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ATI-7 holds Provincial Consul among partners in the Region

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

REGIONWIDE – To continue providing excellent extension services towards their clientele, the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas conducted a series of Provincial Consultations of the Training and Extension Programs for 2019 to the island-provinces in four separate dates and venues. Last January 22, 2019 at OPA Siquijor; January 29, 2019 at Reyna's Haven, Tagbilaran City; January 31, 2019 at Hotel Essencia, Dumaguete City, and February 1, 2019 at Express Inn, Cebu City.

These activities was participated in by partners from National Government Agencies, Non-Government Organizations, Local Government Units; State Colleges and Universities and other sectors from the cross section of the society which primary objective is to present ATI-7's 2018 Accomplishments and 2019 Targets wherein stakeholders expressed their interest and suggest to the list of training and other agriculture and fisheries activities.

Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 Center Director spearheaded the activity and was supported by Merigine C. Otara, Planning Officer; Jun Alguin B. Oliver, Information Officer and Arnel S. Navarro, Technical Staff.



Mr. Jun Alguin B. Oliver, Information Officer II of ATI-7 facilitated the Provincial Consultation held at the Training Hall of the Office of the Provincial Agriculture in Larena, Siquijor last January 22, 2019.

AEWs trained on Food Safety

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO

Cebu City - The Agricultural Training Institute – VII (ATI-7) in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology – VII (DOST-7) recently concluded a Food Safety Training to Agriculture Extension Workers (AEWs) in Region VII at Golden Valley Hotel, this city on March 2-4, 2019.

The AEWs in the region has brought a number of developmental activities and projects in the communities such as spearheading trainings on production and processing of agri-based food products. ATI-7 has been extending support services to these AEWs being the training arm of the Department of Agriculture. This

year, ATI-7 initiated the training on Food Safety to capacitate the AEWs as they are the frontliners to farmers, agri-processors and producers. The training is also in consonance with Republic Act 10611 or the Food Safety Act of 2013 which is to strengthen the food safety regulatory system in the country to protect consumer health and facilitate market access of local foods and food products, and for other purposes.

About 25 AEWs attended the training with Mr. Bryan Ybanez of DOST- 7 as Resource Person while Doris Isabel Racho of ATI-7 facilitated the training assisted by Quennie Lou Vistal, Technical Support Staff.



Participants from Cebu composed of Agricultural Extension Workers during the Food Safety Training last March 2-4, 2019 held at Golden Valley Hotel, Cebu City.

ATI-7 celebrates 32nd Anniversary

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO



The personnel of the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas joins the nationwide anniversary celebration of ATI at 32 in the center's training complex in Tagbilaran City last January 30, 2019.

TAGBILARAN CITY – With the theme “Sustaining Vibrant Agricultural Productivity through Harmonized and Proactive Extension Services”, the Agricultural Training Institute – VII (ATI-7) successfully celebrated its 32nd Anniversary with a free training on Mushroom Production and Processing held at Island City Mall (ICM) Activity Center on January 30, 2019, this city. The event was in partnership with ICM and Alay Marcela Foundation – the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of the Alturas Group of Companies.

Since the mushroom industry is one of the most profitable business enterprise in the country today and because of its extraordinary health benefits, it is currently a high demand in the market, thus the training. A total of 142 stakeholders, agriculture/mushroom enthusiast in the region, and beneficiaries of AMF participated in the event. Resource person was Ms. Rona Denque, proprietor of Green Thumb Farm in Corella, Bohol.

“As a mushroom grower practitioner, this seminar help boost

our capacity, it enables us to learn its challenges and remedies that we may encounter in adapting this venture,” said Ms. Kathlyn Quion, participant to the training on her impression.

Meanwhile, actual hands-on for the preparation of mushroom’s mother culture, sub-culture, bagging and planting on the fruiting bags were taught to the participants. An actual cooking demo and free tasting were also done while showcasing Green Thumb Farm processed mushroom products to give participants idea on value-adding.

The free training was one of the highlights of ATI regional anniversary celebration. Other activities also include Holy Mass with Fr. Manuel Pantollana; Oath Taking Ceremonies for Newly Appointed ATI-7 employees; Acknowledging ATI loyalty awardees; Contract Signing with 3N Construction for the construction of ATI-7’s new dormitory and Honoring of Retiree which was held at the ATI Regional Training Center in Cabawan District, this city.



