SEN. FERDINAND MARCOS JR. IS ISU ECHAGUE’S 2015 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES SPEAKER

A total of 1,600 students will graduate April 14 when Isabela State University Echague campus will hold its commencement exercises at the Amphitheatre in the main campus. The public event is again expected to be well attended by friends and family of graduates marching before a capacity crowd.

Senator Ferdinand Marcos Jr. will be the commencement speaker. Ferdinand “Bongbong” Romualdez Marcos, Jr. is a Senator of the 16th Congress of the Republic of the Philippines. He is presently Chairman of the Senate Committee on Local Government and the Senate Committee on Public Works as well as the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization, the Committee on Cooperatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Based on a website dedicated to him, Sen. Bongbong Marcos has been in public service for 34 years. He started at the young age of 23 when he won as Vice Governor of Ilocos Norte. After one term as Vice Governor, he ran and won for Governor in 1983. In 1992, he ran for Congress and won a seat in the Lower House, representing the Second District of Ilocos Norte.

In 1998, he made a comeback as Governor of Ilocos Norte and completed three terms. He then returned to Congress in 2007 and was elected Deputy Minority Leader.

In 2010, he ran for the Senate and won, receiving over 13 million votes. He was Chairman of the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlements during the 15th Congress.

“Bongbong”, as he is fondly called by family and friends, is the only son of the late President Ferdinand Edralin Marcos and Rep. Imelda Romualdez Marcos.

He has two sisters: Irene Marcos-Araneta and Imee R. Marcos, who is now Governor of Ilocos Norte. He is married to lawyer Louise Cacho Araneta, with whom he has three sons: Ferdinand Alexander III, Joseph Simon and William Vincent.

Sen. Bongbong Marcos was born on September 13, 1957, in Manila. ##
ISU’s top Officials visit Thailand’s Maejo University for benchmarking and innovation

In a bid to establish partnership with an ASEAN University, ISU President Dr. Aleth M. Mamauag went on a benchmark and innovation visit to Maejo University (MU) in Thailand on Nov 11-14, 2014, together with International Affairs Director Dr. Edmund Gumpal and Vice President for RDET Dr. William C. Medrano. MU which emphasizes on academic internationalization, has a main campus offering different programs as well as an agriculture and forestry campus and a fishery and aquatic resources campus. Also, MU is Thailand’s most progressive research university specializing in agri-based undertakings. While there, Dr. Mamauag and the other two officials with her were treated to a tour of MU’s successful research projects such as the Foundation of Native Thai Orchids, their Vermiculture Project and Fisheries Laboratory, among others where they picked ideas that could be applied in ISU.

As an offshoot of the trip, ISU and MU have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for joint research and exchange of lectures for faculty and staff when Dr. Chamnian Yosraj visited ISU last January.

Inspired by the MU’s sustainable Agri-Tourism Trails, the University has identified existing research centers/programs and prioritized the top performing as project components of an Agri- Eco Tourism and Technology Commercialization Program in which P7 Million has been proposed to the Board of Regents to facelift the project location.

Also, new following the notable interesting programs of Maejo University, ISU is set to introduce relevant programs on medicinal plant, genetics and climate change, among others.

Under the direct supervision of the President, the Office of External and International Affairs (OEIA) has been assisting the President in establishing strong functional linkages and networks with local, national and international institutions and agencies, private and government. It also implements education and research programs, projects and activities involving other countries and international education and research institutions.

(RSGuingab)

ISUE hosts Regional Training on Research and Extension Management

The Philippine Association of Research Managers, Inc (PHILARM), CHED-Higher Education Regional Center (CHED-HERRC), Cagayan Valley Agriculture and Resources Research and Development (CVARRD) and Isabela State University (ISU) conducted the Regional Training on Research and Extension Management last February 26. About 70 people attended the seminar which was held at the Valmayor Hall at CVARRD Complex in Echague campus. Representatives from different ISU system together with attendees from Quirino State University (QSU), Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU), Cagayan State University (CSU) and DA-BAR joined the said training.

