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JOSE TURTOGA TRAVERO, POPULARLY
KNOWN AS PROF. JOETRAVS IS THE MAN
RESPONSIBLE OF THE OIKOS GARDEN

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First face-to-face training held

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



Right: ATI-7 Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio personally handed starter kits to participants during the first face-to-face training held in the center amidst the COVID-19 pandemic

TAGBILARAN CITY – With the continuous threat of the pandemic for the past three months, the Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas conducted its first face-to-face Training on Food Production at the Household Level with Financial Literacy last July 20-21 and July 27-28, 2020 at the Training Complex in Cabawan District, this city.

The two (2) batches with 10 individuals per training was adhered by ATI-7 in order to strictly follow and abide the protocols set by the authorities, thus, hands-on activities was not included.

The participants came from the five (5) districts of Tagbilaran City, namely:

Poblacion, Tiptip, Dao, San Isidro and Cabawan respectively.

The objective of the training is to develop the participants by acquiring knowledge, attitude and skills on food production at the household level.

Their learning ranges from cultural management practices of different vegetables; management of Native chicken; venturing into household native chicken and crop production. The participants are expected to develop their home garden using the after training support or starter kits inclusive of 1 sack vermicast, 1 sack CRH, 1 sack cow manure, 7 packs of assorted seeds, 10 plastic pots, sprinkler, trowel and 30 pcs ready to transplant

assorted seedlings, 2 heads ready to lay paruakan native chicken with complete set of IEC materials and advocacy bag tag. They are also expected to apply the basic knowledge on financial literacy.

The pool of resource persons were Jessa Polo, Aida Novero and Dr. Genette Mae Egos, the Tagbilaran City Agriculture and Veterinarian Officer together with Rolando T. Alaán, practitioner and retired employee of Bohol-Agricultural Promotion Center, and Jorge F. Trinidad, ATI-7 Training Specialist II and at the same time the Project Officer who is also an urban gardener.

Assisting the training was Julie Ann G. Buhion, Technical Support Staff.

Corn Program by JEFFREY O. AWAS

Barangay-Based Training on Corn-Based Farming System held

Cited from the Farmer-Scientists R&D/E Training Program in a Corn-based Production System for Sustainable Agricultural Development by Romulo G. Davide, that Corn, also known as Maize, is the most produced and traded crop in the world. It is the main source of food in the form of milled corn or corn grits for 20 percent of Filipinos. It is second to rice as a staple crop in the Philippines. People eating milled corn are mostly in Cebu and Mindanao provinces such as Davao, Bukidnon, Misamis, Agusan, Surigao and Cotabato. In time of rice shortage or scarcity, corn is used instead of rice or in combination with it. It is more nutritious than rice and is therefore a good supplement, complement or substitute for it. Corn is also a major component of feeds for livestock and poultry industry and a source for raw materials in the manufacturing sector.

Increase of productivity has always been the primary concern of every agricultural development efforts. This manifestation encourages our government thru the Department of Agriculture to extend much efforts in designing various farming strategies to increase income of our corn farmers.

The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 conducted Barangay-Based Training on Corn-Based Farming System at Barangay San Isidro Daus, Bohol on September 15-16, 2020 with 20 farmers trained.

Each participant was given input assistance/after-training support namely; 1 bag of open pollinated variety corn seeds, 1 bag vermicast, 1 bag complete fertilizer (14-14-14), 1 bag urea, 1 kilo of mungo and peanut seeds.



Corn-farmers from Daus, Bohol during the Training on Corn-Based Farming System at Barangay San Isidro on September 15-16, 2020



The training provided each participant assistance/after-training support such as one (1) bag each of open pollinated variety corn seeds, vermicast, complete fertilizer (14-14-14), urea and 1 kilo of mungo and peanut seeds

3rd Quarter Highlights

The resource persons of the two-day training tackled the Corn-based Farming System, Corn Production Technology, Prevention and Control of Fall Armyworm (FAW) and the Mycotoxin. The pool of trainers were Mr. Leon Parac, Jr., of the Office of the Provincial Agriculture-Bohol with Ms. Anna Luz Duhaylungsod of LGU-Dauis, Bohol and Mr. Jeffrey O. Awas of ATI-7.

