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Barangay Camanjac, Dumaguete City is an
organic farming advocate

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Binhi ng Pag-Asa Program successfully implemented

by MA. PAMELA N. RESPECIA

With the ageing population of Filipino farmers, there is a need to harness the skills and competencies of youth in agriculture for the next generation of farmers. Thus, giving them the access to entrepreneurial skills and development in agriculture.

Binhi ng Pag-Asa Program is a new undertaking of ATI in partnership with the Office of Senator Grace Poe, which aims to promote “Agri-preneurship” to the youth that will showcase and train on new age of agricultural technologies and methods; and will provide supplies to the trained participants in the form of an “agricultural start-up kit” which would allow them to grow their own crops (based on the local need). The Provinces of Bohol and Cebu are the identified pilot areas for Central Visayas.

More than twenty batches of Municipal level-Training and Four Batches of Provincial Training of Trainers (TOT) which the Binhi ng Pag-Asa Program conducted from June to December 2017 with a total of 1,680 youth beneficiaries; 936 (Cebu) and 701(Bohol) respectively.

The selection of the recipients is in close coordination with the Provincial and Municipal Local Government Units (LGUs) of Bohol and Cebu. Out-of-school youth who are engaged in farming and 4-H members were given priorities.



BINHI ng Pag-asa youth participants enjoyed the hands-on activity during one of the training conducted in the province of Bohol

The program was also able to benefit Senior High Students especially those who took up Agriculture subjects/courses.

The resource persons in agricultural training were active 4-H youth who are engaged in farming. Tapping the potential of some successful and multi awarded 4-H agripreneurs; Mr. Elnard Ympal from Siquijor, (two time National Gawad Saka Winner) who at the young age was able to showcase his creative talent in innovating drip irrigation and other technologies in vegetable farming; Mr. Gemiel J. Hermita, 4-H Regional Federated Officer from Cebu, who has been successfully producing strawberries and some culinary herbs and was able to sell his produce to nearby hotels and partner-buyers; and Mr. Jonathan Quito, young mushroom producer in Bohol.

In ensuring the program’s sustainability, agricultural start-up kit were given to all recipients. In the Province of Bohol, starter kits distributed were based from their action plans crafted during the conduct of the training. It includes farm tools (rake, shovel, pail, trowel, hoe, pruning shears) backpack sprayer, grass mower, various packed seeds, and farm inputs (CRH, vermi compost, fertilizers). The distribution started in January to February 2018.



ATI-Central Visayas Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio acknowledged the youths’ active participation on the program

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2 batches TOT on Hybrid Rice Production held

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



The participants tried the farm-machinery equipment during the training of trainers on hybrid rice production

With the objective of enhancing the knowledge and skills of farmers on up-to-date technologies and farming techniques on hybrid rice production, the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 conducted two (2) batches of Training of Trainers in the region last May 21-25 and May 28-June 1, 2018 respectively.

A total of 55 completers composed of farmers, agricultural extension workers, women and youth appreciated the training. They expressed their unfamiliarity of the new machineries used in the farming operation, like combine harvester and rice transplanter. According to them, these machines are very useful in the production of hybrid rice to minimize labor force but the problem is its high price.

Though the training provided information on loan program that will enable them to facilitate their needs, yet, the participants set aside their interest of acquiring the machineries, instead, they stated in their plans to first re-echo their knowledge gained to their respective organization through the Bayanihan system.

The topics discussed during the five-day training include the basic principles of Hybrid Rice in the Philippines; PalayCheck system for Hybrid Rice commercial production

(F1 Cultivation); familiarization of the mechanized Hybrid Rice cultivation; and new/updated Hybrid Rice technologies.

The pool of trainers were as follows: Angelito A. Oroyan; Narciso A. Baslan, Jr.; Alexander S. Manla; Angeles C. Opila; Rose Antoniette P. Talagsa; Efren P. Cañones; Alquin C. Boncales; Joemelyn Allinic-Sumagang; Lilibeth P. Caroro; Celso T. Jumawan; Novelyn B. Omandam; Emigdio P. Coritico; Nida D. Abada; Azineth S. Tancogo and Engr. Jonathan O. Sumagang, who is also ATI-7's Rice Focal Person and Project Officer.

