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# 2-day Target Setting for ATI 7 personnel

by Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva



The strong force of ATI in Central Visayas headed by its Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, during the Target Setting at Boffo Resort, Loon, Bohol last January 4-5, 2018

he Agricultural Training
Institute (ATI) Regional
Training Center in Region VII
hold a 2-day target setting on January
4-5, 2018 at Boffo Resort, Loon, Bohol.

Since ATI has worked over the years in providing the clientele quality extension services thus, it continues to seek ways of transforming itself into a more diversified, efficient and responsive Agriculture and Fisheries extension institution. It is in this light that ATI 7 finds it necessary to

start the year right by conducting the target setting in order to plot the route through the year's journey which includes the activities to be undertaken, tasks to be done and things to prepare.

Furthermore, as ATI-RTC 7 which covers the provinces of Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental and Siquijor, it is also right to evaluate what areas that require action and attention that could be included in its plan towards the year 2018.

Our full cooperation and dedicated service is the center's definition of success.

~Carolyn May O. Daquio~

## 18th Ubi Festival in Bohol

by Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva

BOHOL - The Agricultural
Training Institute-Regional
Training Center 7 has been an
active partner to the Ubi industry
in the province of Bohol for the
past years. As the lead agency in the
training and extension services of the
Department of Agriculture, the ATI
is among the key stakeholders in the
annual celebration of the Ubi Festival.

Among the palpable contribution of ATI in Central Visayas in the Ubi industry is the development of its online course on Ubi production which is still running until today from its launching last 2009.

In its 18th year, ATI is still very supportive in bringing in their services to the people and the community in general, thus, they had participated the three-day Ubi Festival last February 20-22, 2018 at the Plaza Rizal, Tagbilaran City with this year's theme: "Ubi, Hamiling Lagutmon Ikapasigarbo sa mga Turista sa Tanang Panahon" through setting-up a booth where they distributed various Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials among clients, onlookers and passersby alike and at the same time provided farm business advisories.



Clients flocked in to ATI-RTC 7 booth to acquire IEC materials during the Ubi Festival



# BFP-Tagbilaran City conducts fire drill to ATI Central Visayas personnel

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO

fter a one day orientation on fire safety last January 19, 2018, the Agricultural Training Institute – Region 7 in collaboration with the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Tagbilaran City, conducted a follow through activity on fire drill held at the ATI Regional Training Center, Cabawan District, this city on January 25, 2018.

Fire drill is an important part of ATI safety procedures as it ensures staff understand on what they need to do in case of fire. It also tested how effective was the agency's evacuation plan, checked if the fire alarms are working and examined what areas that needs to be improved.

Meanwhile, ATI Staff created a fire brigade structure headed by a fire marshal followed by deputy fire marshal, and six teams composed of fire-fighting, communication, traffic, rescue/salvage, evacuation and first aid.

Re-enactment of a fire scenario was held and each team members played their respective roles. Staff were also taught on how to use the fire extinguisher.

In their assessment, SFO1 Joelle Marate of the BFP, rated ATI-7 fire drill with a very good remarks. She also mentioned few of the things that needs improvement and sited suggestions of the office lay-out as far as fire safety is concerned.

ATI-7 Regional Director Carolyn May O. Daquio expressed her gratitude to the BFP Team for sharing their expertise and mentioned how important it is to the ATI family.

# ATI gave loyalty awards

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO



he Agricultural Training Institute celebrated its 31st year recently. On January 29, 2018 a founding anniversary celebration was held at ATI Central Office, Diliman, Quezon City. Part of the event was the giving of loyalty awards to employees who served the agency for 15-35 years, compulsory retirees and posthumous. This is in

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#### AEWs freed skills at EDS Training

by Joemelyn A. Sumagang

AGBILARAN CITY - "Being a first timer is a heart-pounding experience. Delivering different portion of your fears, feelings, hopes, etc., makes you more challenged and excited. Having this experience is one of my lifetime countdown for which it motivates, encourages and molds me to become what I am in the future, an extensionist. Extension delivery system training provides a good avenue to better understand and inculcate to our mind what is extension" according to Ms. Leonida P. Revilla, Instructor from Bohol Island State University, in her impression as one of the participants during the Training on Extension Delivery System held on February 20-22, 2018 at Bohol Sunset Villa, Taloto District, this city. The quoted opinion from the said participant marked the fruitful undertaking conducted by the ATI-RTC 7.

