



## CA conducts website content training

The College of Agriculture (CA) conducted a website training workshop last April 7 at the Interactive Laboratory Room, Villegas Hall, Animal and Dairy Sciences Cluster, UPLB.

Attended by the CA web page content managers from the five clusters, the College Secretary's Office and the CA Extension Unit, the workshop was aimed at providing the participants' additional knowledge and skills on how to create, manage, maintain and update contents of their unit's website.

In his welcome remarks, Dr. Mafeo B. Bejo, CA Extension Unit head, said that through the training, the website will be made more useful, more interactive and more user-friendly for the researchers, students and other clients.

Dean Enrico P. Supangco, in his opening remarks, emphasized that because of the ASEAN Integration, the web page will be CA's vehicle in getting potential graduate students. He added that using the web page is also one way of advertising CA to lure potential clients. Since the Dean is bent on CA's getting full blast on the web page, the content managers are expected to develop a strong web presence through regular posting of news and updates based on the Information Technology Center (ITC)'s and the Office of Public Relations' specifications. Likewise, this will assure that web-based information is archived for future needs and reference.

Topics discussed during the training included overview of the new homepage, identification of the site map and web development policies.

Lourdes M. Columbres, university researcher of the Office of the Dean, and Abril A. Moldez of the ITC served as facilitator and resource speaker, respectively. *(Imelda M. Gesmundo)*

## CA Publications Section conducts seminar-workshop on writing & photography

The CA Publications Section, in partnership with the five clusters, conducted a refresher seminar-workshop on Writing and Digital Photography last April 21-22 at the Galvez Hall, Agro-Soils-Horti Bldg., UPLB.

Aimed at enhancing the knowledge and skills of the pool of writers of the Aggie Green and Gold Newsletter, CA Monthly Newsletter and *TheAgriTourist* Magazine (all published by CA), the two-day activity was attended by correspondents and information officers from the Agricultural Systems, Crop Protection, Animal and Dairy Sciences, Food Science and Crop Science clusters.

Prof. Elaine D. Llarena of the College of Development Communication, UPLB discussed news and feature writing while Mary Aizel C. Dolom of the UP Open University gave the participants some pointers on taking good photos for CA publications using various digital cameras. Hands-on writing and photo shoot were conducted to supplement the lectures.

Dean Enrico P. Supangco, in his message, urged the participants to utilize the knowledge they would gain from the training to improve the clusters' capability in promoting the various researches/technologies through multi-media, in line with CA's thrust to improve its status in ASEAN integration. *(Apolinario L. Lantican)*

## Farmers & students visit CA

Forty farmers from Barangay San Lucas in Masingal, Ilocos Sur visited CA last March 4 as part of their Farmers Field School class activities.

They visited the Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) of the Crop Science Cluster (CSC), particularly the SNAP hydroponics project, one of the Institute's most visited displays. They bought bottles of the liquid fertilizer being used in SNAP hydroponics for them to start their own in Ilocos Region. Since the farmers are also into root crops production, they were given cuttings of Lakan I variety of cassava which is suitable for food, starch and feed. They also toured the milling area of IPB var 6, a high quality protein maize, open-pollinated, white variety with higher lysine content (0.374%) as compared to the normal corn (0.225%). Most visitors bought milled IPB var 6 called corn grits for them to cook when they go home. They were oriented about the product and equipment designed and developed by the College of Engineering and Agro-Industrial Technology, UPLB for milling the corn into grits. 

Meanwhile, 10 BS Junior Agriculture students from the Central Philippine University, Iloilo City visited CA last April 8. In a courtesy call with Dean Supangco, the students were told that agriculture is a noble profession since those that are in the industry produce food for the people. He, however, said, "We should not just stick to agriculture; rather, we should innovate, go into value-adding and focus on entrepreneurship".

To expose them to other fields which cannot be learned inside the classroom, the students were toured at CSC's *Binhing PAMANA*, an organic farm producing open-pollinated vegetable seeds for production by farmer cooperators. The farm also has demo plots and styrofoam box planted with high value vegetables using organic fertilizers such as fermented plant juices, fermented fruit juices and vermicast.

The students also visited the modern tissue culture facility of CSC where they were oriented about the facility's importance, especially in producing healthy planting materials for the clients. (*Imelda M. Gesmundo*)

## CSC joins Flower & Garden Show

The Crop Science Cluster (CSC) participated in Summer Flower and Garden Show at the Seniors' Social Garden, UPLB last April 1-10.

With "Flores de Mayo" as the theme, this 10-day event featured festive and colorful exhibits participated by the Los Baños Horticultural Society's members and several invited institutions. Landscape designs by famous landscapers in Los Baños and nearby towns were shown and awards (Most Outstanding Booth, Best Booth in Construction, Best Booth in Composition, Best Plant in the Show, and others) were given.

With the special participation of the Department of Trade and Industry-Laguna, the event became a trade show showcasing and selling handicrafts and native food products. There were also plant sales, book sales and free lectures.

The CSC exhibited and sold its current products, including flowering plants like hibiscus, musaenda, vinca and hoyia; corn grits and flour of IPB Var 6 and Lagkitan; tissue-cultured banana plantlets of 'saba', 'señorita', and 'red banana'; 'Sinta' papaya seedlings; SNAP hydroponics solution; and assorted vegetable seeds. (*Laureano B. Lanosia, Jr.*)

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## CPC launches FOOD PESTival 2016

In celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary of the Crop Protection Cluster (CPC), the Instruction Committee (in partnership with the academic organizations of the cluster) conducted the "FOOD PESTival 2016" last April 18 at the CPC lecture hall and Wing A lobby, Biological Sciences Bldg., UPLB.

This one-day gastronomic event was aimed to showcase the unity and diversity of the cluster through foods especially made by students taking up Crop Protection 2 (Pest Management) for second semester, AY 2015-2016. Also, by preparing and featuring recipes from not so common, underappreciated and so called "exotic" ingredients like insects, microbes and weed plant species, the "FOOD PESTival" served as an appreciation and awareness activity - that even the organisms called pests can be transformed into delicious and nutritious foods. (*Ruby G. dela Cruz, with report from Teresita U. Dalisay*)

### ERRATA

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'Authored by Dr. Perlita A. Nuevo, Jennelyn M. Resorez, Dr. Matilde V. Maunahan and Gloria D. Masilungan,' instead of 'Authored by Dr. Perlita A. Nuevo, Dr. Matilde V. Maunahan and Gloria D. Masilungan,'

### ANNOUNCEMENT\*

#### ADSC Training Courses:

- ◆ Forage Production and Conservation  
May 16-19; P2,500 per person
- ◆ Basic Swine Production and Management  
June 6-10; P2,500 per person
- ◆ Basic Training Course for Dairy Workers  
June 6-10, 20-24; P3,500 per person
- ◆ Swine Reproduction and Artificial Insemination;  
June 13-14; P2,000 per person
- ◆ Prevention and Control of Swine and Poultry Diseases;  
June 15-16; P2,000 per person
- ◆ Poultry Production and Management  
June 20-24; P2,500 per person
- ◆ Slaughtering and Fabrication of Farm Animals;  
June 28-30; P2,500 per person

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