Local Farmer Technicians during their field work activities in time for their Training of Trainers held at ATI-7 Training Complex, Tagbilaran City last March 4-8, 2019

35 LFTs undergo TOT

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

TAGBILARAN CITY. – The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 based in Cabawan District, this city trained 35 Local Farmer Technicians (LFT) from Bohol, Cebu, and Siquijor last March 4-8, 2019 with the objective of enhancing their capabilities on rice production technologies as well as social technologies to guide them in the implementation of the Climate Resilient Farmers Business School (CRFBS) farmer level.

The participants' agreements on the five-day training include their willingness to conduct the CSFBS farmer-level as stated in their action plan. They will also coordinate to their respective Local Government Units (LGUs) for the submission of the Proposal as the basis in implementing the season-long training.

With this training, the participants gained additional knowledge especially on transformational leadership, Information Communication and Technology (ICT) tools in farming and communication

“ Teaching kids how to feed themselves and how to live in a community responsibly is the center of an education. ~Alice Waters~ ”

skills.

Moreover, the participants will undergo phase II of the training to focus on farming as a business.

The pool of trainers are Angelina L. Bondad of the Office of the Provincial Agriculture-Negros Oriental; Wendy G. Galero of the Municipal Agriculture Office of Jagna-Bohol; Maria Corazon P. Palileo and Rico Rommel Varquez of Bohol-Agricultural Promotion Center and ATI-7 Personnel, Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay, Merigine C. Otara and Engr. Jonathan O. Sumagang, who is also the Project Officer.

Newly-organized LS organization in Region 7

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

TAGBILARAN CITY – Majority of the Learning Site Cooperators in the region which represented the four-islands of Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, and Cebu attended the three-day Training on Project Proposal Development last February 13-15, 2019 at ATI-7 Training Complex, Cabawan District, this city.

Due to the timing that these cooperators are convened and were able to share their farm activities and experiences, they suggested to the Agricultural Training Institute-7 that they organize themselves to build the network and strong linkages among themselves where they can easily update and share technologies and innovations. The name of the organization is yet to be conceptualized by the officers.

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ATI-7 orchestrate free seminar on Beekeeping

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO

TAGBILARAN CITY – Fifty-Five (55) Farmers, Agriculture Extension Workers, and Agri enthusiasts attended the free seminar on Beekeeping held at the Island City Mall (ICM) Activity Center, Tagbilaran City on February 27, 2019.

Bees which main products are honey are already part of Filipino's daily food consumption and many cuisine ingredients, while bees wax are components of several cosmetic products. Sources of honey are mainly from honey

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4H Garden in HNU Basic Education Department

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

TAGBILARAN CITY – The 4-H Club in the Philippines through the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas is making waves for both in and out of school youths in the region. Since one of the major thrusts of the club is to reintroduce agriculture in basic education, thus, this collaboration is timely.

In August of 2018, the ATI-7 through the Partnership and Accreditation Services Section (PASS) conducted a season-long 4-H Garden in School dubbed as School Youth in Sustainable and Healthy Living with the objective of promoting food security in schools and communities through self-help food production activities and values among learners and at the same time appreciation of agriculture as a life support system.

This activity is in collaboration with the Holy Name University, Basic Education Department, this city, the first private school who adopts and implements 4-H Club in the province.

The recipients of this season-long training were 114 Grade 5 pupils with the following methodologies used: lecture-discussion in a staggered scheme; experiential sharing; hands-on demonstration on seed sowing, seedling preparation, and transplanting; learning journey to established Garden in the school and field day.

Spearheading this activity is Dr. Gracia F. Arado, ATI-7's Training Center Superintendent I and the Region's 4-H Focal Person with Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, Center Director together with Ms. Pamela N. Respecia, Support Staff and Alternate RBO Coordinator and Ms. Merigine Otara, Planning Officer of ATI-7 as resource person, in coordination with Dr. Prisciano S. Legitimas, Principal, Basic Education Department of Holy Name University thru Dr. Jean Roy, MAPEH and HELE Coordinator.

The culmination program of the season-long garden was last March 21, 2019 with 114 grade 5 pupils who successfully



The participative Grade V pupils of Holy Name University-Basic Education Department

finished the activity. Through the kid's enthusiasm, ATI-7 acknowledged their efforts by recognizing these children through special awards like Best Garden Design; Green Thumb; Young

Agriculturist; Garden Keepers; Inquisitive or Buzz and the Great Vines.

The hashtag "catchtheyoungforAgri" was inscribed in their farmers' hat as a token of appreciation from the institute.