DA Awards Rice Achievers 2017

by REYNADEZ M. LIM



The awardee together with the DA-RFO 7 and ATI-RTC 7 honchos

MANILA. - The Department of Agriculture recognizes the effort and support of its stakeholders towards agricultural development. At Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), last May 31, 2018, DA together with Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) and other line agencies celebrated the 2017 Rice Achievers Awards with the theme "Pagpupugay sa mga Natatanging Lalawigan, Bayan/Lungsod, Irrigator's Associations (IAs) at Small Water Irrigation System Associations (SWISAs)".

For region 7, the Local Government of San Miguel, Bohol received P1M for being one of the outstanding municipalities who had increased rice yield last year. The said award was received by Hon. Nunila M. Pinat, Mayor of San Miguel together

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Youth participants listened intently as the RAFI Facilitator briefed them the mechanics of the strenuous team-building activity during the encampment for agrillenials

4-H Youth Encampment held at ATI-7

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO

TAGBILARAN CITY. - The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) Central Visayas conducted a training on containerized gardening, herbs production, and utilization through youth encampment held at ATI Regional Training Center - VII, Cabawan District, this city on April 11-13, 2018. The training was participated in by 30 4-H members and 8 Rural Based Organizations (RBO) coordinators from the different municipalities of Bohol.

Generally, the training aimed to equip 4-H members with the technical know-how, skills, and attitude towards containerized gardening of herbs and its medicinal value. Specifically, it is designed for them to practice and replicate containerized gardening of herbs in their homes; also an opportunity to boost talents, skills, and competencies related to agriculture; and refresh their commitment and enthusiasm as members.

Activities during the 3-day event involved lecture-discussion; group dynamics, demonstration, skills enhancement and hands-on. The demonstration of different skills/products were made in order to prepare participants for the upcoming 28th Farm Family Congress cum Youth

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N. Respecia, technical staff, followed by a lecture-demonstration on containerized gardening by Ms. Reynadez M. Lim, Agriculturist I with 4-H members who were NC II graduates and Mr. Jayson Coquilla on mushroom production.

ATI7, RAFI-KAC hold encampment for agrillenials

by REYNADEZ M. LIM

BALAMBAN, CEBU. Last June 13-15, 2018, the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center VII (ATI 7) in collaboration with Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Incorporated (RAFI)-Kool Adventure Camp (KAC) and the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) Cebu conducted the 2018 4-H Youth Encampment: Agrillenials Stepping Up to the Challenges in Agriculture cum Containerized Gardening and Mushroom Production to develop their innate attitude, skills and interests in agricultural projects.

As the saying goes “*Ang kabataan ang pag-asa ng bayan*,” of Dr. Jose Rizal, ATI 7 complemented this by giving importance to youth by organizing

and assisting 4-H clubs, an international organization of out-of-school youth (OSY) and in-school youth involved in agriculture programs and livelihood projects for the four-fold development of the head, heart, hands and health all over the region.

This time with KAC, participants experienced creative structured learning exercises, reflections and educational adventures facilitated by Camp Masters Jezhial Mainit, Claudine O. Retuya, Jo Ann Ramos and Jan Noel V. Caniero wherein they were encouraged to share, listen, and learn whatever is good and respect differences of every youth they meet at the encampment.

Highlights of the encampment include orientation on 4-H by Ms. Ma. Pamela

Dr. Daquio: Dimiao's 1st Pamakwan Festival keynote speaker

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA



Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-RTC 7 Center Director praised the farmers and LGU-Dimiao for the job well done

DIMIAO, BOHOL. – The three-day activity kicked-off with a grand parade along the national highway of this town last May 29, 2018 and ended-up at Barangay Balbalan where watermelon growers are dense and the opening activity was held.

Pamakwan (derived from the word pakwan, a Visayan term for watermelon) Festival is the first of its kind which is the brainchild of the Municipal Agriculture Office of the Local Government Unit of Dimiao through its officer-in-charge, Jayrell Adanza and it was duly supported by the municipal officials and partners from the provincial agriculture, private seed companies and the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-RTC 7).

The objective of this festival is to give recognition among watermelon growers in the town who is tilling their farmlands during hot days to produce these fruit and attract motorists and passersby due to their display along the national highway.

The theme of this first Pamakwan Festival is: *Pakwan gasa sa Kahitas-an: Kabuhian sa katawhan, ugmaron og ampingan* (Watermelon, a divine providence: source of livelihood that needs to be developed and cared for) is but fitting because it is able to provide additional income to farmers who during off-farming season on rice, they had another alternative for livelihood.

Meanwhile, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, Center Director of ATI-RTC 7 was the invited keynote speaker of the activity whom the agency is an active partner with LGU-Dimiao and a strong implementer in their extension delivery services among clients.

