

KAUGMARAN

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2019

VOLUME 3 | NO. 3

Provincial Stakeholders' Consultation on Training and Extension Concerns p.3

Regional initiated AgriTalk held in Dumaguete p.4

#UGYAP officially launched p.6

AEWs undergo Disease Surveillance Anti-Microbial Resistant Training p.7

2 batches urban greens cum culinary medicines conducted p.13

FAITH edible landscaping cum gender-based training p.14

**His garden
His playground.**

Gemiel J. Hermita
4-H Regional President

8-11



Editorial Board

EDITORS

GRACIA F. ARADO, PhD
MA. GRACIA SOLIVA-PUNGAY
MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PhD

WRITERS

MA. PAMELA N. RESPECIA
DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO
MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PhD

CONSULTANT

CAROLYN MAY O. DAQUIO, PhD

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

ATI-RTC 7 Training Complex,
Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City
6300 Bohol, Philippines
+63917.321.8524
aticv.7@gmail.com
ati_7cv@yahoo.com
www.ati.da.gov.ph/ati-7

SAY HELLO ON SOCIAL MEDIA

instagram.com/aticentralvisayas
facebook.com/aticvisayas
twitter.com/aticv



KAUGMARAN

ON OUR COVER: GEMIEL JAYME HERMITA, 29 years old from Niyog, Lawaan, Danao City, Cebu. Consequently the Regional 4H President in Central Visayas and 4H National Vice President of Visayas respectively.

VOLUME 3, ISSUE 3

KAUGMARAN is published four (4) times annually by Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-RTC 7) in Central Visayas. All rights reserved. No part of this publication maybe used without the express written permission of the publisher. Copyright 2019.

Contents

- 3-7 NEWS**
Provincial Stakeholders' Consultation on Training and Extension Concerns
Regional initiated AgriTalk held in Dumaguete
ATI Central Visayas gears up for 2020
ATI personnel joins International Coastal Clean-up
#UGYAP officially launched
ATI-7 acquires 2-storey Building
AEWs undergo Disease Surveillance Anti-Microbial Resistant Training
- 8-11 COVER STORY**
His garden, his playground: the success story of Gemiel J. Hermita
- 12-15 NEWS**
Organic Feed Formulation using Corn by-products held in Siquijor
2 batches urban greens cum culinary medicines conducted
e-extension briefing continues in the region
FAITH edible landscaping cum gender-based training
After training support distribution to Siquijor farmers
5th FHEXAP National Convention held

Provincial Stakeholders' Consultation on Training and Extension Concerns

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

CENTRAL VISAYAS – Consisting of four-island provinces, the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 conducted a series of Provincial Stakeholders' Consultation on Training and Extension Concerns for Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 last August 14 for Bohol, August 16 for Cebu, August 19 for Negros Oriental and August 20, 2019 for Siquijor respectively.

A total of 138 stakeholders from the local government units, line agencies, state colleges and universities and the private sectors attended, the provincial consultation is a regular activity conducted by ATI-Region 7.

The objective of the consultation was primarily to identify relevant training and extension agenda for CY 2020 and 2021.

More so, ATI7 updated the stakeholders on their January-July 2019 Center Accomplishment as the entry point for the participants to come up with the training and extension plans and interventions for 2020 based on the needs and priority agenda of the Department of Agriculture.

The day consultation reaped positive outcomes wherein the role of stakeholders was vital in the identification of relevant training for the target clientele and at the same time established close coordination and working relationship to achieve all of these plans.

Spearheading the activity was Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI7 Center Director together with Planning Officer, Merigine C. Ota; Development Management Officer I/Monitoring and Evaluation Officer Designate, Lhea Glory Mae B. Araña and Dr. Gracia F. Arado, Training Center Superintendent I composing the training management team.

“ the objective of the consultation is to primarily identify relevant training and extension agenda for CY 2020 and 2021 ”



The multi-stakeholders participated the Bohol Provincial Consultation posed after the day activity together with the personnel of the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-RTC 7) at ATI7 Complex, Tagbilaran City last August 14, 2019.

