BU, DepEd train grade 8 K to 12 teachers

While the rest of Albay and Sorsogon enjoyed fun under the sun, grade 8 teachers from the two provinces underwent K to 12 Basic Education Program training organized by the Department of Education (DepEd) Region V in Bicol University (BU).

Accepting DepEd’s request, BU hosted 2,412 trainees in English (299), Araling Panlipunan (273), Mathematics (306), Technology and Livelihood Education (465), Science (313), Filipino (273), Music and Arts, Health, Physical Education and Health (256) and Edukasyon Pagpapakatao (227).

Each of the learning areas were allotted six days for the training. Twelve trainers

The President’s O U T B O X

While summer season is considered a school break, Bicol University took it as an opportunity for productive engagements not possible during the regular semesters. This issue recounts the most salient events that we have undertaken in while many students have been enjoying their well-deserved break from the classrooms.

We are truly proud of what we have achieved in terms of private-public partnerships, mentoring of sister SUCs on ISO matters, strengthening of Alumni Relations, hosting trainings including that of the 8th grade K-12 teachers, and excelling in licensure examinations. We are indeed living up to our name as premier state university in the region, and doubtless, we are ready for internationalization.

Let us continue to uphold excellence, innovation, and good governance in everything we do!

BU, PNP V sign MAPSS MOA

The Philippine National Police Regional Office V (PNP V)’s new partnership with Bicol University proves the latter’s offering of courses responsive to the needs of the industry and the society.

On May 4, PNP V’s Police Chief Superintendent Clarence V. Guinto signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Bicol University (BU), represented by President Fay M. Lauraya.

PNP chief visits BU for Peace Forum

In a Peace forum sponsored by the graduate students taking up Doctor of Philosophy in Peace and Security Administration (PhD PASA) of Bicol University Graduate School’s (BUGS) Peace Program in Camp Crame, Police Director General Alan La Madrid Purisima discussed the latest Strategic Focus of the PNP termed as “CODE-P: 2013 and Beyond.”

The forum took place last April 12, 2013 at the College of Nursing Amphitheater in BU Main, Legazpi.

Police Director Alex Paul I. Montesaguado explained “The Case of the Broken Pillar,” expounding on the four pillars of the Criminal Justice System.

Dr. Reynaldo S. Rafał discussed the essence of the Kampong Bayan or the Heritage Park which he helped build with then Regional Director of Police Regional Office 5 (PRO 5), PCSupt (Ret.) Marcelo Navarro inside Camp General Simeon Ola a few years back.

The BU administration, represented by Dr. Amelia Dorosan, Vice President for Administration, verbalized delight of the success of the forum especially that no less than the CPNP came as the keynote speaker and that the CPNP
Bicol University launched on April 30 two new scholarship foundations: the Recepcion Foundation and the Florendo Foundation under the Bicol University Alumni Endowment Management Council on Foundations, Inc. (BUAEEMCFI). Three other previously launched grants, from the Cecilio P. Nale Scholarship, the BUAAUSAI Scholarship, and the Lastrella Family Donation, were also awarded to their beneficiaries.

Mr. Joe Recepcion and Mr. Tony Florendo, sponsors of the new scholarship grants, are alumni of Bicol University who, together with their families, formalized their intent to help students in need of financial assistance through opening scholarship grants. BU President Fay M. Lauraya officially accepted the grants in behalf of the students who will be benefiting from them and thanked all the alumni who had extended their assistance to students who are financially disadvantaged. She expressed her hope that more will be inspired to do the same.

The BUAEEMCFI and the BU Alumni Association USA Internationale (BUAAUSAI) are headed by Mr. Cecilio P. Nale and Mrs. Fe Niosco-Lastrella, respectively. Both have been instrumental in drawing more alumni back to Bicol University and partner with their alma mater in its pursuit for quality education for more Bicolano youth.

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The opening of the College of Medicine can no longer be denied as Bicol University administrators and prospective faculty continue to prepare for it in all aspects of operation.

A syllabi writing workshop was held at the Coastal View Resort, Sto. Domingo, Albay on April 17 to 19 to develop syllabi for the medicine courses to be offered.

Consultants Dr. Ruben N. Caragay and Dr. Teresa L. Yap presented the curriculum earlier crafted for the college. They were joined by Dr. Nemuel Fajutagana of UP Medicine who talked about developing course contents.

Workshops included identification of course competencies and the development of course content, outputs of which were necessarily syllabi that identified intended learning outcomes, content and sequence, teaching-learning activities, time frame, student evaluation and resources.

The BU College of Medicine is expected to be in full swing in June of 2014.

Dr. Fajutagana encourages BUCM to include indigenous medicines to be included in writing syllabi.

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from BU taught in the 28 classes.