The 3-day activity included substantial input sharing, discussion, workshops, group dynamics and micro-teaching demonstration. Inputs were shared by the pool of trainers from ATI-RTC 7: Dr. Gracia F. Arado, Training Center Superintendent I with Extension Delivery Services as her topic; Ma. Pamela N. Respecia, Technical Staff discussed the Preparation of Visual Aids; and Dr. Merrian P. Soliva, Media Production Specialist II delivered the Communication, Presentation Skills, Facilitating Group Discussion (FGD), e-Extension, and facilitated the Micro-Teaching Demonstration.



Extension and research personnel from the State Universities and line-agencies from the Department of Agriculture in Central Visayas successfully completed the three-day Extension Delivery System Training last February 20-22, 2018 at Bohol Sunset Villa, Taloto District, Tagbilaran City

The twenty-eight participants are extension workers and representatives from Bohol Island State University (BISU), Negros Oriental State University (NORSU), Cebu Technological University (CTU), Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority – RO 7 (PhilFIDA-RO 7), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Department of Agriculture, PATCO-

Bohol (DA, PATCO) and Bohol Agricultural Promotion Center (DA-APC), and LGU-Mabini.

The activity ended productively as the participants completed their Action Plan per agency, with the facilitation of the training management team, Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay, as the Project Officer and Joemelyn A. Sumagang as member.

#### Corn by-products training in Barili

by Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva

EBU – The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 held a three-day Training Course on Feed Formulation using Corn by-Products last February 13-15, 2018 at Poblacion, Barili this province.

The training aimed to equip the participants the skills in formulating their own feeds for livestock and poultry using locally available ingredients in their farm particularly corn-by products and the adaption of natural/organic farming technology in raising their crop.

Barili Mayor Marlon F. Garcia graced the opening and closing program showing his support for the activity as well as to the agriculture sector in particular.

The training was spearheaded by
Training Specialist II of ATI-7, Jorge
F. Trinidad together with the pool
of trainers in the person of Isagani
M. Trinidad; Jacinto Caballero and
Judinez Suello, Agricultural Extension
Workers of LGU-Barili with Saint
Peter Academy of Alegria Foundation,
Inc. (SPAAFI) Project Manager,

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# DepEd Tagbilaran awards ATI7 as active partner agency

by Doris Isabel J. Racho



Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-RTC 7 Center Director received the award in behalf of the institution during the 50th Celebration of DepEd Tagbilaran City Schools Division at Bohol Cultural Center, Tagbilaran City City last March 15, 2018

AGBILARAN CITY – The Agricultural Training Institute-VII through Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 Center Director recently received a certificate from DepEd this city as an active partneragency in ensuring food sufficiency and security in the Province of Bohol. The said award was given during the 15th Founding Anniversary of DepEd Tagbilaran City Division on March 15, 2018 at Bohol Cultural Center, this city.

Meanwhile, ATI-7 in partnership with DepEd Tagbilaran City also acknowledged the efforts of the City Schools both Elementary and Highschool for the successful

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#### **TayETFA benchmarks demo farms**

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO



Farmer-members of the Indigenous People (IP) of the Taytay Eskaya Tribe Farmers' Association squeezed their time to visit ATI-7 office during their benchmarking activity to Bohol's demo farm

AGBILARAN CITY -Member-farmers of the indigenous people (IP) of the TAyETFA (Taytay Eskaya Tribe Farmers' Association) together with the Local Chief Executive of the Local Government Unit of Duero, Bohol, Mayor Conrada C. Amparo paid a courtesy visit at the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-RTC 7) office based in Cabawan District, this city last March 2, 2018 during their site visit and benchmarking to Egay's Farm in Dauis, Binhi sa Panginabuhian Demo Farm in Maribojoc and Fort Justine Farm in Sierra-Bullones all of Bohol province.

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#### Corn by-products...

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Cristino L. Villamor, Jr. and Training Specialist II of ATI-7, Aurelio L. Timtim.