In her speech, Dr. Daquio emphasized how agriculture plays a pivotal role in the community especially that Bohol is a booming tourist destination. She further encouraged and challenged the youth to go or venture into agriculture most especially that Region 7 has already 4 agri-tourism sites, thus, this might be a good avenue among farmers to venture in this kind of endeavor.

Dr. Daquio also expressed her full-support to Pamakwan Festival that even suggested other exciting activities be included in the next year and that ATI-RTC

7 will always be of assistance. As this developed, Engr. Danilo M. Guivencan, the municipal mayor expressed his sincerest gratitude to the Municipal Agriculture Office as well as to the farmers and other stakeholders who made this activity successful. In his message, he emphasized full support that encouraged the Sangguniang bayan members to institutionalize this event and consider it to the next year's budgeting.

The remaining two-days of the 1st Pamakwan Festival on May 30-31, 2018 had exciting activities that include Bohol HEAT (Health, Education, Agriculture and Tourism) Caravan; Techno-Fora sponsored by ATI-RTC 7; Veterinary Mission; Literary-Musical Contest; Pakwan-Related Games and Contests and oath taking ceremony of the Balbalan Watermelon

DR. DAQUIO ON HER SPEECH EMPHASIZED HOW AGRICULTURE PLAYS A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY THAT BOHOL IS A BOOMING TOURIST DESTINATION.

BINHI ng Pag-asa...

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While in the Province of Cebu, starter kits in a set per participant include farm materials (dull bolo, hand trowel, seedling tray, pail, pruning shear and hand sprinkler), sack of vermi compost and packed seeds at 18 pcs with 6 varieties of seeds. The distribution started on May 15 to June 5, 2018.

Some of the participants' thoughts about agriculture and Binhi ng Pag-Asa Program:

"Binhi ng Pag-asa Program" gives the food availability and affordability for every Filipino family through agricultural services. This program also deals with different ideas, concepts and emphasize the needs for fast access in agriculture to stakeholders in any form of information and knowledge. Binhi ng Pag-asa strengthen the competitiveness of every Filipino around the world." -IRISH JOY M. AMOGUIS

"This training was very insightful and made absolute sense in terms of the principles and their application. I am thankful for having the opportunity to attend." -AGUSTIN L. CHATTO II

"Agriculture has leveled up! We gathered more ideas about farming and make these more interesting." -ROANNABELL S. BULLEN

"It was a worthwhile training, timely and my learnings in the field of agriculture increased. Practical application on Organic farming as well as knowledge on land cultivation was introduced which was very educative." -SAVE DEROSAHINTO

4-H youth....

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Encampment which will be held in Cebu City on April 18-20, 2018. Presentation of entries include edible dish gardening, vegetable carving, singing, and the making of oyster mushroom chocolate, video, welcome beverage, tilapia dumpling and indigenous plaque.

Wrapping up the activity was the candle lighting as a manifestation of their sportsmanship and a renewed commitment among members/participants.

"The activity has taught me more on how to produce organic foods in order to have a healthy lifestyle and longer lifespan. Through this training and as a youth, we can help build our economy and to our country, the Philippines to be a developing country" said Mc. Muri Marlom, a participant in the said training.

DA Awards Rice...

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with DA-RFO7 Regional Executive Director Salvador Diputado and DA-ATI7 Center Director Carolyn May O. Daquio.

Another award went to Asosasyon sa Katawhan sa Lamigan, Banban ug Nabhang nga Nagkahiusa in Banban, Ayungon, Negros Oriental for being one of the outstanding SWISAs in the country. Representatives of the association received the award.

The event was made possible with the presence of Senator Cythia Villar, Chairman-Committee on Agriculture and Food, Sec. Emmanuel F. Piñol of DA, Undersecretary Ariel T. Cayanan, ATI Director Luz A. Taposok, BSWM CESO III Director Angel C. Enriquez and NIA Gen. Ricardo R. Visaya (RET).



The after training support distributed to BINHI ng Pag-Asa beneficiaries at the province of Cebu



Finding ways... the JESSIE OGAYAHON experience

by JUN ALGUIN B. OLIVER

Jessie Ogayahon, a farmer of Barangay Camanjan, Dumaguete City is an organic farming advocate because he believes that in farming, we need to find ways to lessen input expenses without sacrificing production.