The activity was supported by the Local Government Unit wherein their Local Chief Executive together with the municipal agriculturist and the provincial agriculturist were present during the said training.

Due to covid-19 pandemic, the face-to-face training had followed quarantine protocols like wearing of face masks, social distancing from 1-2 meters, regular handwashing and use of alcohol during its conduct. Temperature of participants were monitored during the duration of the activity and accepted participants aging between 21-59 years old.

Financial Literacy Training



Training Specialist II, Mr. Jorge F. Trinidad is the lead resource person of the Financial Literacy Training last August 12-13, 2020 at Barangay Nagtuang Covered Court, Loon, Bohol

The Department of Agriculture (DA) crafted a financial literacy program for farmers and fisherfolks to ensure an efficient budgetary management for the industry. Thus, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) as the training arm of the department will conduct series of financial literacy trainings. Last August 12-13 this year, the ATI-RTC 7, conducted Financial Literacy Training at Barangay Nagtuang Covered Court, Loon, Bohol.

The two-day training was participated in by some twenty (20) corn farmers. The training aims to inform the farmers the importance of managing their finances well. The successful conduct is through the collaboration of LGU-MAO Loon spearheaded by their Municipal Agriculturist Ms. Jannes D. Cantones and Mr. Samuel Montealto, Corn Technician.



Corn Focal Person, Mr. Jeffrey O. Awas served as the Resource Person during the Corn-Based Farming System Training at San-Isidro, Dauis, Bohol

One-day Refresher Course for Farmer-Scientists

Farmer-Scientists Training Program (FSTP) Phase III is the last phase of the FSTP training. Before conducting Phase III, the farmer-scientist participants are required to undergo a refresher course to ensure that they are now capable to conduct the farmer-to-farmer training.

This is where the participants share the knowledge, skills and attitudes they learned from the FSTP training to other farmers as a requirement of the training course.

The conduct of the activity was realized on July 30 and 31, 2020 at the SB Session Hall, municipality of Pamplona.

Due to unprecedented local transmission of COVID-19 at the province of Negros Oriental, the two-day refresher course was divided into two batches where only ten (10) participants respectively joined each day.

The FSTP graduates served as the resource persons on the conduct of FSTP Phase III and supported by the Municipal Agriculture Office, Agricultural Extension Workers and experts from other agencies.

The on-going season long of FSTP Phase III is expected to conclude by the end of November 2020.

Rice Program

by ENGR. JONATHAN O. SUMAGANG



The 66 participants who completed the Blended TOT together with the trainers on one of their online session via zoom



Assistant Center Director, Dr. Gracia F. Arado virtually delivered her message during the Blended TOT last August 3-12, 2020 at ATI-RTC 7 Complex via zoom with 66 participants trained



Twenty rice farmer participants received 2 bags of fertilizers as starter kits during the Training on the Updated Rice Production Technology held on September 8-10, 2020 at Poblacion, Sikatuna, Bohol

The Rice Program is one of the banner programs of the Department of Agriculture which is mainly concerned in rice farming and uplifting the lives of Filipino farmers, guided by the principles of the Agri-Pinoy framework namely: food security and self-sufficiency, sustainable resource management, support services from farm to table and broad-based local partnerships.

The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-7) implemented numerous activities in the region in the third quarter of 2020 which covers from July to September.

Among the accomplishments reported by the Rice Focal Person, Development Management Officer II, Engr. Jonathan O. Sumagang are as follows: A Training Course on Inbred Rice Seed Production and Certification for Seed Growers was conducted last September 1-5, 2020 at BES Gabi, Ubay, Bohol with 16 participants, as the center is following strict health protocols due to COVID-19.

In September 8-10, 2020, Training on the Updated Rice Production Technology was held at Poblacion, Sikatuna, Bohol with 20 participants attending. Each participant received starter kits in support to COVID-19 which include one (1) bag urea and one (1) bag complete fertilizer.

