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# ATI-7 cap Lifestyle Medicine Best Practice Award

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO



*Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 Center Director (center) received the Lifestyle Medicine Best Practice award during the 2020 First Midyear Conference of the Philippine College of Lifestyle Medicine (PCLM) held at Royal Mandaya Hotel, Davao City on February 2-4, 2020*

**T**agbilaran City – The Agricultural Training Institute – VII (ATI-7) with regional office located in Cabawan District, this City was conferred a Lifestyle Medicine Best Practice award in the recent 2020 First Midyear Conference of the Philippine College of Lifestyle Medicine (PCLM) held at Royal Mandaya Hotel, Davao City on February 2-4, 2020 with the theme: “Lifestyle Medicine: The Foundation of Healthcare.”

ATI Central Visayas was recognized by PCLM as the first and only existing Government agency that promotes and initiates Lifestyle Medicine Education in their programs.

“Thank you ATI-7 for involving Remnant Institute and PCLM in your projects. We hope the rest of the regions will follow and appreciate not only value-adding for agricultural products and services but

most importantly the evidence-based health education for both consumers and the producers” said Dr. Mechelle Acero-Palma, President, PCLM.

Presenting the award were Dr. Mechelle Acero-Palma, President of PCLM assisted by Dr. Arleen Joy Vallejo, Dr. Johann Kim Manez and Dr. Monaliza Xavier, all diplomate of International Board of

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# 4 consultations held in the region

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

**C**ENTRAL VISAYAS – With its unique location, the Agricultural Training Institute in this region conducted a series of consultations to its four (4) island provinces, Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental and Cebu with the main objective of generating commitment among stakeholders for the efficient delivery of agricultural extension services dubbed as Provincial Consultation and Feed backing of ATI-7 Training and Extension Programs for CY 2020

The four consultations kicked-off at Hotel Essencia in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental last January 22, 2020, with 45 participants composed of partners from the academe, line agencies, local government units, cooperatives, private individuals and farmers.

The one-day activity presented the institute's 2019 accomplishments as well as the planned training and other Agriculture, Fishery and Extension (AFE) activities intended for each province and generated recommendations among them.

Spearheading the consultation is ATI-7 Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio and duly supported by Training Center Superintendent I, Dr. Gracia F. Arado and Planning Officer, Ms. Merigine C. Otara while Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Ms. Lhea Glory Mae B. Araña was the project officer.

Succeeding consultations were held at the Bellview Kuzzina Bar in Siquijor last January 21, 2020, with 28 participants; while on January 27, 2020, was at Golden Valley Hotel in Pelaez Street, Cebu City, Cebu with 56 participants attending. The last leg was held at the Kew Hotel in Tagbilaran City last January 28, 2020, with 56 participants.

Among the impressions generated by the four consultations include the following written in verbatim: *“In behalf sa Department of Agriculture, Salamat kaayo sa opportunity nga naka attend ani*



*Agricultural Extension Workers of Bohol listened attentively to the inputs shared during the Provincial Consultation and Feedbacking of ATI-7 Training and Extension Programs for CY 2020 held at the Kew Hotel, Tagbilaran City last January 28, 2020*

*nga activity and then sa mga stakeholders, salamat TESDA, salamat CDA, salamat DAR, salamat NIA, kinsa pay kulang? PCA salamat ang atong mga academe nga importante kaayo na, nagkagulang na gyod mi so we need new breed so kaning mga batan.on ok pa ang gasunod namo, DAR, thank you very much, ang atong provincial, PVO and the PA and also atoa nga LGU, CDA, salamat pod kaayo.*