Eat well, live well for Senior Citizens

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



Senior citizens from the province of Bohol joined the three-day training on Eat Well and Live Well held at ATI-7 Training Complex, Tagbilaran City last March 18-20, 2019.

TAGBILARAN CITY – One of the major programs of the Agricultural Training Institute is to conduct training among our clients and stakeholders. Aside from commodity-based, special concerns programs are also among the institute’s priority wherein it recognizes the contributions of the persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and indigenous people in nation building.

Hence, the ATI in Central Visayas held a three-day Capability Enhancement Training for Senior Citizens dubbed as Eat Well, Live Well last March 18-20, 2019 at Cabawan District, this city.

Twenty-seven senior citizens from the different municipalities of Bohol participated the activity with the objectives of recognizing their role in nation building, learn their benefits and privileges; providing them healthy inputs on healthy practices that will encourage them to develop positive attitudes.

The topics include Lifestyle Medicine, Health and Wellness with Dr. Mechelle Acero-Palma, Lifestyle Medicine Specialist of Remnant Institute of Alternative Medicine, Inc. (RIAM) in Iloilo City and Mrs. Evelina Leyble, Head of OSCA-Tagbilaran on the Roles of Senior Citizens in Nation Building, and Benefits and Privileges of Senior Citizens under RA 9994.

Trinidad Virador of Carmen, Bohol in her impression said as quoted: “The training is very relevant. The topics discussed were appropriate for the Senior Citizens. It helps us live longer by following all that the resource speaker, Dr. Palma discussed. It is precautionary, so that the 5 top killers will be minimized.”

Spearheading the three-day activity is Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay, Project Officer and Media Production Specialist II of ATI-7.

Healthy juicing seminar at ICM

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

TAGBILARAN CITY – Lifestyle-related diseases, as the Department of Health referred to, is a term used to emphasize the contribution of behavior to the development of chronic diseases. The risk factors that are linked which include smoking, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, and stress.

With this alarming situation, the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 based in Cabawan District, this city conducted a one-day Free Seminar on Preparation of Healthy Juices with Dr. Mechelle Acero-Palma, Lifestyle Medicine Specialist as the resource speaker at the Island City Mall Activity Center last March 20, 2019.

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LS Cooperators undergo project proposal development

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

TAGBILARAN CITY – A three-day Training on Project Proposal Development was held at ATI-7 Training Complex, Cabawan this city last February 13-15, 2019. The objective of the activity is to assist the participants in producing a sound and fundable project.

Thirty-five learning site cooperators and agriculture advocates from the cross sectors of the society from Region 7 attended the training.

Since technical writing is by far considered not so easy, most particularly to individuals who are not into this field.

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☺ Aging is not “lost youth” but a new stage of opportunity and strength. ☺
~Betty Friedan~



from JUNK to bank...

the success story of **JOELTESS FARM**

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

Who would have thought that a junkshop business will turn into a blossoming organic farm? This question was once a question among questions to many, but for Jotham Tanasan, it is indeed a reality.

Entrepreneurship runs in the family. At early age, Jotham Jorgil Tanasan, 54, a native of Buli-buli, Banga, Bayawan City, Negros Oriental was honed to manage their junkshop business where scrap iron and other unserviceable materials which are literally known as trash from other households are dumped into their yard, for a living.

zero-waste policy...

Having a junk shop in the yard is no feat but for Jotham, it is a challenge on how to make this business into some sort of productive yet sustainable livelihood.

Being an agriculture graduate at Negros Oriental Agricultural School sometime in 1986, his love for farming did not ebb because it is rooted in his mind that despite being surrounded by all these scrap materials, with little

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aspiration, perspiration, and perseverance, this yard can still be transformed into a prolific trade. Thus, he made sure that solid waste segregation is strictly followed in the shop.

This practice gave him a ticket to sit as a member of the Board of Pollution on Solid Waste in the City of Bayawan representing the people's council which the latter is mandated by their vision as the Top Farm-Tourism City in the Philippines by 2020.

driving force to aspire more...

Since sustainability is always Jotham's mantra, he does organic farming in his own little way to his JOELTESS Farm which is coined from their names: JO for Jotham Jorgil and son Jotham Yunos, EL for his wife Elma and daughter Elma Jamila and TESS for his daughter Tessafel Nadia.

It was in 2010 that Jotham and the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas through Training Specialist II, Aurelio L. Timtim crossed each other's paths when the former was invited to join the pool of organic advocates and practitioners in the region to join a field tour.