Susana Lana, a Farmer from Aloguinsan, Cebu in her impression, said "Mapasalamaton kaayo ko og dako sa taga ATI kay kon wala pa sila dili usab kita maabot dinhing dapita, mahitungod niining Training Course on Feeds Formulation using corn by-product. Ug dinhing dapita akong nakat-unan ang mga sekretong pamaagi mahitungod sa paghimo ug mga feed products, ug gani atong napamatudan ang atong gibuhat kagahapon nga mao ang pag buhat ug lawog sa baboy ug manok" (so thankful to ATI for bringing us into this training as we learned the steps of feed formulation using corn by-products for livestock).

ATI-7 in its mandate, that is to provide excellent extension services beyond boundaries, the training provided cuttings of Madre de Agua to the participants and they did a hands-on demonstration on feed formulation and Nature Farming Technology Systems (NFTS) preparation.

A total of 36 participants successfully completed the training course composed of agricultural extension workers, farmers, students, and teacher.

#### TayETFA benchmarks...

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The site visit and benchmarking is part of TayETFA's Season-long Training on Farmers Field School (FFS) on Highland Vegetables. About 27 member-farmers participated the event.

#### **DepEd Tagbilaran...**

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implementation of edible landscapes in their respective schools. Recognition and awarding of best performers and implementers was held on the said event. Winners of the edible landscaping were given by ATI-7 with P10,000.00, P7,000.00 and P5,000.00 worth of assorted garden tools and seeds for the first, second and third prizes respectively, and as an additional resources to improve their projects.

First place winners from elementary and secondary category were from Dao Elementary School and Manga National High School, second place were from Tiptip Elementary School and Dr. Cecilio Putong National High School, while the third place goes to Tagbilaran City Central Elementary School.

Meanwhile, Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva, Media Production Specialist II in behalf of Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio welcomed and shared to the participants ATI-7's program and services, while Ms. Reynadez Lim facilitated the office's demo farm site visit.

Also in the event were personnel from the Municipal Agriculture Office of Duero, Mr. Ronulfo Caseñas, Municipal Agriculture Officer and Mirason Verula, Agricultural Extension Worker who also are instrumental in the FFS that kicked-off last September 2017.

Participants are expected to complete the season-long training on the second week of March this year.

#### **ATI gave...**

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recognition of their invaluable services and great contribution to ATI.

Among the awardees for Region VII are Dr. Merrian P. Soliva for 15 years, Jun Alguin B. Oliver and Ma. Gracia S. Pungay for 20 years, Lourdino B. Sale for 25 years, Jorge F. Trinidad and Roberto L. Castro for 30 years, and Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio for 30 years. Likewise, Artemia Albores was also given an award for compulsory retiree and the late Marilou S. Romano for posthumous award. Each of the awardees were given a plaque of recognition.



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~First Announcement~

# SMALLDREAMS, BIGHOPE Jonathan Quito's farming journey

by Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva

"In farming, I was given so much hope," this was the phrase that struck Jonathan Hermodo Quito to pursue agriculture.

Business Institute Foundation together with Diaz College (East Negros Institute) for the extension school and at the Foundation University in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental for the experimentation and demonstration farm and on-the-job training at Elnard's Farm in Candura, San Juan Siquijor under the tutelage of Young Farmer Awardee, Elnard S. Ympal.

This scholarship program was a gift, disclosed Bunsoy because, after High School in Camayaan National High School, Agape, Loboc, Bohol, Jonathan had to stop schooling in order to support his other siblings who are still in the elementary and high school respectively. Being the eldest, his mind is already attuned that he has the responsibility to support his parents in order to sustain their livelihood and let his younger brothers and sisters spent formal schooling. But fate is with him because he was among the 4H grantees in Central Visayas.

One of his feats during their OJT was that he was awarded as the Best Farm Manager by the Foundation University (FU) through the recommendation of Former Farm Manager, Mr. Gomer Sarao. With that, Bunsoy, live the legacy and start his own.

#### Humble beginning

Jonathan H. Quito was born on May 15, 1998, at Agape, Loboc, Bohol and the eldest of the five (5) brood of Letecia Hermodo and Juliano Quito.

He was a member of 4H Coco Nucifera in Loboc, Bohol. With his active involvement, their 4H



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wherein he was tasked to focus on vermicomposting.

Without enough knowledge on vermi, he was only able to harvest 30 kilos at 10 pesos per kilo.

Today, Bunsoy and his family was able to harvest 7 sacks in a month with a price of 250 pesos per sack to growers of ornamental flowers in their town.

