMELA N. RESPECIA

With the ageing population of Filipino farmers, there is a need to harness the skills and competence of youth in agriculture for the next generation of farmers.

ATI-RTC 7 is conducting a new undertaking dubbed as Binhi ng Pag-Asa Program (Under the Young Farmers Program), which aims to promote “Agri-preneurship” among the youth giving them access to entrepreneurial skills and development in agriculture. The

activity also aims to showcase and train new age agricultural technologies and methods; and provide supplies to the trained participants in the form of “agricultural start-up kit” which would allow them to grow their own crops (based on the local situation). Bohol and Cebu are the identified pilot provinces for Central Visayas.

Four Batches of Provincial TOTs for Binhi ng Pag-asa Program were

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# Corn Production Training in Sloping Areas

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

**Did you know?**

*Boholano's kiss the Ubi Kinampay when it fell to the ground?*



### RATIONALE:

- it is an expression of apology to the "offended party" which is the kinampay

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Negros Oriental. – With the objective of making upland corn farming sustainable, the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas trained 29 individuals composed of 27 Agricultural Extension Workers and 2 farmers from the province respectively.

The training was held at ATI-FFTC in the municipality of Bacong last July 19-21, 2017 with Jorge Trinidad, Training Specialist II of ATI-RTC 7 as the project officer together with Mr. June Rey Cabildo, Agricultural Technologist, Focal Person, Unified National Artificial Insemination Program (UNAIP) of the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian; Mr. Alvin Blaza, Chief of Operations and Mr. George Ubag, Agricultural Technologist, Report Officer for Corn and Research Assistant of the Office of the Provincial

Agriculturist, this province in that order who composed the pool of trainers.

As this developed, the participants extended their heartfelt gratitude to ATI for providing this kind of training because they learned the Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT) as well as hedgerows-legumes, crop rotation, goat raising, silage, preservation of forage with salt molasses and above all, they were able to make the actual A-Framing and how to properly use it.

This knowledge and skills will enable the participants to provide and or introduce technical assistance to upland and sloping land farmers using appropriate farming technologies to improve soil fertility and prevent erosion.



The participants during the actual demonstration on the use of the A-Frame during the SALT Training held at Bacong, Negros Oriental on July 19-21, 2017.

# Simultaneous Participatory Planning Workshop held in Siquijor, Negros Oriental

by MERIGINE C. OTARA

**C**ENTRAL VISAYAS. A simultaneous Participatory Planning Workshop conducted in the six (6) municipalities of Siquijor and six (6) municipalities of Negros Oriental for the “Increasing Agricultural Productivity towards Food Security and Poverty Alleviation: Extension Support to the Twenty Two Provinces with High Poverty Incidence in the Philippines” also dubbed as ATI TIER 2 Program last July 3-7, 2017 and July 18-21, 2017 respectively.

The workshop was actively participated by the different sectoral groups namely Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators (MPDC), Municipal Agriculture and Fisheries Council Coordinators (MAFC), Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) Staff, Agriculture Committee Chair of Sangguniang Barangay, Farmers and/or Fishers Association Leader, Women and/or RIC Leaders, Youth Representatives, and 16 Target Household Beneficiaries of the barangay.

The workshop was an essential step to ensure sustainable livelihood programs and employed participatory approach promoting beneficiaries’ participation in the activities. Participants were able to assess their respective communities though the Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Analysis as basis for the identification and prioritization of the potential livelihood projects through dots ranking. Action plans formulated by the participants for the top three (3) livelihood projects were identified.

During the discussions, majority of the participants expressed their great expectation for the genuine implementation of the



women beneficiaries of TIER-2 project actively participated during the project identification workshop at one of the area

livelihood projects that they identified. In addition, they also expressed that these projects will contribute to their income.

The Tier 2 Program implemented in the 22 provinces in the Philippines aims to increase the agricultural productivity for food security and poverty alleviation of the country. In Central Visayas, the provinces of Negros Oriental include the municipalities of Amlan, Bacong, Dauin, Jimalalud, San Jose and Zamboanguita while municipalities of Enrique Villanueva, Larena, Lazi, Maria, San Juan and Siquijor for the province of Siquijor were identified as municipal recipients of the said program.

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conducted last June and July, 2017 with a total of 175 youth beneficiaries for the said activity from the Provinces of Bohol and Cebu.

The 4 -Day Training consists of 3 days for agricultural topics and the one day for Leadership and Values Formation.

(Photo at right shows: active BINHI participants from the province of Bohol during one of the workshop conducted by ATI-RTC 7



# Cebu Sr. Citizens undergo Health and Wellness Training

by DR. MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA



**Dr. Mechelle Acero-Palma pose with participants compose of senior citizens from Cebu during the training conducted last July 18-20, 2017**

It is right to give thanks to ATI for remembering us, senior citizens. We didn't expect that they will organize something just for us to attend to and learn from. Even having Doc Palma who is quite a remarkable doctor. I have observed that I sustained the 3 days training. Previously or with other training, I sometimes find excuses to leave early but here, I was locked in my chair. That is because the discussion is very interesting, our resource person is very amazing and our facilitator treats us very well. Next time, if we are invited to training, we will attend willingly and enthusiastically," these were the words of Mr. Domingo Q. Chavez Jr., Head of the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in Cebu who is one of the participants.

The Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas conducted a three-day Training on Health and Wellness for Senior Citizens last July 18-20, 2017 at ATICEMCO Training Hall, M. Velez Street, Guadalupe, Cebu City with Dr. Mechelle Acero-Palma of Remnant Institute Incorporated formerly Remnant Institute of Alternative Medicine of Iloilo City as the sole trainer-facilitator.

