CHED Chair Licuanan administers oath of Pres Lauraya for second term; thanksgiving and rededication held

On February 9, 2011, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chairman Patricia D. Licuanan administered the Oath of Office of Bicol University President Fay Leo Patria M. Lauraya at the CHED Central Office, Manila. CHED Commissioner Neneth L. Defensor, BU Vice President for Academic Affairs Helen M. Llanes, VP for Production Jerry S. Bigornia, and BU Board Secretary Renato V. Hugco witnessed the ceremony.

Dr. Fay Leo Patria M. Lauraya was reappointed for a second term pursuant to the second sentence of Section 6 of R.A. 8292 as implemented by Section 28, Rule VII of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. 8292 which states that "Presidents of chartered SUCs appointed under this IRR shall be eligible for reappointment for another term only. In case the incumbent is eligible and qualified per standards set by the GB in accordance with RA 7722 for reappointment, no search need be conducted, at the discretion of the GB. The GB may prescribe the terms and conditions under which this discretion may be exercised such as but not limited to an evaluation of the performance of the incumbent."

Pursuant to said RA and its IRR, the BU Board of Regents created an External Committee to carry out an evaluation of the performance of BU President Lauraya, where she was rated Outstanding by all stakeholders of the University. The Board, having judiciously deliberated on the performance reports, reappointed Dr. Lauraya for a second term by virtue of Board of Regents Resolution No. 49, series 2010.

In continued support of her vision of Excellence and Innovation for the University, the BU community held a simple and fitting ceremony for the newly reappointed BU President.

Bicol team bags 4th in nat’l SCUAA: BU athletes rule

Bicol University President Fay M. Lauraya joined the Bicol Region’s contingent to the national SCUAA held in the province of Isabela on February 21 to 26, proud that almost half of the team were BU athletes. She had challenged said team to finish in the top 3. They finished 4th, one step shy of the podium.

Dr. Lauraya is truly pleased with the Bicolano athletes. “Despite inadequacies, their sterling performance amidst strong competition was truly laudable,” she declared.

BU athletes... leading the race... winning the gold.
Bicol holds conference on Mother-Tongue-Based Multilingual Education

Gamiton,” the conference included parallel sessions and workshops on early childhood care and development; the use of mother tongue for teaching reading and writing, instructional materials development for Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE); music and literature in basic education; teaching science, mathematics and social studies in the first language; mobilizing the LGUs for education reform; community-based education and alternative learning systems; and language, culture and environmental sustainability.

The activity was also graced by Hon. Magatanggo Gumamal, Jr., representative of the second district of Valencia City, and by Her Excellency Majedah Rafiqin Nessa, Bangnladesh Ambassador to the Philippines.

Rep. Gumamal discussed the importance of the MTB-MLE and how he and his peers have lobbied for it in the House of Representatives for its future implementation. Meanwhile, H.E. Ms. Nessa shared how a mother-tongue-based education was successfully implemented in her country.

Other highlights of the conference included exhibits of published and unpublished “big books” on language learning, written and illustrated by DepEd teachers, a showcase of local food and pastries, and a cultural presentation by An Banwa: Kultura boda Artikul Tabaco (ABKAT), a group of local artists.

Concluding the three-day conference, Dr. Orlenda B. Ting, OIC-Regional Director of DepEd V, said, “This is a homecoming for everyone,” referring to all Bicolanos who came from other parts of the country to associate with fellow Bicolanos and talk about their mother language and exchange ideas on how to use it to improve the quality of education in the region.

First Mondays to feature speakers during flag ceremony:
DOT Dir Ravanilla guests for Arts Month

Effective February, the first Monday of each month is to be made special through a guest speaker during the regular Flag Ceremony at the Founders’ Park in front of the BU administration building.

Department of Tourism Regional Office V Director, Maria Ong-Ravanilla started off this practice as inspirational speaker before the assembled BU General Administration and Support Services (GASS) employees on February 7.

Director Ravanilla gave a short speech revolving around the preservation of culture and traditions especially in the Bicol region, in celebration of the National Arts Month. Director Ravanilla expressed her thanks and commendation to the university on its move to open short courses in tourism, thereby giving importance to Bicol’s rich culture. She likewise appealed to everyone to join hands to keep Bicol culture and traditions alive.

BU President Fay M. Lauraya presented her with a plaque of appreciation and a token of thanks for gracing the ceremonies.