Regional initiated AgriTalk held in Dumaguete

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO



The multi-stakeholder-participated AgriTalk in Robinson's Place, Dumaguete City last September 18, 2019. This activity is first in the region initiated by the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-RTC 7).

DUMAGUETE CITY - Over 150 agri-enthusiasts and stakeholders participated in the first regional-initiated Agritalk of the Agricultural Training Institute - VII (ATI-7) at Robinson's Mall, this city on September 18, 2019.

Agritalk which tackles Square Foot Gardening, Urban Gardening, and Mushroom Production, is one of ATI's strategies in extension services to serve the clientele beyond boundaries. With the idea that food production may not be limited to rural areas, urban dwellers can also grow/produce their food at their backyard or whatever available spaces in their households.

The event is in collaboration with Robinson's Land Corporation-Dumaguete City, Philippine Information Agency, Provincial Agriculture Office, and City Agriculture Office of Negros Oriental and Dumaguete City, respectively.

Meanwhile, Agritalk which was originally conducted by the

ATI Central office in partnership with the Bureau of Agricultural Research, SM Mall and Agriculture Magazine of the Manila Bulletin Publishing Corporation has been rolled out in selected cities Nationwide since 2018. ATI-7 saw the need to conduct the same, thus, initiated its first in Region 7. Through PIA Negros Oriental, Quad Media representatives also covered the event. Speakers for square foot gardening is Dr. Honorio Cervantes of Cervantes Farm in Cagayan de Oro City; Urban Gardening by Nimfa Davis of the Department of Agriculture Region 7, and Jotham Tanasan of Joeltess Farm, Bayawan City for Mushroom production.

For the participants to appreciate and practice the gardening techniques, they were given free seeds as starter kit after the event. Doris Isabel J. Racho, Information Officer II was the project officer of the activity together with her support staff in the persons of Ma. Erma F. Lucero, IOIII; Rhea Kristene Bongcac, Network Controller and Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva, MPS II.

ATI personnel joins International Coastal Clean-up

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA

BOHOL – The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-RTC 7) once again joined the celebration of the International Coastal Clean-up on September 21, 2019 at Punta Cruz, Maribojoc, this province which was spearheaded by its Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio.

Presidential Proclamation No. 470 declares the third Sunday of September of each year as the International Coastal Clean-Up (ICC) Day in observance of the Global Coastal Clean-up celebrations.

International Coastal Cleanup is the largest volunteer effort for ocean's health. People around the world gather on beaches, coasts, rivers, waterways and underwater dive sites to remove trash and record information on the debris collected. Results will aid in better waste management policies/plans, product packaging designs and in stirring environmental consciousness among the people.



The men and women of ATI in Central Visayas during their planning and consultation workshop at Bohol Bee Farm in Dausi, Bohol last August 22-23, 2019.

ATI Central Visayas gears up for 2020

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA

BOHOL. A two-day activity dubbed as Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Execution and Planning Workshop was conducted by the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-RTC 7) at Bohol Bee Farm, Dausi, this province last August 22-23, 2019.

Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio spearheaded the activity with her message encouraging the personnel to prepare their Work and Financial Plan for 2020's project and program operation.

Dr. Daquio further stressed that whatever positive learnings gained from this year will serve as the basis for making the center's plan more realistic and attainable with the concerted effort by the staff on the next years to come.

Commodity Point Persons together with some administrative and technical staff participated in the activity and they were able to come up with the detailed 2020 Work and Financial Plan where Budget Execution Documents (BEDS) forms were embedded.



The personnel of ATI in Central Visayas during the International Coastal Clean-up 2019 at Punta Cruz, Maribojoc, Bohol last September 21, 2019.

#UGYAP officially launched

by MA. PAMELA N. RESPECIA

TAGBILARAN CITY - The Urban Greens through Young Agri-preneurs Program (#ugyap) was successfully launched on September 23, 2019, at ATI 4-H Hub, Cabawan District, this city.