Insights on preparing research proposals and writing for publication in refereed journals were delivered to the participants by resource persons such as Dr. Jocelyn E. Eusebio, Dr. Merian C. Mani and Dr. Cristeta Gapuz. The TTPD Director, Dr. Melvin B. Carlos, talked about the Extension Management: PCAARRD’s Pinoy S&T Services for Farmers and Entrepreneurs (PSF). Dr. William C. Medrano, discussed about linking or networking and resource generation.

(Marites Castro)

From left to right: Dr. Edmund C. Gumpal, Dr. Aleth M. Mamauag and Dr. William C. Medrano at Maejo University
THAILAND’S MAEJO UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT VISITS ISU FOR JOINT RESEARCH AND EDUCATION UNDERTAKINGS

In a historic stride towards bringing the University to ASEAN circle, ISU has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Thailand’s Maejo University (MU) during MU President Dr. Chamnian Yosraj’s visit on Feb 7, 2015 for a joint education and research program between the two universities. Dr. Yosraj, who came with two colleagues from MU - Vice President Dr. Weerapan Thongma and Tourism Lecturer Dr. Winitra Leelapattana was visibly excited over the prospect of working with the University and in his speech stressed that he hoped the move to jointly work together would indeed find fulfillment. Partnering with an ASEAN University is in adherence to the Roadmap for Public Education Reform in which one of the objectives is to upgrade leading SUCs to international standards. This move is envisioned to foster alliances and networks with Maejo University to enable exciting innovations in global education, facilitate cross-institutional learning and develop key educational and research areas in preparation to ASEAN integration.

Dr. Yosraj toured seven key projects of the University, including the Cagayan Valley Small Ruminants Center, the Automatic Weather Station, the Cacao Program, the Lidar Project and the Extension Radio Station.

Dr. Yosraj’s visit to ISU was an offshoot of Dr. Mambauag’s visit to Maejo University in December, last year in which she, along with International Affairs Director Dr. Edmundo Gumpal and Vice President for RDET Dr. William C. Medrano, was given a tour of MU’s successful research projects, some of which could be applied in ISU. (RSGUINGAB)
Dr. Romeo Garcia Seguban, accredited Professor II of the Isabela State University-Ilagan Campus was among the eight (8) individuals who received the highest and most prestigious award given to an employee who showed an “outstanding performance and accomplishment” which is the “2014 Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award” by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and 2014 Committee on Presidential Lingkod Bayan. Previous to his receiving the Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award, Seguban was a National Level semi-finalist for 2014 CSC Pag-Asa Award, receiving the award on September 29, 2014. His outstanding accomplishments in research, inventions and innovations qualified and elevated him for the category of Presidential Lingkod Bayan.

An Accredited Professor II of Isabela State University and multi-awarded researcher, Seguban has distinguished himself by showing expertise, creativity and ingenuity in inventing apparatuses and useful equipment that help farmers in the Province of Isabela increase their farm productivity. He has been devoted to helping and improving the agricultural sector in the province. Among his inventions or projects that made him known as an agricultural scientist include: “A Multipurpose Grain Pavement Collector for Postharvest”, “A Multipurpose Lifting Apparatus” Patent No. 2-2010-000336 for Postharvest”, “Waste Water Treatment Machine for Liquid Organic Fertilizer”, and “Portable Wind and Solar Powered Generating Apparatus for Irrigation System (Tubig at Ilaw mula Sa Hangin at Araw)” with Patent No. 220122000177. These inventions have benefited a number of farmers in Isabela who had experienced low farming inputs and postharvest losses. Using this equipment, the farmers have increased their labor efficiency and income.

Being a Presidential Lingkod Bayan Awardee, Dr. Seguban received gold-guilded medallion, Presidential Plaque with citation and signature of the President of the Philippines, scholarship grant, and free one year executive medical checkup in the country’s accredited hospitals and a cash prize amounting to Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 200,000.00). Moreover, he was entitled to automatic promotion to the next higher position with commensurate salary increase effective on the date of conferment of the award.

The awarding ceremony was held at the Heroes Hall in Malacañang Palace on December 15, 2014. Executive Secretary Paquito N. Ochoa, Jr. led the honor rites on behalf of President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III. Also present during the ceremony were Francisco T. Duque III, Chairman of the Philippine Civil Service Commission and the members of Awards Committee.