The trainings took four weeks. English and Araling Panlipunan trainings were held first week; Math and TLE second; Science and Filipino third; and MAPEH and EP last.

Last May 15, Philippine President Benigno S. Aquino III signed Republic Act No. 10533 or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013. (Rey Anthony D. Ostria/OP)
4 SUCs benchmark at BU

Four more state universities and colleges (SUCs) visited Bicol University to learn its best practices in terms of achieving and maintaining the ISO 9001:2008 certification.

Administrative officials, faculty members and non-teaching staff from Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), Negros Oriental State University, (NorSU) Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC) and Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges (CSPC) came to the university on April 11, April 26, May 10 and May 29, respectively.

Each SUC was welcomed through a short program where the profile of Bicol University was presented, after which ISO matters were discussed, with visitors asking about specific yet varied concerns such as administrative processes, research practices, and student services. They were also given a tour around the campus, during which time some concerned personnel from the school sought a short interview with heads of offices to get more insights on specific management practices.

ISO 9001:2008 is an international quality standard in compliance with Executive Order No. 605 institutionalizing quality management systems in government. (Maisie Guidote-Meneses/OP)

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More importantly, an overwhelming feeling of triumph and glee was felt by the major sponsors, the PhD PASA students under the classes of Dr. Maria Della Rañeses-Cruz, BUGS PhD PASA Program Adviser and Dr. Reynaldo S. Rafal, BUGS Professorial Lecturer and alumnus for the success of the peace forum. The entire undertaking resonated on the theme: "Fostering Peace towards Sustainable Development". (Maria Della Rañeses-Cruz/BUGS)

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for their alma mater through the reunion, and expressed hope that they continue to support Bicol University in all ways possible.

"The BUCN Reunion in Las Vegas was the best...The events were very balanced with fun and continuing education. The lectures were very informative and inspiring...The learnings were very valuable but it is the insights about life through the small conversations that were priceless! I can truly say, I am glad I decided to come. I am very proud of the BUCN graduates and what they had become.###
Lauraya attends BUCN reunion in USA

Bicol University President Fay Lea Patria M. Lauraya, on invitation, joined the reunion of BU College of Nursing’s 2nd Biennial Grand Reunion April 13-14 at The Orleans Hotels and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

According to Jasper Tolarba, president of the alumni association, about 60 alumni attended the occasion, including guests from the Philippines, with at least 12 batches represented, starting from batch ‘76 to batch ‘96. Awards given were Outstanding BUCN Alumnus: Jessie Casida, Class 88; Most represented: Class 1989 with 12 participants; Youngest Alumnus: Dennis Padilla from Class 1996; Most children: Malou Bautista Class 78; Best College Story Shared: I forgot name from Class 89; Alumnus coming from farthest.

In her message addressed to the BUCN alumni, Dr. Lauraya thanked the participants for showing fondness.

6 PC programs undergo accreditation

Bicol University continues to pursue its vision of excellence as more of its programs are submitted for accreditation. Six more programs at the BU Polangui Campus were evaluated from April 29 to May 3 by accreditors from the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP).

Bachelor of Elementary Education, BS in Electrical Technology, BS in Mechanical Technology, BS in Entrepreneurship, BS in Nursing, and BS in Information Technology were evaluated under the AACCUP Preliminary Survey Visit. Accreditors were Dr. Marivic Sanchez (team leader) Dr. Ronato S. Ballado, and Dr. Felisa L. Sanico.

Five of the 14 programs are Level I accredited; the remaining three are new programs and are not ripe for accreditation.

The Preliminary Survey Visit signals that in six months, the programs may be submitted for Level I accreditation.

BU pres keynotes PAFTE

Speaking before more than 200 teachers and administrators, Dr. Fay M. Lauraya, Bicol University president, stressed the importance of research and the role of universities in generating and disseminating new knowledge during the Philippine Association for Teacher Education (PAFTE) National Midyear Convention held May 24 to 25 at La Piazza Hotel and Convention Center.

The convention had the theme “Innovating Today, Shaping Tomorrow through Research.”

PAFTE, according to its Region V Chair and BU professor, Dr. Benjamin D. Nehres III, is an organization of educators all over the country, which holds regular conferences as part of its aim of promoting the professional development of teachers.

This latest conference, as described in the CHED memorandum endorsing the event, had the specific purpose of improving skills in conducting action and experimental researches, and meant to update participants on the K to 12 curriculum, the proposed teacher education curriculum, and Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) concerns.

Participants from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao expressed appreciation for the topics taken up in the conference and for the opportunity to share their own researches with other teachers.

(ceo/CELINA MENeses/OP)

Bicol University congratulates the Midwifery Board Exam passers especially the four students who made it to the top 10: Benedict Serrano, 1st; Ma. Jella Turallo, 3rd; Alyssa Aileen Caabay, 6th; and Marinell Atos, 7th.