More than 80 students, in-school 4-H Club officers, teachers, partner LGUs and private stakeholders participated in the activity.

Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 Center Director together with Bohol Governor Art Yap, and Tagbilaran City Mayor John Geesnell “Baba” Yap lead the sowing of Kale seeds which stand for a new hope for agriculture development through revitalizing the participation of the youth. Kale, known as the Queen of Greens, embodies champion vegetable with a great source of nutrients and economic significance.

Participants also showed their commitment by joining this reform.

The program dubbed as #UGYAP is in partnership with the Agricultural Training Institute-7, Provincial Local Government of Bohol, City Government of Tagbilaran City and DepEd City Division which aims to provide sustainable and available food for everyone (SAFE) and to institutionalize culinary medicine



Bohol Governor Arthur Yap and Tagbilaran City Mayor John Geesnel Yap (5th and 6th from R) join in the ceremonial seed planting during the launching of Urban Greens through Young Agri-preneurs Program (#ugyap) last September 23, 2019 at the 4H Hub, Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City.

in both elementary and secondary schools.

The said event also served as an avenue for the induction of 4-H Club Officers of Tagbilaran City High Schools. The following schools that participated in include award-winning and a National Nominee for Outstanding Young Farmer Organization, the Manga National Highschool; together with Mansasa National Highschool; and Dr. Cecilio Putong National Highschool (Junior & Senior High, and Hearing Impaired).

ATI-7 acquires 2-storey Building

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO

TAGBILARAN CITY - The Agricultural Training Institute - VII (ATI-7) being the training arm of the Department of Agriculture is happy to announce the recent blessing and turn-over of two-storey building on August 15, 2019. With this, ATI-7 can now accommodate more training and participants inside the regional training center, Cabawan District, this city.

ATI-7 Center Director Carolyn May O. Daquio, Ph.D. during the ceremony said, “the average age of farmers now is 57 which is aging, thus there is a need to train more young farmers” and “this new building will be of great use to serve as another training hub,” she added.

Present during the event was Tagbilaran City Mayor John Geesnell “Baba” Yap. In his speech, he thanked ATI-7 for choosing this City as the location of its regional training center because it brings development, particularly on agriculture. He quipped that with ATI’s Young Agripreneurs



L-R: Tagbilaran City Mayor John Geesnel Yap; Engr. Manuelito R. Mosqueda, Proprietor, 3N Construction; ATI-7 Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio and TCS I, Dr. Gracia F. Arado during the building turn-over last August 15, 2019.

please turn to **PAGE 13**



The participants composed of Agricultural Extension Workers (AEW) from Central Visayas pose at the facade of the Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL) building together with the team of resource speakers during their field tour.

AEWs undergo Disease Surveillance Anti-Microbial Resistant Training

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

CEBU CITY – Twenty-nine Agricultural Extension Workers (AEW) from Central Visayas completed the three-day Training on Disease Surveillance Anti-Microbial Resistant Training held at CityScape this city last August 13-19, 2019 with Mr. Vherny C. Cabasag, II, ATI7 Livestock Focal Person as the Project Officer with Ms. Myca Andrea Jumarito as Technical Support Staff.

The training provided the participants' additional knowledge and skills to support field Veterinarians in animal disease reporting, disease investigation, surveillance and monitoring activities.

The rigorous lecture-hands on activity enable the AEWs to learned the following that they can apply to their respective area of assignments: a) identify notifiable animal diseases especially of public health, economic and trade importance; b) recognize priority animal disease and those diseases in which the Philippines have disease-free status which includes Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Peste des petits Ruminants (PPR) also known as goat and sheep plague and African Horse Sickness (AHS); c) collect appropriate samples from dead and diseased animals for laboratory testing; d) correctly restrained and handle animals; e) perform proper cleaning and disinfection procedures in the farms; e) report priority

animal diseases promptly to the proper authorities; and f) encourage animal welfare and bio-security practices in livestock and poultry farms.