ISU graduate students grab major award at the Cebu Conference

Seven graduate students from the Isabela State University in Echague under the tutelage of Dr. Estrellita Pascua bagged the first award during the National Multidisciplinary Research Conference on Oct 17, 2014 held at the Marco Polo Hotel in Cebu City. Jose Felipe P. Romero, Karina-Marie G. Nicolas, Juan S. Daquioag II, Estrellita M. Pascua, Froilan Pacris, Robert M. Soliven, Freddie Labatique, all faculty from this University, presented the paper “Effect of Pelletized 40 % Moringa oleifera Leaf Feed-Base Component in Weanling Upgraded Native Goats” which was a research output of their Advanced Biochemistry class composed of doctorate students majoring in Animal Science with Dr. Pascua in the First Semester, SY 2014-2015.

The theme of the said conference was “Integrating Multidisciplinary Knowledge Exchange towards National Sustainability and Growth.”
ICRISAT invites President Mamauag, other SUC Presidents to India

To enable SUC Presidents to interact with scientists, visit successful adopters and observe and gain insights on various innovative research programs and facilities of ICRISAT, the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics based in Patancheru, Hyderabad in India invited President Aleth M. Mamauag and other SUC Presidents from the Philippines to a scientific trip on Oct. 23-28, 2014. While there, Dr. Mamauag and the other participants were immersed in villages where women are empowered by ICRISAT’s new technologies and interventions using scientific solutions to farmers’ problems. Orientation on best practices and on the management and governance of a leading international research center was provided by the Board members and Program Leaders of ICRISAT.

The ICRISAT, under one special program and the Director General William C. Dar, personally invited Dr. Mamauag to the said scientific trip, providing free roundtrip fare from Manila to India, and back. Board and lodging, transportation and allowance of five days were also provided.

The ICRISAT is a research center focused on dryland agriculture. Its focus is on five specific crops identified as suitable for the drylands and the tropics: pearl millet, sweet sorghum, chickpea, ground nut (peanuts) and pigeon pea. The Institute has specialized knowledge of the drylands covering 55 countries in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. These regions are those with very little rainfall and with degraded soils, and are vulnerable to climate change. ICRISAT is committed to innovate to help the poor in Asia and Africa fight hunger and poverty, reduce malnutrition and revitalize the environment.

As part of the action plan for ISU based from the insights gained from the trip, Dr. Mamauag said she will meet with stakeholders and Deans of Colleges of Agriculture for a university academic planning.

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ISU to offer Fisheries program

The Isabela State University is opening a new program- the Bachelor of Science in Fisheries beginning June 2015 in its main campus in Echague. This new program envisions to be a Center of Excellence (COE) in the fields of Fisheries and aquaculture in the future as well as to produce competent fisheries professionals equipped with knowledge and skills in the fields of fisheries and aquaculture, which are essential in the development and practice of advanced techniques adhering to the national goals of food security, poverty alleviation and rural livelihood development.

The Bachelor of Science in Fisheries has been offered in Isabela State University in Roxas since 2003. With a decade of existence, the BSF program was able to set an unprecedented record in the history of the campus being the first to produce a 6th placer and a high passing rate in the 2008 Fisheries Technologists Board Examination. The program incorporates various activities including training workshops, lectures and laboratories in fisheries, all handled by a competent faculty pool. To strengthen research capabilities and promote international exchange and cooperation, the Isabela State University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Taiwan Ocean University, Keelung Taiwan in 2011. (Marites Castro)
Cong. Roman Romulo Confers with ISU Top Officials, Media

Rep. Roman T. Romulo, chair of the house committee on higher and technical education, visited Isabela on February 7, 2015 for a special meeting with University officials and members of the media in the province. He also held an interview at the DWDY radio station at Cauayan City.

During the interview, he discussed the three (3) new enacted laws in 2014 which were passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on September 24, 2014 and was signed by the Pres. Benigno S. Aquino III on November 21, 2014.