The objective for conducting this activity is to give the senior citizens the opportunity to learn new ideas about health and wellness whose objectives include the enumeration of the fundamentals in whole food and medicinal herb preparation; the basic principles of vegetarianism nutritional

and dietary health issues; execute basic bodyworks therapy and hydrotherapy as well as preparation of alternative food/medicine.

Ms. Reynadez Lim, Agriculturist I of ATI-RTC 7 was the project officer of said activity. A total of 34 senior citizens successfully completed the training.

## Innovations, productivity seminar in Region 7

by MA. PAMELA N. RESPECIA

Organizational creativity and productivity and enhanced competitiveness can only be realized if workers and employers are equipped with requisite knowledge, skills, and understanding and appreciation of innovation.

Thus, ATI-RTC 7 conducted a three-day Seminar on Innovations and Productivity held on July 12-14, 2017 at ATI-RTC 7 Training Complex, Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

Dr. Vilma M. Patindol, Center Director of ATI-Region 8 who served as the resource person, having been to one of the most innovative countries in the world-Singapore specifically Nanyang Polytechnic, observed and learned valuable lessons to share.

Dr. Patindol has been transferring her knowledge regarding Innovations and Productivity to ATI Network

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**Dr. Vilma Patindol, Center Director of ATI8 is the sole resource-facilitator during the innovation seminar held at AT17 Training Complex, Tagbilaran City last July 11-13, 2017**

# LEGS spread in Siquijor

by DR. ROBERTO L. CASTRO

Some thirty-two (32) Livestock Extension Workers, Livestock Raisers and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Officers attended the three-day training on LIVESTOCK EMERGENCY GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS TRAINING (LEGS) held at the Siquijor State College, Larena, Siquijor on July 11-13, 2017.

This training was in support to the Agricultural Training Institute-National Livestock Program (ATI-NLP) for CY 2017. The objectives of the training is to describe the LEGS approach, identify appropriate livelihood-based livestock interventions in emergency response, design and implement response interventions according to LEGS standards and guidelines.

Ms. Evangeline Bantilan of the Provincial Veterinarian's Office in her impression, said "I am very much impressed with this training because the livestock sector is given emphasis before, during and after calamities because most Siquijodnon relied their livelihood on livestock and poultry raising."

The sole resource person, Dr. Lourdes S. Socorro, the City Veterinarian of Dumaguete City is an accredited LEGS Trainer.

The training produced positive outcome among the participants because of its inputs and support of ATI-7 spearheaded by Dr. Roberto L. Castro and Jovanie A. Picot, Technical support staff.



Dr. Roberto L. Castro (seated 4th from R) is flanked by the successful graduates during the LEGS Training at SSC, Larena, Siquijor last July 11-13, 2017

# Innovations, productivity ...

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during Planning Workshop and Assessment and various Conferences and Training. In her discussions, she emphasized the importance of creativity in undertaking tasks as well as achieving the goals of the institution. Guided by these principles ATI-Region 8 was then awarded as Best Innovative Center in the whole ATI Network.

Some of the substantive inputs she discussed include the ATI 8 Innovations Journey; Encouraging Innovations; Nanyang Polytechnic Technology; and Organizational Excellence Framework.

A total of twenty-nine (29) participants composed of Agriculture Extension Workers (AEWs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and ATI staff participated the said activity.

Mr. Edgardo G. Anhao, Asst. Provincial Agriculturist of Siquijor expressed, "So far this training is really very important and useful to my career as part of the OPA Management Officer. I gained more knowledge on innovations and productivity concepts and this is very applicable and can be replicated to improve our office system in terms of human resource development, technological and administrative support services in the implementation of programs and projects in the province for efficient and effective delivery of our services to our farmer-clientele."

# CRA project ...

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Gerry Regalado; Tultugan Barangay Captain, Joyce Josol; Project Officer, Joemelyn Allianic with the members of the CRRN; Municipal Agriculturist, Elizabeth Cortez; Agricultural Technicians, Ma. Teresita Penticase and Ma. Louella Cua and the identified 20 CRA project beneficiaries.

The project was coordinated by Joemelyn Allianic, Climate Change Focal Person of the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7.

*CRA is Climate Resilient Agriculture while  
CRRN is Climate Risk Reduction Network*

## on-going construction at ATI7 complex

by JORGE F. TRINIDAD



**The on-going construction of the 4.6M budget two-story building of ATI-RTC 7 by Cempron Construction**

**W**ith the eagerness and passion of this institution to provide services to its clientele, the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center Central Visayas based in Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City is Constructing a P4.5 Million Pesos two-storey multi-function building within the ATI-7 Compound. The construction started last July 3, 2017 with Cempron Construction as the contracting firm after a competitive bidding was done.

The said building is an additional facility to enhance the agency's vision and slogan that states "Excellent Extension Beyond Boundaries".

The facility will house additional conference room, bodega and garage. With the new building, the office can now accommodate more clientele to enhance their capabilities thru training provided by ATI-R7.

According to Engr. Rizaldy C. Mercadal, Agriculturist II of ATI-RTC VII, the said facility will be completed by the end of this year, and will be ready to accommodate participants and for use of the agency's activities.

Included in the said facility is a mini gym to be used by the participants and other stakeholders for relaxation after a day's stressful and brain draining activity during training workshop and demonstration.

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