Dr. Lauraya, who gave a short speech afterwards, was happy to note the well-attended flag raising ceremony, and declared this as a good start for this new monthly activity. She challenged the next office in charge of next month’s first Monday flag ceremony to come up with a similarly successful event.

(Bernadette A. Bengtis/OP)

Bicol team bags... national sports competitions, and this standing is expected to be surpassed in the coming years. “We will do our best to make it Top 3 in the next competitions,” Dr. Lauraya said.

Athletics:

Martin Balseybe 10,000M Gold
Ryan Elumba 400M Silver
Coaches: Prof. Dante M. Miranda
Swimming
Mark Ralph B. Pujol 4x200M FR Relay Gold
Denice N. Dejano 4x50M Medley Relay Bronze
Kris H. Guino 4x200M FR Relay Gold
Jar Romuald N. Nicolas 4x100M Medley Relay Bronze
Francis Deo M. Nebrega 4x100M Medley Relay Bronze
Franklin Deo M. Nebrega 4x100M Medley Relay Bronze
Coaches: Prof. Joel Sales

Close to 5,000 athletes and officials from 109 state universities and colleges in 16 regions all over the country took part in the week-long competitions, supervised by the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PAUC) and hosted by the provincial government of Iloilo, Isabela. Out of the 204 athletes coming from the Bicol region, 86 were Bicol University students. Together with the coaches, and officials, a total of 115 delegates was sent by the university to attend the sports events. The Bicol team was officially sponsored by the AKO Bicol Party List.

Bicol University brought home 5 gold, 4 silver, and 7 bronze medals:

Badminton (Women)
Princess Loreto 1st Runner-up (Silver)
Melissa Bualat 2nd Runner-up (Bronze)
Jazzel Orosco 3rd Runner-up (Bronze)
Coach: Prof. Francisco Velasco

Chess (Men)
Elmer Jade Mariano Champion (Gold)
Junius Bahillo 2nd Runner-up (Bronze)
Katherine Oreta 2nd Runner-up (Bronze)
(with reports from Allam Araza/IPESR)
Los Banos, Dr. Rex Victor Cruz, joined the activity and saw for themselves the success of the farm technology and agronomic practices introduced by the project in the area. In the short speeches they gave during the opening program, they congratulated the local farmers for a job well done. Ligao City Mayor Linda P. Gonzales, who is actively involved in the project, likewise congratulated her constituents and thanked the CFV project implementers, especially Bicol University for having chosen their city for this endeavor. BU President Fay M. Lauraya similarly thanked everyone present, and congratulated the organizers of the activity on the success of the activity. She made the promise to continue bringing Bicol University closer to the community, inspired by the challenge of its extension arm to help build resilient communities in the province, and in the region it serves.

Demonstrations on food preservation.

Dr. Lauraya at the exhibit and sale.

Aside from the exhibit and sale of farm products, the afternoon was also spent on demonstrations by BU and BCARRD faculty and personnel on food processing and preservation to come up with products such as sardines and ginger ale powder.

This CFV “Brgy. Sagip-Saka” project of BUCAF in Ligao City is currently active in the barangays of Oma-Oma, Abella and Maono and is jointly implemented by BU and the City Government of Ligao. It is part of a national initiative coordinated by PCARRD and funded by NEDA from the KR2 funds with a Team from UPLB overseeing the implementation of the national program. Bicol University and Ligao City provide counterpart funds. (Ma. Celina G. Meneses/OP)

BUGS holds 1st academic forum; lecture on “heart-istry” makes waves

Fr. Salazar

Bicol University Graduate School will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in September of this year, and one of the activities lined-up is the holding of a series of academic fora that aims to tackle pressing issues and concerns in higher and advanced education.

The first Academic Forum was held on February 1 at the Center for Excellence in BU College of Education, where the former President of University of San Carlos in Cebu City, Rev. Fr. Roderick Salazar, SVD, was invited to speak on the topic: “Educating for Excellence and Innovation in Higher Education”.