The pool of trainers includes the Head of Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL) Dr. Anna Marie Cristina V. Migrño with her staff Dr. Julius Galvan and Leah Marie S. Menchaves. Dr. Reildrin Morales of Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO); Dr. Daniel C. Ventura, Jr. of the Department of Agriculture Regulatory and from Bureau of Animal Industry, Dr. Glenn M. Reyes; Dr. Stephani Marie Rada and Dr. Catherine P. Villanueva.



His garden, his playground:

the success story of Gemiel J. Hermita

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

Gemiel Hermita's life story is best described by the quote of Dr. O. Fred Donaldson, a play specialist that goes "Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play, children learn how to learn."

Cover Story



As for Gemiel, he learned to love farming at a very tender age though he was not formally taught by his parents to do so. What's ingrained in his mind was during the time that he was brought to their farm during land preparation, he enjoyed a lot because he can vividly imagine how he held on the plow as if riding it through and smell the scent of the soil.

Being the eldest among the brood of six (6), Gemiel was born to parents Ramelito Hermita and Gina Jayme. As the eldest, he is the living witness of how their farm produces corn, sweet potato, squash, and banana wherein he learned to sell it to the community and his teachers when he was in Grade 2. He did not complain about how heavy a kilo each of these products because what he thinks of was that he will have his allowance derived from the sales.

Her mother once told him, when you do farming, both your body and mind move. Once your hands and feet are busy, your mind follows on what to do next, day after day.

Humble beginning

Gemiel Jayme Hermita is 29 years old from Purok Niyog, Barangay Lawaan, a 28-kilometer hinterland, south of Danao City in the Province of Cebu. He was born last March 25, 1990, and consequently the Regional 4-H President in Central Visayas and 4-H National Vice President of Visayas respectively.

Best Presenter Awardee during the Kapatid Agri Mentor Me Program (KAMMP) and also was an awardee in 2016 as Provincial Outstanding Young Farmer in Cebu and had attended various training, seminars, encampments, and lakbay aral and earned his National Competency II (NCII) for AgriCrop Production.

Before he became of what he is now, he was just a simple 4Her from Lawaan with an ambition to nurture a bountiful garden.

His love for farming is indeed very deep because his first product out of the first three (3) chayote fruit he hoarded from his mother's purchase from the market on April 30, 1999, which is supposedly to be used during their fiesta celebration.

He even lied to his mother once asked where the other 3 out of the 10-piece chayote because what's in his mind is to grow his own and the rest is history.

The three-piece chayote enabled him to earn from five hundred pesos to 15,000 pesos which he gave to his parents



This quote is indeed a manifestation that children's imagination during their playtime is immeasurable and unforgettable. What they saw from older people means a lot to them. Whatever it may seem, good or bad, for them means everything.

Cover Story

as seed money for their small business. He remembered that the chayote fruits he planted from the age of 9 thrived until he reached the first year in college.

With his perseverance, he developed the 200sq meter lot of their neighbor and started planting diversified crops that supported his and their family's daily allowance as well as basic needs such as shoes, clothing, and cellphone.

When the Seri Mining operated in Danao, his mother Gina shared with him that the establishment needed a lumber supply. Upon knowing this great business potential, Gemiel went to their office located at Skyrise 2 IT Park. After completing all the requirements, they were authorized by the company and given the permit to operate for 12 years.

With the influx of orders, they borrowed more capital and acquired a hauling truck through a loan. The million-business



turned good in the first few years of operation, unfortunately, when Seri Mining declared bankruptcy without prior notice, thereby, their operation was affected and suffered heavily.

To save their hauling truck, they sold 60 heads of pigs but still, it was futile because the vehicle was repossessed.

Never give up

The once comfortable life turned 180 degrees in distress. Gemiel stopped his schooling when he was in his sophomore year taking up Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management and worked in one of the malls in Cebu while his parents sorted to do some charcoal activities back in their village.

Gemiel recalled that even if he was working in the mall at that time, he went home and tilled their garden with the help



of his parents to survive. With his dedication and passion in farming, he was able to plant 8,000 stolons of strawberries.