*Ako rang impressions, na change na pod atoang just like si Secretary Dar naa siyay paradigm shift so sauna mao tog gistorya ganina ni Maam Grace nga concentration ang atong first secretary kadtong niagi is farmers karon is AEWS na kuno so gasige ra jod tag usob ani so wa jud miy mahimo sa national kung unsay naa didto mao jud among sundon so kadtong sa TESDA, eye opener, mam thank you very much nga ingon ana ang among murag among padulngan especially pod atong mga farmers nga naa diri, sir Jotham, si Jessie salamat kaayo kay murag kamo maoy amoa nga murag mirror ug unsay technology nga natudlo namo , tanang agency naa ninyo, thank you very much sa inyohang tabang.*

*Sana ma multiply and then sa ATI, thank you very much sa opportunity , thank you pod sa support kay without the training and sa support magkalisod gyod ang Department of Agriculture.*

*Di na nako tas.on kay murag kaulion na. Thank you very much.” –Bernard Limbagal/DA PATCO-Negros Oriental-*

*“Nalipay ko kay possibility ani kay cost sharing. First time nako naka attend nga napugos pod ko didto sa oceanview.*

*Pa apila intawn ko kay ganahan ko dugay na nakong nawala sa agriculture murag nawani na pod ko sa agricultures.*

*Ganahan ko nga mo back to track na pod ko kay tungod sa atong edad diba? Naa pod tay panginabuhian puhon puhon, mag agriculture man gihapon ta ani so happy ko nga gihatagan kog opportunity nga wa pod nagmakuli ang ATI nga maka attend ko in behalf ni sir Romly pero maam bisan pa ug naa si sir Romly, please invite me kay ganahan gyod ko kaayo nga*

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# ISS distributes IECs, conducts farm-business advisory during Ubi Fest

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



ATI-7 personnel manned the booth and showed-off a variety of IEC and corporate materials to be distributed for free during the 20th UBI Festival held at B-APC Grounds, Dao District, Tagbilaran City last January 28-31, 2020

**T**AGBILARAN CITY – The yearly celebration of the UBI Festival in Bohol recognizes the ubi growers who painstakingly labored to make the industry alive, thus, contributing a big pie to make the activity successful. Without them, there will be no festival to reckon with; hence, the Provincial Government of Bohol institutionalized through an approved ordinance to recognize and award the Boholano farmers who have sustained the ubi industry in the province.

Spearheading the activity was the Office of the Provincial Agriculture through Dr.

Larry Pamugas, Assistant Provincial Agriculturist.

Last January 28, 2020 was the opening of the five-day UBI Festival that marked its 20th year, bearing the theme: “Ang Kabatan-onang Bol-anon Atong Dasigon, aron ang Industriya sa Ubi Magpadayon, ug Turismo Mauswagon.” The celebration ran until January 31, 2020 at the Bohol Agricultural Promotion Center Ground, Dao District, this city.

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# ATI-7 on skeletal workforce during the calibrated community quarantine

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

**R**EGIONWIDE - For the safety and health security of the ATI-7 personnel due to the pandemic COVID-19, the office through its Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio adhered to the nationwide directives to implement a skeletal workforce effective March 30, 2020 until this challenge will be over to continue serving its clients.

The scheme will ensure that the planned activities of the region will be dealt upon and the measures of its accomplishments will be completed through evidenced-based approach since majority of the working hours of the staff shall be done at home.

Moreover, communication lines among personnel should be always open through text and personal messages in the official chatroom to effectively cascade updates and actions will be taken immediately on matters that need crucial decisions.



TCSI, Dr. Gracia F. Arado at work in the comfort of her home during the skeletal workforce arrangement implemented by ATI-7 due to COVID-19



*The gender-equally participated Training of Trainers for Local Farmers' Technicians on Updates of PalayCheck System and Rice Production last February 3-7, 2020 at ATI-7 Training Complex, Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City. Photo shows, the participants during their fieldwork*

## Local Farmer Technicians undergo TOT on Palaycheck

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

**T**AGBILARAN CITY – A five-day Training of Trainers for Local Farmers' Technicians on Updates of Palaycheck System and Rice Production Technology was conducted last February 3-7, 2020 at ATI-7 Training Complex, Cabawan District, this city with 29 LFT's in the region participating.