The legislations included the Republic Act No. 10648 or Iskolar ng Bayan Act of 2014. This law provides that any public high school student who belongs to the top ten (10) bracket of the graduating class is entitled to scholarship grant in any SUC within the region. Secondly, the Republic Act No. 10650 or Open Distance Learning Act which provides opportunity to obtain bachelors, masters and doctorate degrees even at home or in their respective work places. Thus, without taking a leave of absence from work, candidates from these degrees may take their courses online. Lastly, the Republic Act No. 10647 or Ladderized Education Act of 2014 covers enrolment in a ladderized course in automotive servicing and welding which helps students secure work the soonest time possible. Through the ladderized program, the student can obtain mechanical engineering degree without having to repeat previously taken courses as the same is already credited. MCastro

Stakeholders Consultation Forum held at ISUE

Representatives from government agencies, local government units and media attended the Stakeholders Consultation Meeting conducted by Isabela State University on March 25, 2015 at the Alba Hall in Echague campus. The said consultation forum is in line with the government’s goal of an improved and continuing services and pursuant to the National Budget Management Memo issued on Jan 28, 2015 by the Department of Budget and Management. Mr. Exequiel Perez, the University Planning Officer presented the University history, vision and mission while Ms. Marilyn Cureg, the University Budget Officer, presented the 2014 and 2015 ISU budget allocation and the University accomplishments and plans as well as the on-going infrastructure projects in the University. After their presentation, the participants shared their feedbacks and suggestions. The said forum was conducted for the University management to be able to identify areas of concerns as well as development priorities to be able to implement quality and relevant programs and ultimately create impacts on people and communities it is mandated to serve. (RSGuingab)
Dr. Galan says EQ is more important than IQ

Dr. Ross Galan, an alumnus of the Cagayan Valley Institute of Technology (now ISUC) facilitated the seminar-workshop on emotional intelligence on December 16-18, 2014 at Cagayan Valley Center for Program in Environment Development (CCVPED), Isabela State University, Cabagan, Isabela.

Dr. Galan, a Neuro-Linguistic Programming Spiritual Life Coach, began his talk by defining emotional intelligence as the ability to channel our emotions and feelings correctly. He cited that in dealing with our emotions, we must utilize them with adequate behaviors, direct them towards desired object, influence empathy and share our achievements.

He emphasized that the more you resist change, the more it persists. He clarified, when you do something, you have to do it now. He compared this statement with the idea of commitment. For instance, when people make promises, they have to fulfill their promises by hook or by crook. “It is showing respect to individual’s time and space,” he explained.

Moreover, he said that human beings become responsible of what they choose- either they choose to be a victim or they choose to feel a victim. If people choose to become a victim, guilt and resentment come along the way. In order to resolve these emotional issues, one must understand, accept and forgive himself. That individual must learn to forgive and let go.

He further stressed on giving and receiving. “When we give, don’t expect something in return. Learn to say good things about people and don’t look at the fault in people,” he said. (Rischelle Aggabao)

Baleta repeats feat, wins major awards at NFRDI Sci Con

Dr. Francis Baleta, the University PSC coordinator, once again hogged the limelight as he won three major awards at the 6th National Fisheries Research and Development Scientific Conference (NFRDI SciCon) on October 1-2, 2014 held at Hotel Christia Resort, San Mateo, Rizal. This annual convention was attended by several sectors comprising the fisheries, aquaculture, capture fisheries, and post-harvest fisheries industry grow-out and hatchery operators, fish feed developers, support system manufacturers, students, faculty and staff researchers from different academic institutions in the Philippines.

Dr. Baleta presented three papers under the Aquaculture category during the said conference. All his papers received the First, Second, and Third Place.