The field tour happened at the neighboring provinces of Bacolod and Iloilo where organic farms such that of Ramon Peñalosa Farm and May's Garden in Bacolod and Remnant Institute of Alternative Medicine of Iloilo where organic farming was showcased.

The tour widened Jotham's perspective on organic farming where he learned valuable lessons in farming. He applied and replicated what his first-hand experiences during their trip and thanked ATI for opening this opportunity that ignited his driving force to aspire more.

In his quest for organic farming, his 1.5 has farm became 4.5 has of Integrated Diversified Organic Farming System (IDOFS) where owners of his newly acquired lot are farmers, thus, he introduced the small-brother, big-brother concept wherein he trained them and became his partner-farmers in tilling the farm.



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In 2017, Jotham's effort received the greatest accolade when he won the Regional Gawad Saka Awardee for Central Visayas.

Among his farm products that made him earned good is his third-party Certified Mango from the Organic Certification Center of the Philippines (OCCP) which market is in Germany.

becoming a learning site...

Through his great effort, he never ceased to innovate, thereby; he is able to grow mushroom and other vegetables in the JOELTESS Farm plus sheep production. He even has accommodated walk-in clients from the province and currently on its sixth batch of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA's) course on IDOFS and Mushroom leading towards National Certificate (NC).

Despite his religious affiliation, a Balik-Islam, he did not miss to teach learners in his farm concerning nature-based farming systems on livestock particularly pig feeds because for Jotham, he wanted that all visitors in the farm are well-taken care of in terms of knowledge and skills wherein agriculture and fishery is concerned.

ATI, on the other hand, granted fund to JOELTESS Farm in order to continue spreading organic farming among generations and Jotham is extremely grateful for this partnership because most of his learnings were from their training conducted and constant mentorship and visit.

Today, Jotham is still in the process of innovating technologies to make his farm more productive and accessible to both farmer-practitioners and contemplating to become would-be farmers.

Indeed, the cliché that goes from “junk to bank” is a fitting description of JOELTESS Farm as they continue to inspire others to try farming because they did not only make a difference but a good place to drop by since they are now an accredited farm-tourism site of Bayawan City.

“ It is good to realize that if love and peace can prevail on earth, and if we can teach our children to honor nature's gifts, the joys and beauties of the outdoors will be here forever. ”
~Jimmy Carter~



Bohol 4-Hers hold encampment cum vegetable production

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



Bohol 4-Hers pose after receiving their certificate of completion at the 4-H Learning Hub, a newly-constructed building dedicated to 4-Hers in the region.



Mr. Elnard Ympal, a farmer-multi-awardee from San Juan, Siquijor served as one of the Resource Person during the three-day activity held at ATI-7 Training Complex, Tagbilaran City last March 28-30, 2019

TAGBILARAN CITY – A three-day Capability Enhancement Training for 4-Hers through Youth Encampment with emphasis on Vegetable Production, Post-harvest and Marketing was conducted last March 28-30, 2019 at ATI-7 Training Center, this city through its Project Officer, Ma. Pamela N. Respecia, 4-H Alternate Focal Person in the region.

A total of 49 youth from the province of Bohol participated in the activity which objective include adapting and replicating the technology of Vegetable Production, Postharvest, and Marketing in their respective residences/clubs.

The resource persons of the three-day activity include Angelina Bondad of Negros Oriental who is an active partner of ATI on youth development who is fresh from retirement from government service and Elnard Ympal, a farmer-awardee and farm practitioner from San Juan, Siquijor, a living example of how youth played a great role in our farming industry.

Bendalyn S. Libatona, 4-Her from Cortes, Bohol on her impression: “This Training is very important to me especially that I am a Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Official in our barangay. Youth like us needs livelihood program and this training is so timely because it broadens my knowledge on agriculture not only on farming but about 4H in general. In our municipality, the 4-H Club did help us in the field of Agriculture as well as on the entrepreneurial side. With this, we are so thankful to ATI for inviting us to be a part of this activity because we have small areas in our homes and our barangay that is potential for development.”

The encampment enabled the participants to prepare an action plan that they can work on upon return to their respective areas.

Newly-organized LS...

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The newly-sworn LS Officers of Region 7. R-L: Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 administered the oath taking. Reyland Jabonillo, Elnard Ympal, Dr. Jose Medina, Nilo Cempron, Cristino Villamor, Jr., Niema Toroy, Norisa Kho and Clavel Aves

Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 Center Director was amenable with the suggestion; thus, the election and oath-taking took place in the afternoon of the last day of the training.