With the abnormal weather pattern caused by El Niño, Gemiel's strawberries were greatly affected. So, he applied for Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC), unfortunately, the Local Government Unit informed him that strawberry is not included as high-value crop, thus, it was not eligible for insurance. With that, his 8,000 strawberries became 40.

Through this experience, he made a rain shelter, a greenhouse-like out of cellophane, but it was three times uprooted because the land that he tilled is rented and the owner wanted to sell such.





His playground

His garden income today ranges from P6,000 to P8,000 pesos per week with his markets that include their neighbors, hotels and shops in the city.

As his garden is his playground, Gemiel's Greenminds and diversified Farm is now a Learning Site of ATI in Central Visayas wherein he received fifty thousand pesos (Ph50,000) as farm support.

Indeed, what he perceived as play becomes his inspiration to strive more because his success is his manifestation that in play, children learn how to learn. The cliché of learning by doing is best described in his experience.



Through his prayers and positive manifestation that someday, he can acquire his lot was heard. He was tapped by the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-RTC 7) to be their Resource Person in their youth program, Binhi ng Pag-asa.

With his learning derived from experience and training from ATI-7, he delivered his topics well, thus, he saved his honorarium and was able to raise One Hundred Thousand Pesos which he used to acquire the 1,400 sq. meter lot. With the assurance that the land he tilled is now his own, Gemiel started to make his rain shelter, piggery, and acquired a road right of way. His enthusiasm for farm doubled because he now owns the land he is tilling.

Today, Gemiel is reaping the good seeds that he planted because he is now growing different varieties of herbs such as Parsley, Arugula, Wild arugula, Basil, Curly Parsley, Thyme, Rosemary, Riccia, Tarragon, Galangal, Dill, Fennel, and Brazillian oregano; naturally grown Strawberry; lettuce; and piglets for fattening. He has now a total of 17 gilts, one boar, and 40 piglets.



Organic Feed Formulation using Corn by-products held in Siquijor

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

SIQUIJOR – With the objective of formulating their own feeds for livestock and poultry using locally available ingredients in their farm particularly corn by-products and adaption of natural and organic farming technology in raising crops, the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas conducted a three-day training last September 18-20, 2019 at Oceanview Farm and Cottages at Olang, Maria, this province.

ATI7 Technical Staff, Mr. Jeffrey Awas, Corn Focal Person and the Project Officer acted also as a resource person together with Mr. Reynald P. Jabonillo, owner and farmer of JunJabs Farm in Punsod, Maribojoc, Bohol.

Twenty-five participants composed of farmers and agricultural extension workers completed the activity where they were able to identify various corn-byproducts for livestock and poultry feeds; developed their skills in making of Natural farming inputs and concoctions.

Likewise, they also determined the various nutrient composition of common feed ingredients, feed texture and form; grasped the awareness in adapting organic farming technology to attain the endeavor for sustainable agriculture.

The participants underwent hands-on in the actual feed

formulation using various ingredients composition and proportion and customized feed ration and understand that concept that ethnoveterinary medicine as a viable alternative for livestock and poultry therapeutics.



The participants composed of farmers and agricultural extension workers in Siquijor enthusiastically practice their learned theories in feed formulation during the three-day Training on Organic Feed Formulation using Corn by-products and other local ingredients for livestock and poultry at Oceanview Farm and Cottage, Olang, Maria, Siquijor last September 18-20, 2019.

2 batches urban greens cum culinary medicines conducted

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



The training on urban greens cum culinary medicines last September 16-18, 2019 engaged both male and female participants who are health enthusiasts in the region.

TAGBILARAN CITY – A multi-stakeholder attended three-day Training of Trainers on Urban Greens cum Culinary Medicine last September 16-18, 2019 for Batch 1 and September 18-20, 2019 for Batch 2 respectively held at the ATI-RTC 7 Complex, Cabawan District, this city.

