



# College of Agriculture and Food Science

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## CAFS turns 108, marks new era

As a new era unfolds, the College of Agriculture and Food Science (CAFS) celebrated its 108<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day last March 6-10.

Early in the morning of March 6, UPLB officials, guests and alumni trooped to the Foundation Site at Brgy. Timugan, Los Baños, Laguna to commemorate the momentous day when the college was born. The gathering also manifested a show of unity among the nine units that were formed out of the restructuring of the college.

With a strong message of unity by Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr., the CAFS constituents showed support to the enhanced objectives of CAFS and UPLB, including modernization and public service. The same point was stressed by Dean Enrico P. Supangco, citing the success of CAFS' inclusion in the ASEAN University Network Quality Assessment. Dean Supangco cited the need for team work to attain the college's objectives. In the same manner, For. Leo R. Ballestin, president of the UPLB Alumni Association, expressed support for the continuous growth of CAFS while Los Baños Mayor Caesar P. Perez also promised to continuously help UPLB in terms of peace and security. Dr. Pio Javier, retired multi-awarded researcher of the National Crop Protection Center (NCPC) and guest speaker, related his challenging encounters as a researcher and gave hope to the younger researchers in doing more serious research works.

During the recognition program at the Agro-Soils-Horti lobby, outstanding employees, researchers, topnotchers in the licensure examination for agriculturists, student achievers, and 2016 retirees from different CAFS units were given certificates. Former Chancellor Ruben L. Villareal read the message of former UP Regent Nelia T. Gonzales who traditionally grants achievement awards.

The formal launching of the CAFS was held at the Institute of Plant Breeding through exhibit displays from units and institutes and witnessed by constituents, students, local and foreign visitors and dignitaries. In separate exhibits at the NCPC and the National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, their technologies, products and services were also showcased. There was also a field demonstration of the Carrageenan technology, a collaborative project of the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development and the NCPC. Representatives from the office of Sen. Cynthia A. Villar expressed interest in the technologies. Together with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, represented by Dr. Susan May F. Calumpang, the exhibits were unveiled and promoted by accomplished personalities in the fields of research, extension and public service.

During the CAFS family day, Dean Supangco reiterated his call for team work while Chancellor Sanchez also promised more infrastructures and physical facilities for different institutes and centers.

The exhibit lasted until Mar 10, wherein UP President Danilo L. Concepcion and his wife, Atty. Ma. Gabriela Roldan-Concepcion, viewed and were briefed about the numerous technologies. The couple enjoyed the wines of the Institute of Food Science and Technology, the products of the Dairy Training and Research Institute, and marveled at the other technologies.

The NCPC and the Institute of Weed Science, Entomology and Plant Pathology (formerly Crop Protection Cluster) hosted this year's celebration. (*Ruby G. dela Cruz*)

## IPB & ASI researcher and extensionist lead CAFS outstanding personnel

Dr. Desiree M. Hautea of the Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) and Guillerma Z. Valencia of the Agricultural Systems Institute (ASI) led the outstanding personnel during the Recognition Program held last March 6 at the Agro-Soils-Horti lobby as part of the celebration of the 108<sup>th</sup> CAFS Foundation Day.

Both UPLB awardees, Dr. Hautea and Valencia won as outstanding researcher and extensionist, respectively.

The other awardees were Prof. Teresita H. Borromeo (Institute of Crop Science or ICropS), teacher; Engr. Leonidas A. Caoili (IPB), administrative personnel (supervisory); Emelyn N. Belen (Dean's Office), administrative staff (office personnel); and Cleotilde A. Caldo (IPB), administrative personnel (blue collar/technician).