The said papers were conducted by him and five others also from ISU, namely, Liberato V. Laureta Jr. Mary Jane S. Apines-Amar, Philip Ian P. Padilla, Gerald F. Quinitio and Jiann-Chu Chen. (RSGuingab)
The University has been chosen by the Civil Service Commission as a delivering institution for “Advance Supervisory Training in Government” (ASTiG) pursuant to CSC policy known as Accreditation of Training Institutions. ISU is the only Higher Education Institution in the region to be given this authority to conduct training programs that would help attain the objectives of the CSC Accreditation of Training Institutions, one for which ISU is expected to deliver is to build a training community of practice through mutual engagement, joint enterprise and sharing of best practices that would facilitate talent development and improve workforce and organizational productivity on a broader scale. ISU has been assigned the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) as its first potential client. (RSG)

An additional 15 students, representing the second batch of the PCLLA enrolled in the customized degree program spearheaded by the Isabela State University public administration faculty. Already 49 LGU employees who formed the first batch were served by this program. Their positions ranged from clerk to Mayor from local government units from all over the region. The second batch of 15 students held classes last October at CSU Tuguegarao, Cagayan. The opening program for the second batch was graced by Regional Director Odelon Pasaraba while Dr. Robinson Perez and Prof. Joan Carinugan of Isabela State University and selected faculty from Cagayan State University delivered lectures on Theory and Practice of Public Administration.

The ISU-PCLLA aims to build capacities of LGUs through Customized Master in Public Administration Program in partnership with the Philippine Councilors League-Legislative Academy (PCL-LA). It offers a very promising opportunity for the local officials and employees in the region since the program is tailored to craft students in the enterprise of running local government units. Graduates of this program are expected to be adept in the politico-administrative aspects of managing local governments.

The program is conducted every month with three-day face to face seminar-type classes, delivered by faculty experts of the University and guest lecturers. Faculty experts provide theories, while guest lecturers take charge of the practices. This is part of academic redirection and adoption of innovative approaches to keep up with the development, trends and demands in society.

In a stride to the University’s Internationalization program, Dr. Mercedes D. Masipiqueña, former director of Cagayan Valley Program on Environment and Development (CVPED) and Prof. Jouelle Taggueg from the College of Forestry and Environmental Management (CFEM), both from ISU Cabagan, visited Leiden University in The Netherlands from Sept 29 to Oct 10, 2014 to discuss the 2015 Water Course and possible linkage with the Faculty of Humanities, also of Leiden University for the hosting of their BS students in International Studies who will undertake their internship in the Philippines. Dr. Masipiquena presented the details of the water course 2015 to interested students from Leiden University while Mr. Jouel Taggueg talked about expectations for the fieldwork in Isabela. They also discussed cost-cutting measures and sharing of costs by ISU, Leiden University and Mabuwaya Foundation.

While in The Netherlands, Dr. Masipiqueña visited visited Louwes scholars managed by CVPED at CML, Leiden University. Dr. Masipiquena noted that with other activities lined up by CCVPED for the following years, it can continue to be a strong link in the international environment. (RSGuingab)
ISU conducts Reproductive Health Forum

In observance of the 2015 National Women's Month Celebration, the Isabela State University conducted a Reproductive Health forum on March 23, 2015 at Alba Hall, Administration Building. Dr. Nicolas L. Ilagan, an Obstetrician and Dean of the Nursing and Midwifery Department of ISU Ilagan served as the Resource Speaker, Dr. Ilagan is also a resident doctor of the Isabela Provincial Hospital.

Dr. Ilagan talked on the OB-Gyne issues specifically on pregnancy and child birth, gynecological infections, gynecological malignancies and sexual abuse on women. He encouraged every woman to consult at the occurrence of the earliest signs and symptoms and not to ignore them. He also said to avoid self-medication, trial and error medication, neighbor consult and neighbor pass-on medications. Dr. Ilagan stressed out that a yearly gynecological examination should be done.

After the lecture, an open forum followed wherein some of the participants asked questions on their gynecological problems which was answered by Dr. Ilagan substantially. Participants who attended the forum include the GAD focal persons and members, non-teaching staff and University officials.

VP Calpatura and Dr. Padilla join Dairy Study Mission in Thailand

Dr. Rufino B. Calpatura, the University Vice President for Administration and Finance and Dr. Nilo Padilla, an Animal Science professor from ISU Echague joined the Dairy Multiplier Farm project in ISU Echague. They joined a Study Mission on Dairy Cluster Business Models and Market Intervention in Thailand aimed at establishing a benchmark on the development of dairy village enterprise and generate business interests on different areas of dairy value chain on Aug. 25-29, 2014 along with 25 other representatives from several dairy institutions in Region 02. The participants visited the Nong Pho Ratchaburi Dairy Cooperative Ltd., the largest cooperative in Thailand whose milk production averages 170,000 liters per day with 5,000 dairy farmer-members. The cooperative produces pasteurized and U.H.T. milk, yogurt, flavored milk, powdered, etc. and supplies Thailand and its neighboring countries such as Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar.