Other accomplishments in the region were 8 Batches of Technical Briefings on Hybrid Rice Production. Three (3) from the province of Bohol particularly in the towns of Antequera last July 30 with 21 farmers; in Anda last August 20 with 20 farmers and in San Miguel last August 26 with 20 farmers.

While two (2) batches were conducted respectively in the provinces of Negros Oriental and Cebu. In Tayasan last July 16 and Guihulngan City of Negros Oriental last September 9 with 20 farmers briefed in each site and on August 7 in Barili and August 25 in Argao, Cebu with a total of 40 farmers from the two municipalities.

3rd Quarter Highlights



Batch 1 participants of the Refresher Training Course on Inbred Rice Seed Production and Certification for Seed Growers last July 14-16, 2020 with 20 participants at BES, Gabi, Ubay



Technical Briefing on Hybrid Rice Production, held in Anda, Bohol last August 20, 2020 with 20 farmers attending



Farm activity of the Blended TOT participants at Bayawan, Negros Oriental in coordination with ATI-7, LGU-Bayawan and TESDA Negros Oriental

Meanwhile, one (1) batch was conducted in Larena, Siquijor province last July 27, 2020 with 20 farmers.

Due to travel restrictions, the technical briefing outside Bohol were done in collaboration with the LGUs while those within Bohol, ATI-7 still collaborated with the LGUs in terms of recruitment of participants and arrangement of the training venue. However, ATI staff were physically present during the briefing.

The participants from the entire region each received 1 pack at 3 Kilograms Hybrid Rice Seeds, 1 bag Urea and 1 bag complete fertilizers.

As this developed, batch 2 of the Blended Training of Trainers on Production of High Quality Inbred Rice and Seeds and Farm Mechanization under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) was conducted last August 3-12, 2020 at ATI-RTC 7 Complex via zoom and the actual demonstration at Bayawan City, Negros Oriental with 66 participants trained. This Blended TOT is in collaboration with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Negros Oriental and LGU Bayawan City, Negros Oriental.

While in Bohol Experiment Station (BES), Gabi, Ubay, Bohol, the First Batch of the Refresher Training Course on Inbred Rice Seed Production and Certification for Seed Growers was conducted last July 14-16, 2020 with 20 participants.

Moreover, two (2) sites were certified as support to New Rice Based Learning Sites; namely: Balloca's Family Farm in Bohol and LGU Bayawan, Negros Oriental and one (1) under verification from the Partnership Accreditation Services Section (PASS) of ATI-7.

The pandemic did not deter ATI in Central Visayas' delivery of extension services to rice farmers in the region. Instead, it provided opportunity to reach them out even in the midst of these trying times.

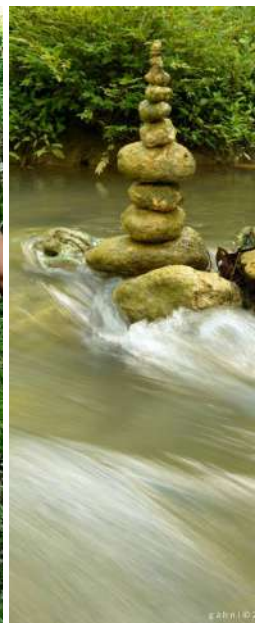


FROM WEEKEND FARM TO PROLIFIC OIKOS GARDEN:

The Prof. Jose T. Traverero's Success Story

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

"I'm a spiritual farmer. I look at all components with life. I respect the soil with all the living communities in it. I practice non-violence in farming in the area of not using destructive inputs. I do minimum tillage and do conservation farming. I am following the principles of Permaculture to care for the people and the planet," Sir Joe's words captured in verbatim when asked about what are his best farming practices.





Why Farming?

Jose Turtoga Travero, popularly known as Prof. JoeTravs is not a typical stand-alone name because, the Boholano community knows him by just plainly mentioning tags like organic farming, permaculture, sustainable agriculture, diversity and spirituality to name a few.

Indeed, he is synonymous with all these terms since Prof. JoeTravs is a concrete example of a person who practices what he preaches or shall we say: walks the talk.