With the initial 50,000 pesos funding assistance from the ATI-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-RTC 7), Jessie improved his integrated farming with the establishment of a bamboo-made greenhouse controlled lettuce production and growing organic swine right in his farm. The swine are fed with vegetables and forage trimmings coupled with organic concoctions without any antibiotics.

Despite having finished only as a grade three pupil, Jessie's success in organic farming has earned him various recognitions. While other rice farmers in Negros Oriental cite the high cost of inputs as one major reason why they are not earning a lot from farming, Jessie demonstrated that it is possible to produce with a minimal cost through organic and natural farming systems technology (NFTS).

Instrumental to his transformation was the excellent results from his farm after applying organic technology he acquired from attending trainings and extension activities done by ATI-RTC 7. His farm regimen includes applying vermicast-based organic fertilizer for basal and side dressing to his rice farming. NFTS concoctions are also applied to his rice areas.

Presently, his organic black rice is bought at a guaranteed price of eighty pesos per kilo by a known supermarket in Dumaguete City.

While he maintains a normal harvest, he still believes that climate change affects yield. A single windy day especially during



the flowering stage of the crop can severely affect the yield of his rice plant, Jessie admits. Thus, he had to branch out into corn, sitao, calamansi production, tilapia and koi culture which in smaller area can outsell and out produce his rice farm. His calamansi alone is sold to the supermarket at one peso per piece. His crops' harvest is paid by the store on every 15th and 30th of the month.

Aside from crops, he ventures in raising chicken, the Korean farming way. His almost two-foot long Galante bean is a money maker for Jessie. He sells it at a Dumaguete-based Lee Plaza Supermarket at 1 peso/piece and earned as much as 3 thousand pesos per delivery.

While the awards and recognition provided him a pecuniary incentive, the ultimate winner of his organic farm advocacy is the environment. Animal manure is no longer seen strewn anywhere, animal

manure and rice straws are now a premium and are collected regularly since these are the basic materials for vermi composting.

Ogayahon, an Organic Agriculture-National Competency (OA NC II) holder plan to eventually have an Herbs and Spices Production Area coupled with varieties of crops. Presently, his farm is often visited not only by students from Negros Oriental who goes on study tours but also organic advocates from the neighboring provinces.

Although Organic Agriculture is still relatively young, the 2016 Regional Gawad Saka Awardee-Organic Farm Category confidentially believes that 40% of his co-farmers in the province have reconnected with their treasured past by utilizing self-made fertilizers from rice straws, rice hulls and other farm wastes.

Metro Cebu Youths trained on Glamourizing on Urban Agriculture

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO

“I learned how important urban agriculture is, as it provides food security and safety. The training is very beneficial to us youth and the community, it also gives us Millennials ideas in which we can make use of our free time, instead of playing over gadgets” said Andrienne Austine Ybanez, youth trainee.

The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) Central Visayas in partnership with the City Agriculture Department of Cebu City conducted 10 batches of training on Glamourizing Farming through Urban Agriculture: Metropolitan Youth in Sustainable and Healthy Living held in different barangays in Cebu City.

The 3 days/batch training started its 1st batch last April 4-6, 2018 and finished its last on June 27-29 this year, after covering all the barangays of Metro Cebu. A total of 308 participants were composed of urban youths and selected guardians who will assist in the advocacy and implementation of gardens in their respective barangays.

Glamourizing Farming Through Urban Agriculture training was conceptualized when the Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary Emmanuel Piñol declared that DA will refocus on urban agriculture. This move is the result of his observation that there are a lot of vacant spaces in urban areas that could be turned into vegetable gardens. Urban agriculture contribute to food security and food safety in two ways: first, it increases the amount of food available to city dwellers and allows fresh vegetables and fruits to be made available to urban consumers. Second, it promotes safe food systems and ecological waste management techniques. ATI, being the training arm of DA and lead agency that also handles the 4-H Club of the Philippines, envisions the urban youth



The eight-batch participants pose with their outputs at the Cebu City Department Nursery during the Glamourizing Farming through Urban Agriculture in Metro Cebu last May 29-31, 2018 with resource speakers and nursery assistants

to engage in agriculture by establishing gardens and instill 4-H thrusts by organizing 4-H Clubs in their own localities. Cebu City on the other hand is one of the highly urbanized city in Central Visayas, thus the choice of the said series of trainings.

