



CAFS-UPLB graduates dominate licensure exam

Ten graduates of the College of Agriculture and Food Science (CAFS), UPLB finished in the Top 10 of the 2017 licensure examination for agriculturists.

As announced by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) last May 5, the following UPLB examinees who excelled are: Allan Taniegra Si, 3rd; Ana Mikaela Buendia Maravilla, Gladys Saculles Morado and Jecel Alon Saguindan, Jr., 5th; Elson Ian Nyl Ebreo Galang, 6th; Gene Teri Gevila Casas, 7th; Nel Oliver Bautista Mateo, 8th; Jomari Badillo Delos Reyes, 9th; Kohlin Maborang Lallaban and Ken Guiller Artieda Vicente, 10th.

A total of 28 out of 29 or 96.55% of examinees from UPLB passed the examination given by the PRC in the cities of Manila, Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Legazpi, Lucena, Pagadian, Tacloban, Tuguegarao and Zamboanga.

Since the inception of the licensure examination in 2003, the CAFS-UPLB has consistently led in terms of passing rate, thereby affirming its status as the country's top agricultural school. (*Apolinario L. Lantican, with info from rappler.com; taken from ca.uplb.edu.ph*)

CAFS Publications Section releases new pamphlet on fruits and nuts

The Publications Section of the College of Agriculture and Food Science (CAFS) recently published a pamphlet titled "Guide to Planting and Care of Edible Fruits and Nuts in the Home Garden".

Authored by the late Dr. Roberto E. Coronel, this publication provides the answer to a lot of inquiries on many aspects of growing plants in the home garden. It discusses what fruit species are adopted to a given location, what fruit varieties are recommended for planting, where to procure these planting materials, and what practices from planting to harvest are recommended.

The 14-page colored pamphlet is now available for only PhP70.00 at the CAFS AgriBookstore, IH Complex, UPLB. For inquiries, please contact Tel: (63-49) 536-2379 or send e-mail at caagribookstore@uplb.edu.ph. (*AL Lantican, taken from ca.uplb.edu.ph*)

CAFS gives publications to indigenous folks

The College of Agriculture and Food Science (CAFS), through the Publications Section, recently donated a number of publications intended for indigenous folks in Mindanao.

The donation was made possible through The Rhetoricians, a duly recognized academic organization at UPLB. This group is currently holding "Pages for Ages: An SOS Book Drive" which aims to gather at least 3,500 books to be donated to Save our Schools (SOS) Network's Adopt-an-Indigenous-Peoples-School campaign.

A total of 20 different publications on crops, livestock and crop protection were handed over to the said organization last May 26 at the CAFS Agri-Bookstore, IH Complex. (*AL Lantican, with information from The Rhetoricians*)

NCPC celebrates 41st anniversary

The National Crop Protection Center (NCPC), a revitalized research center under the restructured College of Agriculture and Food Science (CAFS), conducted a week-long celebration of its 41st Foundation Day last May 15-19.

On the first day, Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr. and Dean Enrico P. Supangco led a ribbon cutting ceremony which signaled the opening of the week's events and an NCPC showcase of mature and recent technologies. A happy and nostalgic chancellor addressed the NCPC constituents and guests, expressing his ardent desire to rebuild NCPC as a prime research center. He advised younger researchers to keep the legacy of the center and level up to the best of their capacities as research and extension workers in pest management and crop protection. Dean Supangco had almost the same message, emphasizing that the younger generation should keep and flourish the works of the old researchers. Dr. Fernando F. Sanchez, Sr., NCPC founder and first director, was also present during the event.





The second day of the celebration focused on the major clients of the center, the farmers. About 50 field workers from Nagcarlan, Laguna and Sariaya, Quezon were present for a consultation with the different researchers on different topics. The five NCPC division heads discussed biodiversity, pest management, pesticide management, public service consisting of technical services on pest and disease diagnostics, and other crop protection techniques. The farmers also enjoyed viewing the NCPC exhibit.

On the third and fourth days, there were in-house sports fest, hilarious beauty contest tagged as "Mutyang NCPC", awarding of winners, and testimonial ceremony for recent retirees.

The anniversary celebration culminated with an Advisory Board Meeting presided by Chancellor Sanchez and attended by Dean Supangco; representatives from the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority, Bureau of Plant Industry, and PCAARRD's Crops Research Division; a farmer representative from Sariaya, Quezon; and NCPC division heads led by current OIC Gil L. Magsino. The meeting, where NCPC accomplishments and RDE plans were tackled, will be followed by another meeting with DA Sec. Emmanuel F. Piñol, the chairman of the board.

The NCPC, founded through Presidential Decree 936 on May 19, 1976, has been a center for excellence in research, training and extension for four decades; had six directors until 2005, and merged with the departments of Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Weed Science Division of Agronomy. After 12 years of undergoing clustering, the NCPC now stands as a revitalized research center after the UP Board of Regents approved last December 2016 the restructuring of the College of Agriculture into the CAFS. (Ruby G. dela Cruz)

FOREIGN TRAVELS*

- ◆ **Dr. Rommel C. Sulabo**, professor, Institute of Animal Science (IAS); attended and presented a paper titled "Alternative Feed Ingredient for Poultry in the Tropics" during the 21st European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition in Spain; May 3-13
- ◆ **Dr. Agapita J. Salces**, assistant professor, IAS; provided technical assistance in the final selection of dairy cattle in Melbourne, Australia; May 7-16
- ◆ **Dr. Dormita R. Del Carmen & Arlan James D. Rodeo**, university researcher, Postharvest Horticulture Training and Research Center, and assistant professor, Institute of Crop Science (ICropS), respectively; attending the international course titled "Horticulture Sector Development for Emerging Markets" at the Center for Development Innovation at Wageningen, The Netherlands; May 15-June 2

- ◆ **Dr. Desiree M. Hautea**, research professor, Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB); participated in a regulatory meeting at Mahyco Research Center in India; May 16-20
- ◆ **Dr. Mary Jean G. Bulatao**, assistant professor, Agricultural Systems Institute (ASI); participated in the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification in Karachi, Pakistan; May 16-26
- ◆ **Dr. Tonette P. Laude & Dr. Edna A. Aguilar**, assistant professor and professor, respectively, ICropS; participated in the Going Global 2017 Annual Conference and Meeting with the faculty members and officials at the University of Reading regarding partnership discussions and program harmonization for the collaborative Doctor of Philosophy by Research Program in the United Kingdom; May 21-30
- ◆ **April Shayne N. Sulabo**, assistant professor, Institute of Food Science and Technology; conducting a seminar on microbial enzymes for food application or enzymes extraction from microorganisms and trying to find potential research matching for future collaboration between UPLB and Nagoya University in Japan; May 26-June 2
- ◆ **Dr. Desiree M. Hautea**; research professor, IPB; participating in the 14th International Symposium on Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms and Integrated Pest Management and Public-Private Partnership side meetings in Mexico and attended project meeting in Cornell University, USA; May 26-June 3
- ◆ **Dr. Jose Nestor M. Garcia**, associate professor, ASI; conducting benchmark study for Agricultural Research and Development in the ASEAN Region in Laos and Vietnam; May 27-June 3
- ◆ **Dr. Rommel C. Sulabo**, professor, IAS; attending a meeting with supervisors for the PhD research of Ronilo O. De Castro in Nagoya University; May 28-June 2
- ◆ **Dr. Nestor C. Altoveros**, associate professor, (ICropS); attending the Informal Consultation on the Enhancement of the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in Prangins, Switzerland; May 27-June 2

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