Engineer Jonathan Sumagang, Rice Focal Person of ATI-7 was the project officer of the activity with Technical Staff, Arnel Navarro and Myca Andrea Jumarito as support staff.

The objective of the training is to enhance the capabilities of the LFTs on rice production technologies and they are expected to perform the Transformational Leadership.

Likewise, explained the situation of rice industry in the Philippines; applied the principles and concepts of updated PalayCheck System; demonstrated the use of Information Communication Tools (ICT) tools like MOET app, Rice Crop Mangaer (RCM), Binhing Palay, E-damuhan, AgriDOC app and Pinoy Rice

Knowledge Bank (RKB) and discussed data collection and economic analysis (Yield Determination) in the field.

The Trainers during the activity were the following: Professor Josefina T. Cimene of Holy Name University-Tagbilaran City; Mr. Roman Dabalos, Chief, Bohol-APC/PATCO-Bohol; Riste Pantillo, Technical Staff, DA-RFO 7; Dr. Marina Labonite, Retired Professor, Bohol Island State University-Bilar, Bohol Campus together with Engr. Jonathan Sumagang and Technical Staff, Arnel Navarro.

# Taking a leap, ATI-7 gears for 2020

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



Top to bottom: ATI-7 personnel attentively listened to the inputs given by Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, Center Director on the presented plans for 2020 as she encouraged everyone to do their share

**T**AGBILARAN CITY – The personnel of the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas spearheaded by its Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio conducted a two-day Target Setting for 2020 last January 2-3, 2020 at the center’s complex in Cabawan District, this city.

Since, 2020 is the last year of the second decade of the twenty-first century; the ATI-7 prepared their targets with the sound theme “Taking a Leap, Target Setting for 2020.”

The activity kicked-off with a Eucharistic mass officiated by Rev. Fr. Manuel Pantoliana, Parish Priest of Corella, Bohol where he highlighted on his homily that new year marks another beginning and ATI-7 is starting it right by thanking the Maker for another opportunity to continue serving their clients and he prayed that all the personnel will be well.

Planning Officer, Merigine Otará presented the 2020 Work and Financial Plan, Target Setting and Review of assignments for Project Officers.

Meanwhile, Training Center Superintendent I, Dr. Gracia Arado retooled the staff on the rating of the Individual Performance Commitment and Review (IPCR) for the 2nd Semester of 2019 and reminded everyone to include the targets on their 2020 First Semester IPCR.

Monitoring and Evaluation Officer Designate, Lhea Glory Mae Araña on the other hand presented the center’s 2019 Accomplishments with a positive output and hoped that 2020 will be more productive and that implementation of all the programs and services offered by the institute will be smooth.

## Newly-certified LS inks MOA with ATI-7

by LYDIA B. BORBANO



**T**AGBILARAN CITY - Four (4) newly-certified Learning Sites in the region inks Memorandum of Agreement with ATI-7 through its Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio last March 13, 2020 at the Partnership and Accreditation Services Section (PASS) Office, this city. Present during the signing were: PASS Chief, Lydia B. Borbano and PASS Staff, Engr. Rizaldy Mercadal.

The four newly-certified learning sites that adds to the growing number of farms assisted by ATI in Central Visayas were: the Ubay Stock Farm represented by Joaquin P. Polestico; Dagon sa Hoyohoy Farm in Dagohoy, Bohol with Marilou Meneses; Oikos Peace and Wellness Garden in Bilar, Bohol with Retired BISU Professor Jose Traveró and Jolits Garden in Batuan, Bohol with Jomer Balag.