Apart from these, Bunsoy focused his earned learnings at school on Mushroom Production where he is considered expert of. His 300 pesos seed money grows wherein he was able to sell his produce to the local markets.

With the demand of mushroom starting to rise and since, his family does not have enough space for his mushroom production, the barangay through Agape Barangay Captain, Joeven Angkla, lend him the 150

square meter lot near the barangay hall for this purpose.

#### Gains from perseverance

"Dako nako'ng kalipay karon kay gihatagan ko sa ATI-RTC 7 og kahigayonan nga maapil sa scholarship ug Php13,000 isip puhonan sa native chicken ug labaw sa tanan, ang mga training nga akoang naapilan, dili na kini malangkat pa sa akoang kaugalingon." (I am so happy that ATI-RTC 7 granted me the opportunity to be a part of the scholarship and supported me Php13,000 as capital for native chicken production and above of it all, the training that I have attended cannot be taken away from me)

Bunsoy, when asked about his plan for pursuing formal schooling, he replied with a beam of pride that he will focus first his time to develop their



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garden; especially that many are now showing interest in his farm. He wanted to show not just to the community but to his fellow youth that agriculture is indeed a very rewarding job.

He further disclosed that he cannot even imagine that he is now invited to talk among audience not only for young people but for visitors from other regions about his mushroom venture.

He encouraged his fellow youths that farmers are now getting older. If we will not make our share of food production, who will do for us and what will happen to our generation.

Bunsoy said as quoted: "I cannot even figure it out that I was able to reach these humble gains. It is indeed true that small things provided BIG hopes to those who keep on pushing and dreaming for the benefit of all."







- 1 Bunsoy at his so-called playground: Mushroom Production Area at Agape, Loboc, Bohol
- 2 Bunsoy served as a Resource Speaker on tissue mushroom production during 4-H related training at ATI-RTC 7 because of his experience on this field
- 3 Jonathan "Bunsoy" Quito facilitated the hands-on activity among ATI-EP (Academic and Technology Integration-Education Program) scholars under YES Program of 4-H

# Touching the Lives of our Rural Women through Gender-Based Training

by Joemelyn A. Sumagang

BOHOL. A
Gender-Based
Training
on Value-Adding
and Marketing on
Processed Products
was conducted by the
Agricultural Training
Institute-Regional
Training Center 7
on March 6-8, 2018
at Sta. Catalina,
Sagbayan, this
province.

The activity was aimed at soliciting active participation of our rural women in value-adding business and marketing activities. Substantial inputs, productive workshops, and experiential sharing were included in the activity with Ms. Estrella T. Espinosa,

GAD Advocate, and Ms. Ma. Teresa A. Bernido, from OPA-Bohol as the resource persons.

Sta. Catalina Women's Association Kaunlaran (SWAK) of Sagbayan, Bohol sent 30 of its members to attend the training with two participants from the Municipal Agriculturist's Office. The participants have crafted the action plan for their organization and business as their output. Having their plans made implies that the training has a positive impact on their lives as rural women. "Dako kaayo akong pasalamat nga



The women-participants released a colorful balloon with a note written as their committment to the organization and its endeavor to their family, and to the whole community.

nakaapil ko ani nga seminar kay nakaton ko nga mangandoy ugdako. Nasuta nako nga aduna pa sad diay koy bili sulod sa among panimalay," participant Marjoree Gutierrez said during her impression.

The SWAK also received after training support from ATI-RTC 7 specifically cooking supplies and materials as their start-up livelihood kit for their turmeric processing.

The highlight of the activity was the tribute offered to the participants on

the 3rd day, March 8. The balloon-releasing ceremonial activity was conducted in celebration of the International Women's Day. The women sent up their balloons with a note of their commitment to the organization and its endeavor, to their family, and to the whole community.

The three-day training was coordinated by the project officer, Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay and facilitated by Joemelyn A. Sumagang while Jovani Picot ably assisted the activity.

#### RIC members participates GAD-based Capacity Enhancement

by Doris Isabel J. Racho



The strong women from the Rural Improvement Clubs (RIC) in Central Visayas participated the 3-day capacity enhancement on Value Adding, Packaging and Marketing at Cebu City last March 20-22, 2018

EBU CITY - Twenty-four Rural Improvement Clubs (RICs) members from the four provinces of Bohol, Cebu, Siquijor and Negros Oriental participated the three-day training on Gender-based Capacity Enhancement on Value Adding, Packaging and Marketing for RIC Products at Cebu Northwinds Hotel, this city on March 20-22, 2018.