A total of 60 participants who are health conscious advocates and practitioners completed the trainers' training with the objective of cascading the advocacy for green and healthy living for the populace and clients in the region.

Among the topics discuss were development of gender specific chronic disease; customized lifestyle program for participants to prevent, arrest and even reverse some chronic diseases; causes of morbidity, absenteeism among workers and increase of health care expenditure.

please turn to **PAGE 13**

ATI7 acquires...

from PAGE 6

Program he is happy because saying it short, it is tagged as “YAP”. He added that the City Government in its support to agriculture also conducts agricultural drive by giving small backyard gardening and livestock projects for the Tagbilaranons to know the importance of agriculture and farmers. Meanwhile, it has been known that the lot where ATI-7 is located is under the city government of Tagbilaran and Mayor Yap was instrumental in the expansion of ATI’s training complex.

The turn-over was also attended by ATI-7 staff and the 3-N Construction personnel.

2 batches urban...

from PAGE 12

The training expected to create a group support as a source of continuous motivation and inspiration to sustain the lifestyle program; establish activities that will further capacitate the participants to bring health education to their family and community as well and development and Implementation of programs utilizing Lifestyle Medicine in Primary Health Care as a mitigating tool to address the crisis of Non communicable disease.

The resource speaker of the two batches training of trainers was Dr. Mechelle A. Palma, Lifestyle Medicine Specialist of Remnant Institute of Alternative Medicine, Inc. (RIAM) in Iloilo City.

The project officers of the said training were ATI7 Senior Agriculturist, Lydia B. Borbano and Agriculturist I, Reynadez Lim-Curayag.



Dr. Mechelle A. Palma, Lifestyle Medicine Specialist of Remnant Institute of Alternative Medicine, Inc. (RIAM) in Iloilo City (with a handkerchief) during the actual demonstration of participants on juicing.

e-extension briefing continues in the region

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



Walk-in clients in the region visited ATI in Central Visayas and were briefed on e-extension at the ISS Office.

CENTRAL VISAYAS - The Information Services Section (ISS) personnel of the ATI in this region, continue to conduct a briefing to walk-in clients with the objective of demystifying the e-extension program for agriculture and fishery of the Department of Agriculture.

Since the ATI is the lead agency for the provision of e-Extension services in collaboration with the various agencies, bureaus and organizational units of the Department of Agriculture to integrate and harmonize ICT-based extension delivery systems for agriculture and fisheries under Department Order 03, Series of 2007, thus, this briefing.

The topics discussed were the three (3) components of electronic extension wherein the first of which is the e-learning component where free online courses are offered and three (3) of the many courses offered are developed by the region, namely: Yummy Yam: Online Course on Ubi Production; Urban Gardening and Mokusaku: Wood Vinegar Production.

The second component is e-farming that features the delivery of farm and business advisory services through the use of the ICT while the third is the e-trading that comprises online trading as well as the provision of information such as market trends, investments, market prices, inventory/list of producers and suppliers, among others.

A total of 189 clients were briefed from March 20, April 3, May 23, July 11 and 25, August 14-15 and October 2, 2019, respectively at the ISS Office.

FAITH edible landscaping cum gender-based training

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

NEGROS ORIENTAL – With the Agricultural Training Institute’s vision anchored on food availability and affordability for every Filipino family through excellent extension service in agriculture and fisheries, the ATI in Central Visayas conducted a three-day Training on Food Always in the Home (FAITH) Gender-based on Edible Landscaping at Stella Maris Retreat House, Bacong, this province last July 16-18, 2019 which was participated by 36 agricultural extension workers, 4Hers, teachers and farming advocates.

The project officer of the activity is Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay, the Media Production Specialist II of ATI7 who is also the Organic Agriculture Focal Person together with Technical Support Staff, Myca Andrea Jumarito.

The main objective of the training is to cultivate among participants’ development-oriented perspectives and functional capabilities even as it intends to update locally applicable production technologies emphasizing good agricultural practices

in vegetables and herbs production for a daily supply of safe, quality produce year-round.