The participants visited and observed a family-oriented farming in the Zonta Dairy Village where they learned good management practices and effective strategies which could be applied in the Cagayan Valley region. The farmers owned a plant milk processing with a capacity of 1,000 liters per day with only 4 personnel employed.

They also visited the Thai Holstein Association Farm with 1,200 heads of dairy cattle with average milk production of 30 liters per head per day and whose owner supplies milk to Nestle Thailand. Other places they visited were the Chokchhai Farm, a private dairy and tourism center. whose production is at 30,000 liters per day and the Dairy Promotion Organization (DPO) in Saraburi Province. ##

ISU links with Tennessee University

The University has set its eyes not only in the ASEAN region but to other greener shores as well. **ISU will visit Tennesse University on May 2015** for a research project with Tennessee Renewable Energy and Development Council (TREDC). This partnership is anticipated to revolve around academic, research and development of renewable energy. TREDC will visit Region 2 on July 2015.
In a desire to enhance the faculty’s research skill and capability to be able to contribute in the realization of the University’s vision to become a research university in the country and ASEAN Region, the administration of ISU-Iligan through its Research Office headed by Dr. Demetrio P. Anduyan, Jr. held a two-day Seminar Workshop on Research Publication and Refereeing on February 25-26, 2015.

With the theme “Strengthening Research Culture through Publication and Refereeing”, the activity was held at the Campus library and participated in by permanent and non-permanent faculty members.

Three able resource speakers from the University of Saint Louis-Baguio City were invited, namely Dr. Gaston P. Kibiten, Director for Research and Extension, Dr. Felina P. Espique and Dr. Jane K. Lartec both from the College of Education. All of them are experts in the field of research, experienced paper presenters at international conferences and who had a number of research works published in international refereed journals like the ISI Journal.

Using slides presentation, Dr. Kibiten discussed “global realization” on the conduct of research studies. He explained that research is now a key criterion for the world class university status. According to him, both in the World Class University (WCU) ranking system and Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), leading universities in the country like UP Diliman, Ateneo de Manila University and De La Salle University are not in the list. This is ascribed to Filipinos’ lack of skills or deficiency in conducting and publishing research works in international refereed journals. “While other countries particularly our Asian neighbors are now busy doing and publishing research works in peer reviewed journals, we are still doing research capacity-building seminars”, he said. “Over the years, the Philippines has been lagging behind in terms of research publications”, he added. Dr. Kibiten, however, explained that it is not still late for Philippine universities and colleges to catch up and the conduct of research capacity building activities is a pretty good start.

Another thing explained by Dr. Kibiten is the important role played by graduate schools in the country to teach graduate students in both master’s and doctorate programs to produce internationally publishable research papers. He emphasized that faculty in the graduate programs should be themselves knowledgeable of the format and content of materials worth publishing in international refereed journal publications.

Dr. Espique and Dr. Lartec who spoke on the second day discussed the standards and rudiments of conducting qualitative research studies. They explained that it is easier for Filipinos to have qualitative studies published in peer reviewed journals because “we have a lot of good stories to tell in the Philippines”. It is truly difficult for Filipinos to publish quantitative studies because of the very advance and sophisticated statistical methods used abroad, they clarified. It was also repeatedly underscored by the speakers that qualitative research studies are important as they also contribute in the field of research knowledge. This was to correct the notion that only scientific studies or those studies with practical significance have value.

Each lecture was followed by an open forum where the faculty could ask for clarifications as regards the topics discussed. A simple workshop also followed the discussion.