So, when the question of why farming? Prof. JoeTravs simply answered with succinct pride that farming is his passion. He loves to see the farm every day observing the changes of the landscape, witnessing the plants and animals grow, and that feeling of fulfillment when he enjoys the harvest and hearing whispers of gratitude when he shared his farm produce.

Farming and Teaching

Sir JoeTravs, 61 years old, a newly-retired from government service for almost four decades at the Bohol Island State University (BISU)-Bilar Campus, as Director, owns a 6.8 hectare of land in Lagiwliw, Zamora, Bilar, Bohol which at first was only a weekend farm in 2006, and, recently became fully operational.

As an agriculturist, Prof. JoeTrav's interest in farming is a manifestation of his advocacy in organic agriculture. Also, being in the academe, he teaches young people how to do farming. He stressed that teaching whether in the classroom or in non-formal education is so effective if he does it personally. He said: "How can I convince people to adopt such technologies if I don't have the actual experience. So my farm is actually a learning farm at the start."

Being a professor, he has to stand to what he believed. He adhered to the principles of sustainable development and always promotes green technologies and espouses green education. When he was with the academe, he initiated the conversion of BISU as Green University while Oikos Garden is a member of the Asia-Pacific Center of Expertise and urged to adhere and promote the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Oikos Now and beyond

Oikos is now a recipient farm of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) project on farm tourism and just recently been accredited by the Agricultural Training



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Institute in Central Visayas (ATI-7) as a learning farm on organic agriculture.

According to Prof. JoeTravs, Oikos is also considering applying to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) as a Farm School. In that way, they can offer especially to the young generations the opportunity to develop their passion for farming through their actual experiences at Oikos. Also, through the ATI, the farm will be open to potential agriculture-related training as a way of retooling our farmers.

A farmer is not born nor made, because s/he is

According to Prof. JoeTravs, there are two types of farmers. One is, could be circumstantial while the other is intentional.

The former is a young farmer forced by the circumstance that he is in farming. The latter is a farmer who is driven by an inner passion to engage in such a vocation.

To both types of young farmer, he must say that farming requires dedication and one must practice flexibility working with nature, working with the elements needed to succeed. Farming requires patience and endurance as many factors are not within our control.

Hence, a young farmer must be creative and resourceful especially in terms of determining what technologies are appropriate in the farm that is consistent with the values to protect and care for people and nature.

Thus, Prof. JoeTravs urged young farmers to observe the values of reverence so they can all the time respect the living elements in the farming system.

Agriculture amidst the pandemic

Agriculture especially in this time of global crisis should be considered the foundation of human survival. Food is a prime necessity, hence those who are involved in the production of food whether from the land or from the sea owes our deep gratitude as not all of us have this privilege of working for food security.

Indeed, farming, needless to say, does not require big areas nor resources; rather, it should be taken into consideration that this vocation is not that easy because it entails a lot of passion and dedication.

Passion in the true essence of the word because it needs a lot of time, money, and effort while dedication to the point that there is no turning back, and Oikos Garden is a manifestation of these.



NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTION OF PROF. JOETRAYS

He is the Subject Matter Specialist (SMS) of the MILESTONE Awardee e-course on Urban Gardening, an online course offered for free by DA-ATI's e-learning program. Also to Online Course on Wood Vinegar