The following were the elected officers of the Learning Site Cooperators in Region 7: Reyland P. Jabonillo of Maribojoc Binhi sa Panginabuhian Demo Farm is the President while four Vice-Presidents were elected representing the four provinces: in Siquijor, Elnard S. Ympal of Elnard Integrated Farm; in Cebu is Cristino L. Villamor, Jr. of Saint Peter Academy of Alegria Foundation, Inc. (SPAIFI) Demo Farm; in Bohol is Nilo S. Cempron of Gulayan sa Paaralan, Eastern Cogon Elementary School and in Negros Oriental is Dr. Jose R. Medina of Inday Pita Farm.

The secretary is Niema O. Toroy of Egay's Farm while Maria Norisa A. Kho of Charis Wellness Garden Integrated Diversified Organic Farm is the treasurer and Clavel P. Aves of First Consolidated Cooperative along Tanyon Seabords is the Auditor.

Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio administered their oath of office.

“ The real cause of hunger is the powerlessness of the poor to gain access to the resources they need to feed themselves. ”
~Frances Moore Lappe~

ATI-7 orchestrate...

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farmer who tends to get it from the wild, destroying beehives while extracting those precious honey. Despite the huge demand, the beekeeping industry in the Philippines is not that immense. In Bohol, we can only account by hand the number of beekeepers in the province. Beekeeping indeed is crucial, given that it is seasonal and must work with nature.

Knowing this, the Agricultural Training Institute – VII (ATI 7) in collaboration with ICM and Alay Marcela Foundation – the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of the Alturas Group of Companies conducted the free seminar on Beekeeping. The seminar gave participants a better understanding of how bees work, what they can do and provide while it also offers a potential source of income.

The seminar was facilitated by Lhea Glory Mae Araña of ATI-7 with Mr. Jun Pales of Purple Bee Shop and Café, Mandaue City as Resource Speaker.

The activity involved the discussion of the basic concept of beekeeping and its importance, overview of Beekeeping techniques; and its potential as a lucrative source of income.

“Thank you ATI-7 for this free seminar on Beekeeping, as an instructor, I can now share the knowledge from this seminar. Bees are not harmful compared to what we have known, I now knew the importance of bees in our farms through pollination as it helps plants to grow” said Pedro D. Jaque, Jr. of Bohol Island State University – Bilar.



Mr. Jun Pales of Purple Bee Shop and Café of Mandaue City was the Resource Speaker during the Free Training on Beekeeping held at the Island City Mall, Activity Center, Tagbilaran City last February 27, 2019.

Healthy juicing...

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Dr. Palma gave inputs on lifestyle-related diseases and its prevention. Highlighting her input was the preparation of different blends and juices and the open forum.

A total of 56 participants from the region attended the activity. Meanwhile, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 Center Director, in her message disclosed that this seminar is the third of a series for 2019 in collaboration with the Alturas Group of Companies through their Alay Marcela Foundation who has been supportive in conducting these endeavors.

Lhea Glory Mae B. Araña, the project officer, shared that the activity generated positive impact among walk-in clients and online community because the promotions were done through announcement during trainings and on the official Facebook page of ATI Central Visayas.



Dr. Mechelle Acero-Palma, Lifestyle Medicine Practitioner served as the main resource speaker during the free training on juicing at Island City Mall, Tagbilaran City last March 20, 2019.

LS Cooperators undergo...

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The participants composed of Learning Site Cooperators successfully completed the three-day Training on Project Proposal Development last February 13-15, 2019 at ATI-7 Training Complex, Tagbilaran City.



The participants during the guided-writeshop.

Though, the skill can be acquired, learned or both but could not be done over time.

Among this technical writing, project proposal development and or preparation which is primarily one deterrent for learning site cooperators or agriculture advocates who seek financial and technical support to advance their farm implementation.

Thus, ATI-7 designed a lecture and guided workshop method where the institute's template was tailored-fit for participants by having a day-to-day output for them to digest the process.

It is on this premise where the attendees were assisted to understand the basic concept of project development; enhanced their writing skills and familiarized common terms and format in writing project proposal.

The pool of trainers includes Media Production Specialist II of ATI-7, Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay; Freelancer, Artemia A. Gotardo and the project officer, Merrian Piquero Soliva.

Through the step-by-step process, the participants were able to develop a full-blown project proposal because they appreciated the system used.