ATI7 Planning Officer, Merigine Otara and newly-retired government employee, Angelina Bondad were the resource speakers which their inputs anchored on the following: Basic Concepts of Gender and Development; the Magna Carta of Women; Importance and health benefits of vegetables and herbs and the Essence of growing vegetables and herbs at home; the steps in making a “FAITH” Garden to include appropriate cultural practices; and sustainable production technologies highlighting good agricultural practices.

Capping the lecture-inputs was the development of a miniature (model) FAITH Garden by the participants wherein they also formulated a doable plan of action as a vehicle for putting into practice the course learnings to their respective backyards at home.



Male participants were eager to do the hands-on preparation during the FAITH gender-based cum edible landscaping training.



The farmer-beneficiaries of the Native Chicken Production Farm Family Modeling claimed their after training support consisting of one (1) cockerel and three (3) pullets plus 18kilograms of poultry pellets last July 18-19, 2019.

After training support distribution to Siquijor farmers

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

SIQUIJOR – The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 distributed one (1) cockerel and 3 pullets plus 18 kilograms of poultry pellets to the 28 participant-beneficiaries of Barangay Parian, municipality of Enrique Villanueva, this province as after training support.

The distribution was spearheaded by Vherney Cabasag, II, Agriculturist I of ATI-7 together with Technical Support Staff, Julie Ann Lozada last July 18-19, 2019.

As a background, the native chicken or the organically grown chicken is now becoming popular due to its taste and its free from hormones and less use of antibiotic, but farmers who grow said poultry are struggling to meet the market, due to disease influenced by change of weather which can cause incidence of New Castle Disease (NCD). This disease is very common, but not given priority by the farmers to cure or to lessen but rather they always start again and again after the outbreak.

To strengthen and help the farmers in the management, as well as lessen and prevent poultry diseases they need to be empowered.

With this backdrop, ATI-7 conducted three-day Training on Native Chicken Production Farm Family Modeling last June 13 - 15, 2019 at Ocean View Farm and Cottages, Olang, Maria, Siquijor.

5th FHEXAP National Convention held

by MA. PAMELA N. RESPECIA

NEGROS OCCIDENTAL - The 5th Farm Home Extensionist Association of the Philippines (FHEXAP) National Congress was held on August 6-8, 2019 at Nature's Village Resort, Talisay City, this province with the theme: "Farm Home Extensionists (FHE): Community Force Multipliers towards Progressive Women Entrepreneurs and Management towards Farm Tourism."

The highlight of the activity includes Ribbon Cutting and Viewing of product exhibits, and Awarding of FHEXAP Livelihood Projects. Distinguished guests present during the opening ceremony were: Usec. Evelyn G. Laviña, HVCDP & Rural Credit, Department of Agriculture (DA); Regional Executive Director of DA-RFO 6, Engr. Remelyn R. Recoter, MNSA, CESO III; Provincial Agriculturist of Negros Occidental, Mr. Japhet Masculino; and Committee on Women and Children of Talisay City, Negros Occ. SPM Rosalinda Tuvillar.

During the fellowship night, Hon. Eugenio Jose V. Lacson, Governor of Negros Occidental also shared an inspiring message of support to all the delegates.

Ms. Rosemarie O. Martin, FHEXAP President confirmed a total of 115 attendees composed of FHEXAP members, LGUs, DA, ATI, and other partner stakeholders.

Ms. Ma. Pamela N. Respecia, RBO Focal Person represented ATI in Central Visayas together with counterparts from region 7.



Middle, second row: RBO Focal Person, Ma. Pamela N. Respecia of ATI-7 together with region's counterpart are the official participants during the 5th FHEXAP.



ENROL NOW

www.e-extension.gov.ph/elearning



AGRICULTURAL TRAINING INSTITUTE-RTC 7
INFORMATION SERVICES SECTION (ISS)
Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City 6300 Bohol
www.ati.da.gov.ph/ati-7
Email: aticv.7@gmail.com
Mobile: 0906.334.5519