*“Through my father’s (Froilan, Sr.) legacy who has been a farmer-leader for quite some time in our community and my experience as a two-time participant of the FSTP (Farmer Scientist Training Program), I was encouraged to accept the request of Sir Hercules B. Reyes, Agricultural Extension Worker, specifically a Rice Technician of the Local Government Unit-Ubay, Bohol to attend the seven-day Visayas Zonal Training Course on Upland Rice-based Farming System “Palayamanan” organized and spearheaded by the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas last July 15-21, 2013. Said training enlightened and inspired me to accept the responsibility of becoming a Local Farmer Technician (LFT) in the service to the upland rice farming communities of Ubay, Bohol. Joining the circle of LFTs of D.A. Region 7 allowed me to hone my knowledge and skills and widen my experience and orientation in upland farming due to some series of training activities conducted by ATI-7 which I continuously attended and participated.”*



## two-time LFT regional awardee A PALAYAMANAN INSPIRED STORY OF FROILAN BERSANO, JR.

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD





**F**roilan Verula Bersano, Jr., 35 years old of Purok 6, Villa Teresita, Ubay, Bohol is a promising rice farmer and an Agriculture graduate and practitioner for around 15 years and a recipient of a 2.5 hectare land as a beneficiary of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR).

Aside from rice, said farm was planted with corn, banana, coconut, mango, cassava, sweet potato, peanuts and other various lowland vegetables.

He is also a recipient of several agricultural programs such as poultry and livestock, mushroom culture, native chicken, small ruminants and inland fisheries.

Even with the meager resource, ATI tried to continuously supervise and support the farm production needs of Froi, (as he is fondly called) in developing his upland rice palayamanan area into a more diversified farming system.

Passion for farming

Farming for Froilan is his passion because he loves the craft and he is very proud to say that farmers are the backbone

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of the country. Besides, he wanted to serve his countrymen through his little ways, thus, he is very enthusiastic and he believes that farming is not just tilling the land but also a business as well.

A very resourceful upland rice seed grower, he has been the source of more than a dozen of upland rice varieties in the region.

His being a Local Farmer Technician, enables him to explore and polish his best farming practices that he wanted to share with his fellow farmers.

These practices include soil conditioning by putting 150-200 sacks of chicken dung right after the second plowing and leave it for at least a month before planting to give enough time to decompose.

Froilan further believe that chicken dung serves as a good neutralizer for soil acidity and provide better texture.

Thereby, these farm practices have been his method of farming aside from his mixture of indigenous matter that is 1/3 chicken dung and 2/3 rice hull.

As LFT, Froilan is amazed with how many farm ideas and techniques he learned from his fellow LFTs along the way because of their diverse experiences.

He was awarded for two-consecutive years from 2015 and 2016 as an Outstanding LFT for Region 7.

Thankful to partners

Froilan is thankful for all the support given to him by the Local Government Unit of Ubay, Bohol wherein through them; the door is open for him to



L-R: Hercules Reyes, AEW/Rice Technician of LGU-Ubay, Bohol; Froilan Bersano, Jr., with ATI-6 Center Director, Dr. Eden Bautista, Ma. Erma Lucero (former Rice Coordinator of ATI-7) and Maan Ramos of ATI-6 during the Palayamaran Activity held at Banga, Aklan

become active in the farming industry in the community and the region in general. Besides, LGU-Ubay through their Agricultural Extension Workers never ceased to provide technical assistance whenever he needed them in his farm.

Likewise, he is so much grateful to ATI in Central Visayas for the

opportunity accorded to him even at the start of his journey towards LFT because they are very supportive particularly in providing the budget for his farm inputs.

Certainly, Froilan is very confident to say whenever asked what is his occupation by saying that he is a devoted and proud level-up farmer.

# ATI-7 celebrates 33rd Anniversary

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO



*The well-attended ATI 33rd Anniversary held at The Grand Pavillion, Panda Tea Garden and Suites, Dao District, Tagbilaran City last January 30, 2020*

**T**agbilaran City – On its 33 years of Extending Excellent Extension Services Beyond Boundaries, more than 100 participants coming from the different National Government Agencies, Local Government Units and the private sectors in the region, participated the Agricultural Training Institute's 33rd Anniversary held at the Grand Pavillion, Panda Tea, this city on January 30, 2020.