(continuation from page 5) and review to determine courses (plant/animal breeding) that may be offered in the field of agriculture. She also plans to revive seed production for ground nut, sweet sorghum and pear milled in the campuses of Echague, Cabagan, San Mariano and other campuses where suitable. Part of her plans will also be to re-establish ISU and ICRISAT linkage that was not sustained because the MOA expired in 2012. The new MOA will be prepared and expanded to include not only on research collaborations and trainings, but scholarship as well.##
President Aleth M. Mamauag and International Affairs Director Dr. Edmundo C. Gumpal presented a paper titled, “Public Administration of an Excellent Education and Research Program: The Case of CVPED in the Philippines” during the 2015 International Conference of the Asian Association for Public Administration with the theme, “Reform, Innovation and Sustainable Development: Asian Research, Theory and Applications” at the Xian Jiaotong University in China last January 9-10, this year. Also included in the said trip as co-presenter was University Director for Knowledge and Technology Management Dr. Dante M. Aquino. The said conference was jointly organized by the Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA) and Chinese Association for Science.

CV PED or the Cagayan Valley Program on Environment and Development, which is more popularly known now as CCVPED is a research center based at ISU Cabagan and was established through ISU’s international linkage with the Leiden University in The Netherlands to provide strategic and multi-disciplinary education and research program on the sustainable management of natural resources and bio-diversity in Cagayan Valley.

During the said conference, Dr. Mamauag who was on assignment from CHED Commissioner Dr. Alex Brilliantes signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the AAPA.

President PAN SUK KIM for the Philippine Society of Public Administration.

The two associations agreed to cooperate and work mutually toward the regionalization and the globalization of AAPA and PSPA. The areas of cooperation, as contained in the MOU include any programs which are offered by either association and which are considered feasible for the development and strengthening of cooperative relationships between the two such as exchange and dissemination of academic information, exchange of personnel, joint research program, joint programs and/or joint seminars and trainings.

(RSGuingab)

3rd Year BSE Student, TAYO Awardee

A third year Bachelor of Secondary Education student of ISU Echague has been given recognition at the Malacanang Palace on February 24, this year by the Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO) Awards Foundation as a National Finalist in the 12th Search for TAYO awards. Remart Dumlao received a Certificate of Recognition from Pres. Benigno Aquino as the founder of the Indigenous Youth Servant Leaders Association of the Philippines (IYSLAP), an organization that aims to help the indigenous peoples (IPs) and teach them about their rights, with the help of the National Commission of Indigenous People (NCIP). IYSLAP, which was also given a Certificate of Recognition by TAYO during the same event, empowers the IPs to take care of their community and conduct peace processing programs, peer counseling, and livelihood programs among the elders.

In an article by Grace C. Fojas that appeared in Manila Bulletin dated March 13, 2015, IYSLAP started from just three volunteers in 2009, the organization is now 358-strong, with volunteers from different areas around the Philippines. They conduct pre-assessment to recognize the need of each tribal group.
ISU system to confer academic honors to 106 deserving candidates

A total of 106 candidates for graduation from the whole ISU system will march up the stage to receive earned academic honors for SY 2014-2015 during the recognition day in the different campuses this April. Topping the list is BS Accountancy major Benigno Jose I. Bernardo from the Echague campus who garnered a Grade Weighted Average of 1.281 and will be conferred the Magna Cum Laude honor.

ISU Echague will confer the most number of academic honors as it will graduate five Magna Cum Laudes and 32 Cum Laudes. ISU Cauayan will recognize 35 candidates with Cum Laude honor; ISU Cabagan will recognize one Magna Cum Laude and 15 Cum Laudes; Roxas 12 Cum Laudes; Ilagan three Cum Laudes; Jones two Cum Laudes; and Angadanan one Cum Laude.

6,900 from ISU System to graduate in April

The Isabela State University will graduate a total of 6,900 students this April, 6,153 of which have completed academic requirements leading to varied baccalaureate degrees and certificate programs, and 152 each from the graduate level and the soon-to-be phased out secondary level.

As expected, Cauayan campus which usually gets the biggest enrolment will graduate the most number of candidates—2,141, followed by Echague campus with 1,551 candidates. The other campuses such as Cabagan will graduate 1,062; Ilagan, 548; Roxas 578; Angadanan, 320; San Mariano, 207; and Jones 229. The two extension campuses—Santiago and Palanan will graduate 62 and 51, respectively.

“Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13

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