High Value Crop Development Program

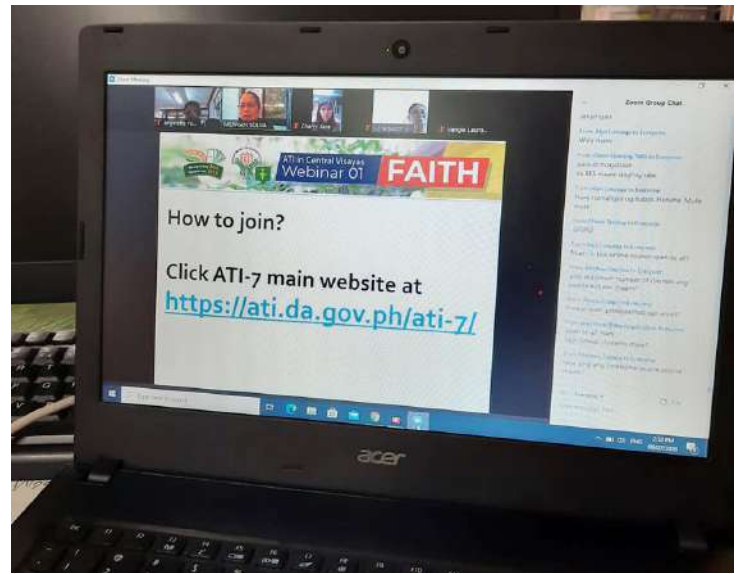
by JOEMELYN ALLIANIC-SUMAGANG

The ATI laban sa COVID 19 (*Ating Tulong Isulong sa Agrikultura laban sa COVID 19*) was conducted with the aim of providing the general public opportunity to produce their own food amid COVID 19 pandemic. This program is slated to be conducted from May to December 2020 covering the entire region and serving a total of 800 beneficiaries.

The methodologies implied is to maximize the learning process and facilitate the implementation by utilizing the following: a) Capability Building through ATI e-Learning Program and Multi-Media through Web Seminar on Food Always in the Home (FAITH) and Urban Agriculture; E-Learning Course on Urban Gardening; Radio and Social Broadcast for Home Gardening; and Online Classes via Social Media, etc.; b) Knowledge products and services by providing print materials (leaflets, brochures, flyers, etc.); c) Establishment of Urban Agriculture Gardens through community gardens in partnership with the Local Government Units (LGUs) with technical and a package of financial assistance shall be provided to qualified LGUs/ recipients; d) Provision of Starter Kits for Individual Recipients; and e) Establishment/Maintenance of ATIng Gulayan where it showcases replicable methods and techniques of Home/Urban Gardening, while maximizing the use of small areas around ATI.



Another agricultural private-public-partnership was forged during the launching of Liboron Community (Communal) Garden in barangay Liboron, Calape, Bohol on August 7, 2020 spearheaded by ATI-7 Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio (red shirt)



FAITH Webinar for YES-O Teachers and Advisers of DepEd-Division of Bohol offered by ATI-7 via FB Live in support to the Plant Plant Plant Program of DA as an extension delivery modality during the COVID-19

On the third quarter of 2020, the High Value Crop Development Program (HVCDP) of ATI-7 spearheaded by its Focal Person, Training Specialist I, Joemelyn A. Sumagang, shared their activities from July to September 2020 in the region.

Topping the list is the Webinar on FAITH for Youth for Environment in Schools Organization (Yes-O) Teacher Advisers of the Department of Education (DepEd) Bohol's Division thru FB Live last September 3-4, 2020 with 275 participants.

Moreover, the establishment of Community/Local Government Unit/School Urban Agriculture Garden through the #ProjectTANOM-Tanan Mag Tambayayong Sustainable Urban Gardening a Community Garden at Cabangalan II, Bulacao, Cebu City thru the leadership of Ms. Faye Sato, a Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Leader of Barangay Bulacao, Cebu City.

Meanwhile, in Tagbilaran City, Bohol, a Sustainable Urban Gardening was established which is a Barangay Community Garden at the Dao Demo Farm Barangay Dao, Tagbilaran City thru the BLGU-DAO with the leadership of Dao Barangay Captain Alberto R. Puangang.



The ATI in Central Visayas held two batches with 40 participants of the *Catch the Young for Agri: A Vegetable Production Training* at Poblacion West, Catigbian, Bohol last September 3-4, 2020 with ATI-7 Planning Officer at the same time the Project Officer and Resource Speaker, Ms. Merigine C. Otara. This activity is in partnership with Children's Paraiso and Municipality of Catigbian, Bohol

As this developed, the City Agriculture and Veterinary Office of Tagbilaran City established the Vegetable Demonstration Garden, an LGU-led Urban Agriculture garden.

In the province of Siquijor, the ongoing establishment of Bahay-Kubo inspired Community Gardening, an LGU-based Community Garden thru the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) – Siquijor. While in Banilad, Bacong, Negros Oriental, a School Garden through Nazario Tale Memorial Elementary School was established.