RICs has begun its economic activities and has served as a job creation mechanism of the government. Yet it is faced today with critical challenge to develop their products to be commercially acceptable that meet the needs and requirements of both local and global markets. Some of the products though have already been an entry to previous trade fairs and product exposition in and outside their provinces. The ultimate concern is for them to establish and sustain their product's competitive edge in the market place. Thus, the said training.

The training provided participants with knowledge on Packaging Materials, Mandatory Labeling, Product Package Interaction, Branding, Understanding Nutrition Facts and Barcoding. Further, it equipped them with skills on effective negotiation, marketing and guide in Food and Drug Administration – License to Operate (FDA-LTO) application.

Resource speakers were Ms. Vina Antopina, Assistant Director of DOST Bohol and Ms. Doris Isabel J. Racho, IO II of ATI-7.

#### Edible landscaping, containerized gardening among enthusiasts

by Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva

AGBILARAN CITY - With the government's thrust that is to maximize urban spaces into edible landscape, the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas conducted a one-day training last March 6, 2018 at their Training Complex in Cabawan District, this city.

The activity was participated in by personnel and parollees of the Department of Justice Parole and Probation Office in the city together with agricultural extension workers from the Local Government Units of Panglao and Antequera and the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian and some urban gardening enthusiasts.

A total of 48 participants joined the activity wherein they were taught about the necessary knowledge on urban gardening and edible landscaping and did the hands-on activity on how to prepare the soil, seedbed and proper planting.

The pool of resource speakers include Artemia A. Gotardo, a retired government employee and the Development Management Officer II of ATI-7, Merigine C. Otara while Training Specialist II, Jorge F. Trinidad, who is an urban gardening practitioner was the Project Officer.



The participants maximizes recyclable materials to be used for edible landscaping and containerized gardening

#### **CRRN** phase 2 forged agreement

by **DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO** 



The members and representatives of the CLIMATE RISK REDUCTION NETWORK - 7

agbilaran City – To strengthen and enhance collaboration among the network towards the Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA) Livelihood Project, a total of 24 participants coming in from the different government agencies, extension workers together with personnel from the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) joined the Climate Risk Reduction Network (CRRN) vulnerability assessment and planning workshop last March 26-27, 2018 at the ATI Regional Training Center – 7, Cabawan District, this city.

The two-day event discussed and provided participants updates on the ongoing CRA project; it also conducted a vulnerability assessment and identified sites for CRA Project expansion, drawn support services commitment from the partner agencies and planned for the next steps and forged

agreements.

Redmund G. Nacario and Margarette Lim from Weather Philippines, Inc. discussed weather/climate information tools, weather 101 and tropical cyclone 101, while Joemelyn Sumagang shared updates on the CRA pilot project in Bohol.

Some of the agreements during the event includes Buacau, Clarin and Macaas, Tubigon as project identified sites, and conduct of courtesy call with the Local Chief Executive which is scheduled between April 26-28 this year with Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Unit (DA-RFO), Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PHILFIDA) and ATI among others.

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### JULY 6th National Congress &

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| July 22       | Sunday                                  |
|---------------|---|
| 9:00 - 12:00  | Meeting of National & Chapter Officers  |
| 1:00 - 5:00   | Registration and distribution of kits   |
|               | Ingress of posters and exhibits         |
| July 23       | Monday                                  |
| 8:00 - 5:00   | Registration                            |
| 8:30 - 9:00   | Opening of exhibits/ Posters            |
| 9:01- 11:00   | Opening Ceremonies                      |
| 11:01 - 12:00 | Plenary Session                         |
| 12:00 - 1:00  | Lunch Break                             |
| 1:01 – 4:45   | Plenary Sessions                        |
| 4:46 - 6:30   | Business Meeting                        |
| 6:30 - 9:00   | Fellowship Night                        |
| July 24       | Tuesday                                 |
| 8:00 - 12:00  | Concurrent Scientific Sessions          |
| 12:00 - 1:00  | Lunch Break                             |
| 1:00 - 5:00   | Plenary sessions and Closing Ceremonies |
| July 25       | Wednesday                               |
| 8:00 - 5:00   | CPD Workshops                           |
|               | Egress of posters and exhibits          |

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