The one-day event aims to give recognition and gratitude to ATI-7's development partners and stakeholders. Highlights of the event was ATIng Parangal which includes the awarding of the Digital Farmers Program (DFP 101) - a partnership project of ATI and Smart Communications, Inc. were Magsasakang Syentista (MS) Celencio and Esmeraldo Maligsa, Jr. of Corella, Bohol whose entry titled "Kaagapay" won 3rd price for the Video Making Contest, an output from the DFP 101 held in Bohol last October 2019. Ms. Lalaine Husain, cluster head of SMART Regional

Customer Development for the Visayas handed the award assisted by Des Gocotano, Smart Public Affairs of Cebu Office together with Board Member Aldner Damalerio who graced the anniversary, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 Center Director and Project Officer, Dr. Merrian Piquero Soliva.

Meanwhile, a plaque of appreciation was also given to ATI-7's development partners from the different national agencies, municipal agriculture offices, learning site operators, academe and private individuals, for their unwavering support extended to ATI-7 leading to the successful implementation of its programs and projects.

Likewise, a loyalty award was also given to selected ATI-7 staff who served the agency for more than 30 years.

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## ISS distributes IEC materials...

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The guest speaker during the ceremony was Secretary William Dar of the Department of Agriculture who led the handover/turnover of agri-machineries, inputs, projects; and signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Province of Bohol and the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) for the establishment of the proposed Soils and Water Laboratory and the Extension Services in Bohol. Likewise, he also signed the MOA for Entrepreneurial (E-GPP) Gulayan sa Paaralan with Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Education (DepEd) and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

Since the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 through its Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May Daquio is an active partner in the promotion of the ubi industry in the province, hence, she tasked the Information Services Section (ISS) of the institute to join the activity by setting-up a booth to display various information, education and communication (IEC) materials and advocacies for free distribution among buyers and farmers who participated in the activity.

Moreso, Agriculturist Reynadez Lim-Curayag, ISS Staff provided farm business advisory among clients who dropped by the booth for those who are interested in agriculture.



Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio is among the agencies under the Department of Agriculture who welcome DA Secretary William Dar during the UBI Festival kick-off activity at B-APC Grounds, Dao District, Tagbilaran City last January 28, 2020

## 4 consultations...

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*makahalobilo sa mga kaberks nako sa agriculture ug sa PVO.*

*As to my learnings, naa rakoy gamay nga I don't know if it's good or unsa ni pero nay one comment nga dili laman nako i.mention nga nakita namo nga medyo ang mga trainings nga inyong gipanghatag maam kay di na kaayo pang agriculture, ngano mani?*

*Mao ra pod ni among opinion, hinaut unta nga inyo pod ming tagaan ug chance nga i.develop ning mga batan.on kay sila may future sa among agriculture diri sa amo sa Siquijor.*

*Sa mga participants, alinsomad sa akong mga tapad, sa akong mga kaistorya sa kaganina makahatag ni namo ug, ang akong edad imbis mo 60 na mo 58 ug balik because of you. Thank you so much for giving me the chance and I thank you." -Filomena Lomocso/Provincial Cooperative-Siquijor-*

*"I see to it that we find time to attend in this kind of forum, because somehow in other way we learn from each other. We may not be the agricultural university in the region but we promised through our commitment with ATI-7 with our assistance in terms of some Microsoft programs of ATI.*

*I think we commit through a Memorandum of Agreements with ATI to support in all the activities. It's always a learning experience for Cebu Normal University, We learned a lot, I learned a lot.*

*What is new to me now, nindot ang atong pamaagi kay we contributed ug muidentify ta sa mga unsang mga program unlike before we were given the programs and we were asked to submit a proposal but this time, klaro kaayo nga apil jud ang tanan.*

*I'm always looking forward always to ATI training because theres always something new for the Academe to learn this is what we call a Government Partnership with ATI so we will never miss invitation because we learned about 4H sa Alegria. ATI is one of those who strongly believed that CNU can be part of this continuous improvement in the way of service." -Naila Y. Beltran, Ph.D.-Director, EAIL/Cebu Normal University-*