Among other accomplishments under HVCDP are the assistance on agricultural inputs to Liboron Community Garden at Barangay Liboron, Calape and Kapunongan sa Kristohanong Mag-uuma sa Sto. Rosario at Bayacabac, Maribojoc of the province of Bohol; and agricultural inputs such as vermicast and vegetable seeds plus Information, Education Communication (IEC) materials to Cabawan Elementary School and Dr. Cecilio Putong National High School in Tagbilaran City respectively, in support to Brigada Eskwela Program.

Livestock Program by VHERNEY C. CABASAG, II

The Livestock Program of ATI in Central Visayas highlighted their extension delivery activities with a Training on Free Range Chicken (Farm Family Modelling) at Abatan River, Cortes, Bohol last September 9-10, 2020 in coordination with the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian, Bohol where Dr. Meydallyn Paman as the Resource Speaker with 18 participants. The participants were given ready-to-lay chicken (10 pullets and 2 roosters) with 45 kg feed, chicken enclosure net, and azolla as planting materials.

Meanwhile, Dr. Gracia F. Arado, Training Center Superintendent I and Livestock Focal Person, Mr. Vherney C. Cabasag, II awarded the five (5) heads of ready to lay pullets and one rooster to Corella National High School through Mr. Leonor Apale, School Principal last September 25, 2020.

As this developed, ATI-7 also distributed 168 ready-to-lay native chickens to Tagbilaran City recipients particularly to Barangays Cabawan, San Isidro, Tiptip, Manga, Ubujan, Taloto and Dao during the Chicken Dispersal Turn Over Ceremony last September 28, 2020. Present during the ceremony is Tagbilaran City Mayor John Geesnell “Baba” L. Yap together with OIC-City Administrator, Ms. Catherine O. Torremocha and OIC-City Agriculture and Veterinarian Officer, Dr. Genette Mae D. Egos with ATI-7 Livestock Focal Person, Mr. Vherney C. Cabasag, II and Technical Support Staff, Mr. Jeffrey O. Awas.



Second from Left: Tagbilaran City Mayor Geesnell 'Baba' Yap during the Chicken Dispersal Turn-over held at Tagbilaran City Hall last September 28, 2020



Dr. Meydallen Paman of the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian, Bohol acted as the Resource Person during the Farm Family Modelling Training at Cortes, Bohol last September 9-10, 2020

Organic Agriculture Program by MA. GRACIA SOLIVA-PUNGAY

The Organic Agriculture Program of ATI in Central Visayas is also taking the lead in terms of conducting various activities especially in this time of the pandemic. With travel restrictions, ATI-7 delivered their extension services through partners in the four-island provinces of the region.

The activities conducted on the 3rd Quarter of 2020 includes the following:

Seminar on Organic Agriculture with Emphasis on Vegetable Production for Indigenous People on July 1-2, 2020 with 50 participants from Biabas, Guindulman; Taytay, Duero; Cantaub, Sierra Bullones, and Lundag, Pilar. While some 500 IPs also received starter kits in the form of 6 packets of seeds (ampalaya, eggplant, tomato, carrots, cabbage, and pechay), garden tools, IEC materials and advocacy bags. This activity was conducted in collaboration with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP).

The Seminar on Urban Agriculture thru Containerized Gardening was conducted on July 14-15, 2020 at the Sectoral Desk, DSWD Building, Dumaguete City with 22 participants who received starter kits which include 6 packets of seeds, garden tools (hand trowel, garden hose, garden sprayer) IEC materials and advocacy bags. It was conducted in partnership with the City Agriculture Office of Dumaguete City.

The Gender-Based Training on Mushroom Production conducted on August 11-12, 2020 at Holy Family Formation Center, Bacong, Negros Oriental was a collaborative effort of JoelTess Farm and ATI-7 with 23 participants who received 10 mushroom fruiting bags each starter kit, IEC materials and advocacy bags.