Farm Family beneficiaries receive agricultural support

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



The ten (10) beneficiaries of the farm family in Dumaguete City wore a happy face after they received their agricultural farm support.

DUMAGUETE CITY – The Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas distributed agricultural support to ten (10) family-beneficiaries of the ATI’s Farm Family Modeling Program last March 14, 2019, this city.

This program is in collaboration with the Local Government Unit of Dumaguete City through the City Agriculture Office headed by Mr. Albert Bael and staff Leonarda Hernandez and Angie Calugcugan who are responsible in conducting a series of technology training to prepare these farm families.

The objective of this program is to provide a holistic support and interventions for the farm families geared towards improving and uplifting the quality of their lives. Also, to become a model farm in the community.

The agricultural support includes vegetable seeds, 18 head of piglets, 120 chickens and goat. Present during the awarding were Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 Center Director together with RBO Alternate Focal Person, Ma. Pamela N. Respecia.

A Peso A Day is Ok: Financial Literacy Training in the region

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

REGIONWIDE – A total of 196 participants from the provinces of Negros Oriental and Siquijor underwent a two-day Training on Financial Literacy dubbed as “A Peso A Day is OK!”

The objective of the program is to capacitate farmers in support to the easy access on financing programs of the Department of Agriculture (DA).

Five (5) trainings were conducted for the first quarter from February 5-6 held at the Office of the Provincial Agriculture Training Hall in Larena with participants from Enrique Villanueva, Siquijor and San Juan. On February 7-8 at Calapasanan, Lazi; February 12-13 at Maria; February 14-15 at Larena and on March 5-6, 2019 at Banban, Ayungon, Negros Oriental with participants from Banban, Napacao, Poblacion, Tambo, Mabato, Lamigan and Ayungon.



The multi-represented farmers in the province of Siquijor actively participated the two-day Training on Financial Literacy held from February to March 2019.

Spearheading the activity were ATI-7 personnel who at the same time acted as Resource Speaker in the persons of Training Specialist II, Jorge F. Trinidad and Agriculturist I, Reynadez Lim-Curayag.

BAHA undertakes 11-day Training

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



The BAHA Officers of Tudela, Camotes Island in Cebu province who successfully completed the 11-day Training on Barangay Health Aide last March 18-30, 2019 with Vherney Cabasag II, Development Management Officer I of ATI-7 who is the Project Officer of the activity.

C EBU – After 14 years of waiting, the Barangay Health Aide (BAHA) of Tudela, Camotes Island in this province underwent an 11-day training spearheaded by the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian through Mary Rose B. Vincoy, DVM with the support of the Local Government Unit of Tudela's Local Chief Executive, Erwin P. Yu at the Tudela Session Hall last March 18-30, 2019.

The objective of this training is to perform basic animal health care practices and prepare an action plan to apply the knowledge they have learned. A total of 23 BAHA Officers from the 11 barangays of Tudela successfully completed the course. The pool of trainers includes Lito M. Alo, Jr., DVM; Jemar Bibat, DVM; Janritz Marie C. Agravante, DVM; Carlo Eu-genio N. Tutor, DVM; Ma. Verna B. Ducante, DVM and Ms. Ma. Chuchi B. Ramos.



The participants during their workshop where they come up with a plan to facilitate their actual practice once they will return to their respective barangays after the intensive 11-day Training spearheaded by ATI in Central Visayas in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian in Cebu with the support of the Local Government Unit of Tudela, Camotes Island, Cebu.

The topics discussed during the training includes BAHA Guidelines, Swine Production and Management/Breeds, Breeding/Herd Selection, Sow, Boar & Litter Management, Feeds, Feeding and Nutrition, Housing Facilities/Bio-Gas Production, Health Management and Common Diseases of Swine (Bacterial and Viral Diseases), Parasitic and Nutritional Deficiencies, Small Ruminant Production and Large Ruminant and Management and its Common Diseases, Artificial Insemination, Poultry Production and Management and its Common Diseases, Forage and Pasture Development, Livestock Insurance, Zoonotic Diseases and Rabies. The Resource Person also executed the proper handling of vaccines, Biologics, and other field guidelines/precautions. To supplement the participants' learning, there were also video presentations and workshop incorporated in the training.

Facilitating the activity is Mr. Vherney C. Cabasag II, Development Management Officer I and Technical Support Staff, Rosmalyn I. Pusta of ATI-RTC 7.



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