Speakers to the training were Vicente Alcesto, Bea Listones, France Vallarta and Ronilo Montejo of the Cebu City Agriculture Department, Gemiel Ermita – Region 7 President, 4H Federation and Cedrick Rosel, aquaponics practitioner. The three-day trainings involved discussion on Urban Agriculture particularly on containerized gardening, its factors and cultural management practices and aquaponics system. Part of it was a site visit to the City Agriculture Nursery where participants did the actual hands-on on soil preparation, seeding, transplanting and recycled materials demonstration. The training ended with participants crafting an action plan for the establishment of shared/communal garden in their barangays.

Moreover, participants are expected to come up with productive and sustained urban gardens showcasing replicable methods and technologies, with safe and available food in support to household/community food production initiatives. Monitoring will be done by the City Agriculture Department headed by its Officer-in-Charge Apple L. Tribunalo.



Mr. Vicente Alcesto of CAD who is the main resource speaker briefed the youth-participants prior to their actual hands-on demonstration at the nursery



Youth-trainees eagerly exercise the proper seed preparation



CAD Officer-in-Charge, Apple L. Tribunalo posed with the second-batch participants of the Glamourizing Farming through Urban Agriculture in Metro Cebu held at Talamban last April 10-12, 2018 at the City Agriculture Department Nursery in North Reclamation Area

GLAMOURIZING FARMING THROUGH URBAN AGRICULTURE TRAINING WAS CONCEPTUALIZED WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) SECRETARY EMMANUEL PIÑOL DECLARED THAT DA WILL REFOCUS ON URBAN AGRICULTURE

4-H coordinators undergoes retooling

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO



4H Coordinators in the Region during the retooling course held at ATI-RTC 7 Training Complex, Tagbilaran City last May 2-4, 2018

A three (3) day retooling course for Bohol 4-H club/Youth coordinators was conducted at the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) Regional Training Center, Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City from May 2-4, 2018.

4-H Club is an organization of youth (in and out of school, 10-30 years old) involved in agriculture programs and livelihood projects. It aims to encourage the youth sector to engage in agriculture and fisheries and developing their capabilities as potential leaders in advancing agriculture growth and development.

In the province of Bohol, there are new/young entrants in the municipal agriculture offices being designated as 4-H or Rural based organization (RBO) coordinators, while some need to enhance and refresh their knowledge and skills as they play an important role in organizing, maintaining and sustaining 4-H clubs, thus the retooling course.

About 24 coordinators from the province of Bohol completed the training with Ms. Angeline L. Bondad, Chief of the Rural Institutional Development Division of the Provincial Agriculture Office - Negros Oriental and Dr. Gracia F. Arado, PhD. Training Center Superintendent I of ATI-7 as facilitators and resource speakers.

Inputs on 4-H, community organizing, extension, leadership and management skills were imparted during the course, with experiential sharing, games, group dynamics, and workshops as schemes.

ATI-7 Center Director Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, PhD. in her message mentioned how 4-H can help in attaining the three (3) A's of Food Security which are Affordability, Accessibility and Availability.

100% Examinees hurdles OAP-NCII Assessment

by JUN ALGUIN B. OLIVER

C EBU. - The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 initiated the Organic Agriculture Production National Competency Examination (OAP-NC) where 24 participant-examinees passed the test last June 22-24, 2018 at SPAAFI in Alegria, this province.

The three-day assessment conducted by the TESDA-LAZI in coordination with the Lazi Technical Institute, a TESDA Accredited OAP-NCII Assessment Center based at Siquijor, tested the competence of the participants on organic agriculture through the conduct of the written exam, practicum and oral interview.



The participants did the actual hands-on application during the OAP-NC II Assessment held in SPAAFI, Alegria last June 22-24, 2018

AUDIO undertakes Climate Change advocacy

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO

TAGBILARAN CITY. - The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) Central Visayas in collaboration with the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) – Bohol conducted a one-day Climate Change Campaign for the Association of United Development Information Officers (AUDIO) on April 12, 2018, at the ATI Regional Training Center – VII, Cabawan District, this city.

The disturbing weather patterns caused by climate variability and change pushed ATI-7 to create a general consciousness on the flexibility of climate change adaptation and coping practices including reduction of disaster risk in the communities especially in the field of agriculture.

Meanwhile, AUDIO-Bohol is composed of different information officers (IO) coming from the local government units and national government agencies in the province. As IOs are responsible for sharing information directly to the public; briefed their officials on relevant information; manage media relations; and formulate communication strategies and campaigns to their agency, ATI-7 as a training institute believes that collaborating with these IOs, the advocacy and campaign on climate change will be widely reached.