Another collaboration with MAO Office of Larena, Siquijor and OPA-Siquijor was the Food-Always-In-The-Home (FAITH): Training on Edible Landscaping held on August 18, 2020 at the TECH4ED Center, Larena, Siquijor with 22 participants who received starter kits which include 6 packets of seeds, garden tools (garden hose, hand trowel), 1 sack vermicast, IEC materials and advocacy bags.

Despite the rising cases of COVID-19 in the province of Cebu, two (2) Batches of the Seminar on Diversified Food Production thru Food-Always-In-The-Home (FAITH) was conducted in partnership with Cebu-based organization, the International Care Ministries Foundation, Inc. Batch 1 was held in Lapu-Lapu City and Cebu City with 45 participants who received starter kits which include eight (8) packets of seeds, garden tools, and IEC materials on September 28-29, 2020 while Batch 2 on September 29-October 2, 2020 in Lapu-Lapu City, Carcar, Cebu and Barili, Cebu with 60 participants.



Participants from the Indigenous Peoples (IP) of Bohol received the starter kits during the OA Vegetable Production Seminar last July 1-2, 2020



Partner from International Care Ministries Foundation, Inc. of Cebu City facilitated the 2 Batches Seminar on Diversified Food through FAITH



Distribution of fruiting bags during the Mushroom Production Training in Negros, Oriental



OA Focal Person, Training Specialist III, Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay facilitated the activity for the Indigenous People's of Bohol

RIC Summit 2020 held

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO

Tagbilaran City – The Agricultural Training Institute – VII concluded two (2) batches of the Rural Improvement Club (RIC) Provincial Summit with its theme “The Role of RIC in the Economic Upliftment of the Farm Family” on September 16 and 22, 2020 at Reyna’s Haven this city.

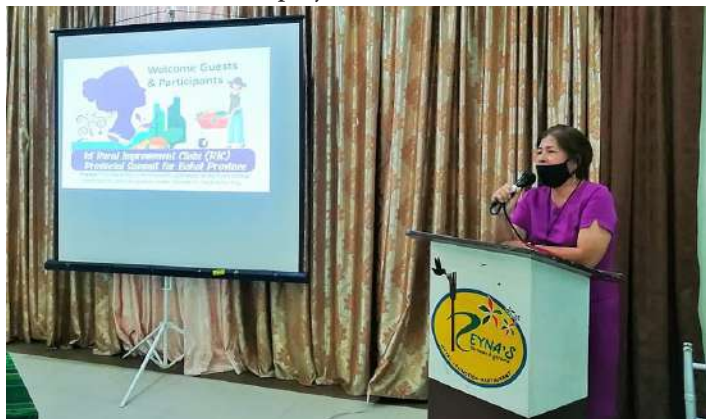
The summit aims to bring together RIC officers from each municipality to learn and share developments from the activity. It has been known that RIC acts as an extension arm of the Department of Agriculture (DA) in the implementation of Home Resource Management throughout the country. Established since the year 1934, RIC aims to promote the interest and welfare of the home managers and the families as well; promote unity, peace, love, and camaraderie among women in the community; and Implement rural development programs and projects under the DA and other government agencies.

In the province of Bohol, a total of 90 RIC’s were established with 3,312 members. As a rural-based organization composed of women, most are engaged in food processing and home trading.

Topics discussed during the event are Basic on Food Safety, How to Become a Successful Entrepreneur and the Importance of Financial Literacy. Meanwhile, Summit for other provinces in the region is scheduled next year.

A total of 37 RIC officers participated in the event.

Spearheading the activity was ATI-7 Assistant Center Director, Dr. Gracia F. Arado, the project officer



ATI-7 Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio welcomes the RIC officers during the RIC Provincial Summit held at Reyna’s Haven, Tagbilaran City last September 16 and 22, 2020



ATI-7 personnel held their Mid-Year Assessment and Planning cum Management Review at the center’s complex in Tagbilaran City last July 23-24, 2020

Midyear Assessment/ Planning cum Management Review

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

TAGBILARAN CITY – The Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas whose regional office is based in Cabawan District, this city held its two-day Midyear Assessment and Planning cum Management Review last July 23-24, 2020 at the center’s training complex.