Fr. Salazar, a Bicolano himself and brother to the late Msgr. Ralph Salazar, once Rector of the Catedral Parish of St. Gregory the Great, gave a spectacular lecture which he titled “Kything: Heart-istry in Education (A Perspective on Educating for Excellence and Innovation in Higher Education). He brought the crowd to full attention with his heart-touching yet humor-laden lecture on the topic, re-directing common views about a university into one that not only educates the mind but more so the heart. He summed up his take on the meaning and purpose of education thus: “The heart of education is the education of the heart.” He introduced the Scottish word “kything”, which he equated with connections, that is, being spiritually connected with people. He ended his lecture saying: “We know that if we kythe with one another, and develop heart-istry in education, the purpose of higher education will have been achieved, and its meaning reached.” (Madelaine A. Bongais & Ma. Celina G. Meneses/OP)

Tertulla caps Arts Month celebration

In celebration of the country’s National Arts Month, Bicol University presented Tertulla Year II: “Sa Lindong Nin Mayon” (The History of Albay in dance, music and theatre). This featured freshmen students of the Speech and Theatre Arts (STA) Department of the College of Arts and Letters (BUCAL), with special participation of STA Juniors.

“Sa Lindong Nin Mayon” is a story about the life of Albayanos, which seeks to promote local traditions and give Albayanos a sense of unity, belonging, pride, history and identity.

The Arts Month was formally opened at Bicol University with a colorful foot parade, and capped with this cultural presentation. Among other activities held in celebration of the arts were an exhibit of students’ art work at BUCAL, and a concert by the BUNGCUL singers.
BUCET results released for SY 2011-2012

Bicol University College Entrance Test (BUCET) 2011 results have been released.

Out of 11,433 takers, 3,881 have qualified for the course they applied for, while 7,552 others are qualified but are below the quota (QBQ) or number of enrollees required by the course they chose. The latter group is therefore considered as wait-listed applicants, so that should not all the qualifiers enroll for the course, they may fill the slots that have not been taken. Similarly, the QBQs have the option of choosing another course whose quota has not yet been reached, and which they might also be interested in.

According to the reports prepared by the Admissions Office, the BUCET results have left 45 courses still open, as indicated in the table below. Except for those vying for slots for BS Accountancy (which has existing policies for admittance to the course), applicants with QBQ ratings may have themselves ranked for priority in these courses, should they not be given slots in their first or second choice, as indicated in their application.

Enrollment for qualified applicants is on May 23-25, while those qualified but below quota will be entertained on May 26-27. Based on the collective quota among the colleges and units, only 5,535 freshmen will be admitted to the university this coming school year.

Topping the exams this year is Roland Francis C. Dacillo of Tabaco National High School, followed by Patrick Leo F. Rebato (Philippine Science High School), Abigail Chris T. Trayvilla (St. Agnes’ Academy), Al-Sanbad G. Bercasio (Sorsogon National High School), and Gia Coleen C. Briones (Tabaco National High School).

Complete list of qualifiers is available at the Bicol University website: www.bicol-u.edu.ph

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<td>A8 Economics, B5 Entrepreneurship, B5A Human Resource Devt Management, B5A Operations &amp; Services Management, B5B Microfinance</td>
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Congratulations to new set of USC officers:

CHAIRPERSON: Ruther Flores
INTERNAL VICE: Jayson Carmona
EXTERNAL VICE: Patricia Santios
SECRETARY: Christian Antiquera
DEPUTY SECRETARY: Neren Navea
FINANCE: Carmel Joy Llabreo
DEPUTY FINANCE: Jake Ramirez
AUDITOR: Noel Arana
BUSINESS MGR: Mark Harris Lim
P.I.O.: Jay Bahares

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Accepting the BU mace on her thanksgiving and re-dedication program, pointed president through a cerebrated thanksgiving mass and rededication to service on March 7, at the St. Gregory the Great Cathedral, Legazpi City. Fr. Eli Buenaventura Mata, the main celebrant and brother of the BU President, was joined by Fr. Jose Victor Lobrigo, Fr. Crispin Cordero, and BU chaplain, Fr. Florante Afable, in blessing Dr. Fay Lauraya, her family and the BU community on the start of this new term, which is to commence on March 9, 2011, and to end on March 8, 2015.

In her re-dedication speech, she thanked all who have been part of the success of her first term, and called on everyone to join her once again, “and continue this journey to excellence.” She ended her message with the statement that each person is molded to fulfill a role in life, and that hers is a calling to lead. She affirmed, “I now come before God to accept this task. To seek His divine guidance in everything, that all will come to pass with goals fulfilled in accordance with His will.” (Ma. Celina G. Meneses/OP)