*"We would like to thank ATI for not forgetting TESDA to be part of this activity. Perme man gud volunteer to be your partner. Good afternoon and thank you!"-Dir. Maria Isabel Consejo I. Buensuceso-Technical Education and Skills Dev't Authority/Provincial Director/Bohol*

# 12-day Inbred and Rice Mechanization TOT

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



The 30 participants composed of farmers and agricultural extension workers from Bohol who successfully completed the 12-day Training of Trainers on Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice and Seeds, and Farm Mechanization at ATI-7 Training Complex, Tagbilaran City last March 2-13, 2020 posed with CD Dr. Carolyn May Daquio

**B**OHOL – Thirty participants composed of agricultural extension workers and farmers in the province were capacitated during the 12-day Training of Trainers (TOT) on Production of High Quality-Inbred Rice and Seeds and Farm Mechanization last March 2-13, 2020 at ATI-7 Training Complex, Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City.

The successful graduates of these TOT are expected to implement the Modified Season-long Farmer Field School on the Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice Seeds in their respective areas. Moreover, they are tasked to heighten the sense of mission to help the farmers become competitive through Rice Comprehensive Enhancement Fund (RCEF); explain the concepts and principles of the PalayCheck System specifically on the production of high quality inbred rice seeds and also improve their training management skills and knowledge on basic financial management.

Spearheading the training was Engr. Jonathan Sumagang, Rice Focal Person and at the same time the project officer together with resource speakers in the person of: Professor Josefina T. Cimene of Holy Name University-Tagbilaran City; Rico Rommel Varquez, Regional Seed Coordinator, DA-RFO 7; Care Jason Parina, Staff from PhilRice Negros; Riste Pantillo, Technical Staff, DA-RFO 7; ATI-7 Technical Staff, Arnel Navarro; Dr. Marina Labonite, Retired Professor, Bohol Island State University-Bilar, Bohol Campus; Dr. Severino Salera, Jr., Instructor, BISU-Bilar Campus; Marchita Brina, Chief, BPI-NSQCS, Region 7; Rocky Tidon, Staff of PCIC; Rodelo Divinagracia, staff from PhilMech and ATI-7's Media Production Specialist II, Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay.

## ATI-7 cap Lifestyle...

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Lifestyle Medicine. Meanwhile, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, Center Director of ATI-7 accepted the award together with Dr. Gracia F. Arado, TCS-I and Merigine Otara, PO II.

In its quest to provide excellent extension services beyond boundaries, ATI-7 rolled out programs and projects that forward lifestyle medicine cause and practice the highest standards of lifestyle medicine.

In 2019 ATI-7 launched #UGyap (an acronym for Urban Green through Youth Agriculture Program, Tagbilaran City Mayor John Geesnell Yap, and Governor Arthur Yap) a program in partnership with the Provincial Government of Bohol, City Government of Tagbilaran and DepEd City Division which aims to provide sustainable and available food for everyone (SAFE) and to institutionalize culinary medicine in both elementary and secondary schools.

Likewise, a free seminar on Preparation of Healthy Juices, Urban greens processing cum culinary medicine and series of Health and Wellness training was held in the region on the same year.



The participants on field work during the 12-day intensive training of trainers on High-Quality Inbred Rice Production and Seeds, and Farm Mechanization

# CDRRMO-Tagbilaran City conducts free office disinfection

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

**T**AGBILARAN CITY - When the Province of Bohol was declared by Governor Arthur C. Yap under community quarantine last March 16, 2020 to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas which office is based in Cabawan District, this city requested the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO) to include the facility in its sanitation activity in compliance with the mandatory adoption and implementation of precautionary measures to combat the pandemic.

Last March 24, 2020, personnel from the CDRRMO disinfected the entire complex including the respective offices of ATI-7.

Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio expressed her sincerest gratitude to the administration under City Mayor John Geesnell Yap for including ATI-7 in the list of priorities.



Full-geared CDRRMO-Tagbilaran personnel during the disinfection activity at ATI-7 Complex in Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City last March 24, 2020

**Coronavirus has proved that everything around us is so temporary...**

Things our lives revolved around - work, gym, malls, movies, society have all gone for a toss as we are learning to live without them. It has taught us that in the end, it's your home and family that keeps you safe.



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Further, certificates were also awarded to the 6 ATI-7 newly-accredited learning sites in the region (Siquijor, Negros Oriental, Cebu and Bohol) and the presentation of ISO certification of the institute.

*"I am indeed certain that everyone is thankful that every partner agency was given a chance to participate in the 33rd Anniversary Celebration of Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) through its regional office in Central Visayas, seeing how blessed and fortunate the employees and staff of the ATI. With the ATI's primary thrust in Agriculture-Training and Extension, well I can proudly say that the next generation is in good hands. The event allowed me to meet fellow workers in the government and education enthusiast in which I would be able to share valuable insights and linkages. To the organizers, members and participants, congratulations!"* – **Carlito F. Quintano, Assistant Provincial Director of TESDA Bohol** said.



DFP Awardee (4th and 5th from Left) Esmeraldo Maligsa, Jr. and Celencio Maligsa on Video Kaagapay, flanked by representatives from SMART, LGU-Corella, Bohol and ATI-7



Hoyohoy Highland Stone Chapel and Adventure Park, Tangub City owner and the former Misamis Occidental Governor, Mr. Loreto Leo Ocampos during the free seminar in time with ATI's 33rd Anniversary Celebration

Another highlight of the event was a free seminar dubbed as "The Edge of Tomorrow: Organic Farming the next money wave" with former Governor of Misamis Occidental, Loreto Leo Ocampos, a practitioner and owner of Hoyohoy Highland Stone Chapel and Adventure Park, Tangub City as the speaker.

*"Mapasalamaton ko sa ATI-7 kay gisuportahan ko nila sa akong Mushroom Production. Salamat pod sa award nga akong nadawat. Sa mga trainings nga akong naattenan ug mga learnings sa kada trainings. Blessed gyud ko sa support nga gihatag sa ATI-7 diri sa akoa. Sa mga partners and agencies nga padayong nagsuporta pud sa ATI-7. Salamat ug Happy Anniversary ATI-7!"* - **Jonathan Quito, farmer-youth and Learning Site operator** said.

*"Thankful and honored to be part of the celebration. Nakita nako giunsa sa ATI pag pangga ang industry sa Agriculture base sa ilang mga program nga gipang implement. Gi awardan ninyo ang mga Learning Site. Nalipay mi kay inyong gi recognize ang role sa MAO, ug sa mga extensionist ug nalipay sa mga extension delivery services. Usa ang ATI nga muhatag ug mga energy sa mga MAO nga nagpadayon sa ilang mga trabaho kay kanunay ang ATI nagpaluyo. Na overcome namo ang budget constrains kay kanunay nagpaluyo ang ATI-7 maghatag ug assistance sa mga trainings for the betterment of the community of farmers. Nagpasalamat sa mga giveaways like IEC Materials, technoguides, kay nagahatag ug dugang kahibalo to do more on agriculture".* - **Jayrell Adanza, MA Dimiao**

*"We, at ATI-7 would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to our partners who unceasingly support our programs and services in training and extension. May we continue to journey for the years ahead"*

Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 Center Director



The Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas staff spearheaded by Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio beamed with smile as they proudly received the ISO Certificate issued by TUV-SUD

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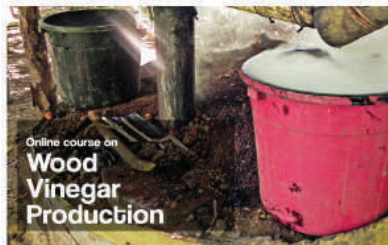
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