Likewise, the Rice Varietal Improvement Team of ICropS was cited as the UPLB and CAFS outstanding research team. Headed by Dr. Jose E. Hernandez, the team is composed of Prof. Borromeo, Dr. Pompe C. Sta. Cruz, Dr. Sancho G. Bon, Dr. Teresita U. Dalisay, Dr. Alfredo M. Sinohin, Dr. Angelina dR. Felix, Danilo J. Lalicán, Senen H. Escamos, Ernesto B. Cayaban, Jr., Ann Mylalulex A. Magnaye, Katrina M. Bauan, Ester A. Magsino, Fe D. Alzona, Melissa A. Pino, Edna A. Mercado, Juan C. Mateo, Loreto S. Caoagdan, Romeo R. Juarez, Vicente O. Natanauan, Bernadito N. Nuñez, Pablo Almeda and Andres Carandang. (*Apolinario L. Lantican, with report from Lorina M. Castillo*)

## Pampanga State Agricultural University rules National Animal Science Quiz Contest at UPLB

The Pampanga State Agricultural University copped first place in the 7<sup>th</sup> National Animal Science Quiz Contest (NASQC) held last March 10 at the Lansigan Hall, College of Forestry and Natural Resources, UPLB.

Meanwhile, the Central Philippines State University and the Central Luzon State University stood first and second runners-up, respectively.

Organized by the UP Animal Science Society (UP ASS), a recognized student organization of UPLB, the contest was participated in by 10 state universities and colleges from different parts of the country. Aside from the aforementioned universities, other participants included Abra State Institute of Science and Technology, Aklan State University, Bataan Peninsula State University, Benguet State University, Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology, Palawan State University, and University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines.

The competition was aimed to develop the knowledge and excellence of the students in different areas of animal science and the animal industry. With the theme, “*Animal Science: Making its Way to the Forefront of Millennial Agriculture by Fueling Up-growth Through Unfaltering Research and Extension*”, the activity was part of the week-long anniversary celebration of the UP ASS which also included thanksgiving mass, seminar series, techno-demo, educational tour, and exhibit held from March 7-10.

Cash prizes amounting to PhP 40,000.00, PhP 30,000.00, and PhP 20,000 plus medals, trophies and certificates were given to the first, second and third place winners, respectively.

This year’s quiz contest was sponsored by Bounty Agro Ventures Inc., Swinken, Jetbest, Universal Robina Corp., Atlas Nutrition, Philchema, DSM, UP ASS residents and alumni, IAS through its OIC director, Dr. Elpidio M. Agbisit Jr., and College of Agriculture and Food Science, UPLB through its dean, Dr. Enrico P. Supangco.

The NASQC, which started in 1996, only happens every three to four years. This edition of NASQC was conducted under the leadership of Earl Erinel C. Ison (Pinakahayop) and Donnalyn C. Magat (NASQC coordinator) (*Nenita L. de Castro, with report from Jane Margot L. Papas*)

“The discovery of agriculture was the first big step towards a civilized life.”

Arthur Keith

## FOREIGN TRAVEL\*

- ◆ **Dr. Perlita A. Nuevo** and **Emmanuel Q. Amatorio**, research assistant professor and engineer, respectively, Postharvest Horticulture Training and Research Center (PHTRC); attended the Training Course on Principles and Operation of Shimadzu Universal Testing Machine at Shimadzu Customer Support Center in Singapore; March 6-10
- ◆ **Dr. Nestor C. Altoveros**, associate professor, Institute of Crop Science (ICropS); attended the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the *Ad Hoc* open-ended working group to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System (MLS) of access and benefit-sharing of the International Treaty of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) in Rome, Italy; March 10 -20
- ◆ **Wella L. Absulio**, university researcher, PHTRC; attended the Shimadzu Technical Training Course at Shimadzu Customer Support Center in Singapore; March 12-16
- ◆ **Bernardo O. Budot**, assistant professor, Institute of Weed Science, Entomology and Plant Pathology (IWEP); visited Southern Taiwan universities for UP faculty seeking educational advancement in Kaohsiung, Taiwan; March 13-17
- ◆ **Dr. Rommel C. Sulabo**, professor, Institute of Animal Science (IAS); served as resource speaker during the Performance 2017 Conference in Bangkok, Thailand; March 14-17
- ◆ **Dr. Tonette P. Laude**, assistant professor, ICropS; attended the Shimadzu Technical Training Course on techniques, operation, basic maintenance and trouble shooting in Singapore; March 27-31
- ◆ **Dr. Rommel C. Sulabo**, professor, (IAS) served as resource speaker during the seminar on “New strategies to manage good health and economics of high performing animals” in Bangkok, Thailand; March 28-31

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