In her message ATI-7 Regional Training Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May Daquio said: “climate change is not fake news, it is real”. She emphasized to AUDIO-Bohol members to be responsible for whatever information that they disseminate to the public. As the spokesperson of their respective agencies/LGUs, she told the IOs to make the most of the 4 channels of information --- TV, radio, print & social media to reach out to a wide area of their clients to help reduce and eliminate poverty.

Happening on that day was the discussion of ATI’s Climate Change program by the agency’s focal person, Joemelyn Sumagang. Part of the event also was the ‘bisita opisina’ or office tour at the training complex where it showcases the different services of the office. Information, Education & Communication and advocacy materials were likewise given to the participants.



The members of AUDIO-Bohol together with ATI-RTC 7 Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio (black-white blouse) and Climate Change Focal Person, Joemelyn A. Sumagang (in black skirt) during the activity last April 12, 2018

The campaign was also in collaboration with PIA Bohol where they are responsible for the Visayan translation of the climate change advocacy material. Video of the forum was taken during the event and was aired during Kapihan sa PIA at DYTR.

Farm Machinery Operation/Maintenance held

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO

The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) Central Visayas has recently concluded a three-day training workshop on Farm Machinery Operation and Maintenance for Agricultural Engineers/Farm Operators on April 17 -19, 2018 at ATI Regional Training Center – VII, Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City to 33 agricultural engineers (AEs), farm operators and LGU representatives coming from the provinces of Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental and Siquijor.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) was mandated by the Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA) of 1997 which is to “give priority to the development and promotion of appropriate agricultural machinery and other agricultural mechanization technologies to enhance agricultural mechanization

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551 farmer-students finish SOA on Corn Production

by JUN ALGUIN B. OLIVER

BOHOL. - The center recently distributed diplomas to 551 farmer-students-on-air who graduated the School-on-Air (SOA) Program over DYJP at Jagna, this province last May 24, 2018 at Jagna Gymnasium.

The early morning one-hour program aired live from Monday to Friday on April 17 to May 18, 2018 served as venue in sharing the trends on corn, rice, livestock and organic agriculture production technologies.

The one month magazine type radio farm program is anchored by the centers' farmcaster, Jun Oliver. The corn resource person was Anna Ria B. Araneta, Corn Coordinator of the Local Government Unit of Jagna, Bohol.



Distribution of the certificate of completion to successful graduates during the School-on-the-Air (SOA) on Corn Production graduation at Jagna Gymnasium. The magazine-type SOA was aired over DYJP 101.3 FM in Jagna, Bohol

Farm Machinery...

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on the countryside". In support to the said mandate ATI-7 being the training arm of the DA came up with this three-day training workshop which aimed to capacitate participants to be competent agricultural and fishery extension workers by providing them course on farm operation and maintenance to increase farm production, yield and income.

The training involved method demonstration, field visits, workshops, group dynamics and participatory discussion.

"The Training Course on Farm Machinery Operation

and Maintenance for Agricultural Engineers / Farm Operators is very relevant to us, participants. It gave us the latest information on new machineries and equipment and enhance our knowledge and skills", said Engr. Gerald Odtohan of National Irrigation Administration – VII, Tagbilaran City.

Resource persons were Engr. Rodelo Divinagracia, Engr. Romar A. Areno and Dr. Eduardo T. Cayabyab from Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) while ATI Engr. Rizaldy Mercadal as project officer assisted by Jovannie Picot.

JULY 22

6th National Congress & 2018 Philippine Agriculturists' Summit

July 22-24, 2018 at Waterfront, Lahug, Cebu City

Hosted by PAA-Central Visayas Chapter



Congress fee: PhP4,500.00 nett (for members) and PhP5,000.00 nett (for non-members) will cover participation in the technical sessions, snacks, lunch, program booklets and congress certificates, *excluding participants' breakfast, dinner, accommodations and travel costs.* Advance registration is from March 19 to May 31, 2018. Please accomplish and submit registration form which can be downloaded from the PAA website. Due to venue constraints, the first 1500 paid participants will be assured of a slot in the conference. Walk-in participants will be accepted on a first- come, first-serve basis depending on availability of slots.

Program of Activities

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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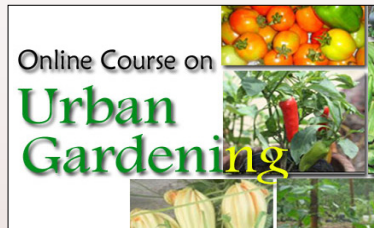
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