The institute held this activity to continually assess the overall activities, target, accomplishments as well as address issues and concerns relative to the implementation and institutional operations geared towards an efficient and effective management system.

The objectives include assessing the 2020 First Semester performance and over-all quality management systems.

The outputs of the activity were the Consolidated Midyear accomplishment reports based on Approved 2020 Work and Financial Plan and Management Review Minutes with complete attachments and annexes.

Spearheading the activity was the Planning and Monitoring and Evaluation Unit Services (PMESU) with Merigine C. Otara as Project Officer and Rosmalyn I. Pusta as technical support staff.

ATI-7 enhances LS thru financial assistance

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO

The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), as the Extension Support Education and Training Services (ESETS) arm of the Department of Agriculture, is responsible for conceptualizing training and extension modalities. The Learning Site (LS) is one of ATI's innovation being institutionalized since 2011 among the whole ATI network.

In the province of Bohol, a total of 21 Learning Sites was established. Just recently, ATI-7 held a back-to-back turn-over of financial assistance to two of its Learning Site in the province, first to Green Thumb Farm, Sambog, Corella and second to Teofil's Farm, Gabi, Ubay at the ATI-7 Regional Training Center on July 8, 2020.

The financial assistance will be used for the enhancement of their Learning Site like the construction of small growing house, comfort rooms, area for learners, and housing of their livestock and poultry products.



R: ATI-7 Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquico handed-over financial assistance to Learning Site Cooperator, Rona Denque of the Green Thumb together with PASS Chief, Senior Agriculturist, Lydia B. Borbano

Learning Sites showcase improved technologies and practices of the LS Operator. Further, it serves as a venue to share to other interested individuals to learn agriculture, through actual experience by face to face and hands-on trainings. Through the LS, it is seen to inspire farmers to become agripreneurs, making business out of farming, thereby help ensure food security.

Green Thumb Farm is owned and managed by Ms. Rona Denque and Teofil's Garden by Mr. Victor Castro both received the amount of P150,000.00 and P75,000.00 respectively.

Bloggers Forum among IOs in Bohol

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO



Learning Site Cooperator, Mr. Robert Olaer briefed the IO's in their visit to his farm in San Isidro, Tagbilaran City during the Blogger's Forum

Tagbilaran City – With the idea that Blogging/Vlogging is a way to inspire, empower and educate the world amidst pandemic, the Agricultural Training Institute – VII (ATI-7) conducted two (2) batches of Bloggers' Forum to

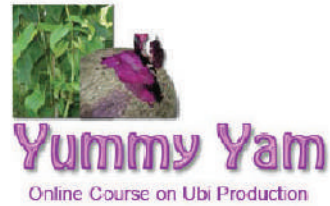
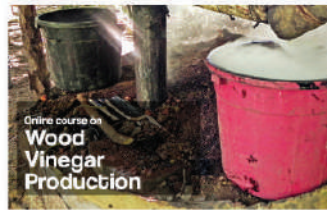
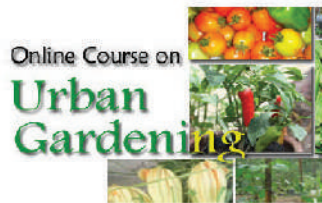
the Association of United Development Information Officers (AUDIO) Bohol on July 29 and 30, 2020 at Jolit's Eco Garden, Cambacay, Batuan, and IYAAH Eco Farm, San Isidro this city.

The activity aims to promote the extension services of ATI-7 especially the Learning Sites for agriculture modality while learning an interesting platform in communication which is Blogging and Vlogging.

Tapping her expertise on Microblogging, Ms. Jhuriz Dugaduga of Bohol Bloggers Collective talked on Blogging Government Development while the renowned founder of Travel 29, Mr. Rowell Clenuar taught participants techniques on Vlogging.

With the knowledge learned from the forum, participants are expected to come up with a Blog/Vlog. Doris Isabel J. Racho, ATI-7 Information Officer was the project officer of the activity together with her support staff Quennie Lou Vistal.

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