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CA is now CAFS

The College of Agriculture (CA) is now officially the College of Agriculture and Food Science (CAFS).

In a momentous decision during its 1323rd meeting held last December 16, 2016, the UP Board of Regents has approved the proposal to rename the college to realign the teaching, research and development, and extension programs of the college in support to the government's thrust to modernize agriculture.

The CA will now be composed of the Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB), Postharvest Horticulture Training and Research Center (PHTRC), National Crop Protection Center (NCPC), Dairy Training and Research Institute (DTRI), Agricultural Systems Institute (ASI), Institute of Animal Science (IAS), Institute of Crop Sciences (ICS), Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST), and Institute of Weed Science, Entomology and Plant Pathology (IWEP).

Each CAFS unit will serve the major sub-sectors (horticulture, crop protection, seed, fertilizer, poultry and livestock, dairy, fresh farm produce, and food and beverage) in Philippine agribusiness. (Apolinario L. Lantican, excerpted from <http://uplb.edu.ph>)

UPLB-CA tops all aggie schools

The UPLB, through the College of Agriculture (CA), was awarded by the Professional Regulation Commission and the Professional Regulatory Board of Agriculture as the Top Performing School in Agriculture.

The UPLB-CA was cited for garnering a 96.83% passing percentage in the 2016 Agriculturists Licensure Examination held last October.

A certificate and plaque of recognition was given last December 7 at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City during the oath taking ceremony for the examination passers. Dean Enrico P. Supangco awarded the medal and certificate to the UPLB topnotchers. (Excerpted from <http://www.uplb.edu.ph>)

New horticulture facility at UPLB

A new building called Landscape Horticulture Research and Development Facility was formally launched last December 6 at the Ornamental Crops Nursery.

This open-air building, which also houses equipment in landscape horticulture, will serve as venue for instruction, research and training on crop production and management as well as edible landscaping.

No less than Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr. led the launching ceremony, together with Digna Sandoval, head of the Institutional Development Division of the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR), and other UPLB officials.

This facility is part of a project that was funded by the DA-BAR. (Excerpted from <http://uplb.edu.ph>)

IPB holds training on SNAP Hydroponics

The Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) conducted a training course on vegetable hydroponics production with emphasis on SNAP Hydroponics last December 13.

Seven participants who came from the cities of Manila, Quezon (both in Metro Manila), San Pedro and San Pablo (both in Laguna) attended. The one-day course consisted of lectures, hands-on exercises, and



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an ocular tour to the demonstration area. Lecture notes and a starter kit consisting of a nutrient solution, seedlings, growing media and styrofoam box were provided. At the end of the training, an evaluation of the course by the participants was conducted and certificates of completion were given to each of them.

This aforementioned technology was developed by Primitivo Jose A. Santos of IPB Plant Physiology Laboratory. He also served as the resource person, together with Dr. Eureka Teresa M. Ocampo, also of IPB. (*Laureano B. Lanosia, Jr.*)

ADSC holds graduate students' assembly meeting

The Animal and Dairy Sciences Cluster (ADSC) conducted the second graduate students assembly meeting last December 8 at the Animal Science Lecture Hall.

It was attended by 49 graduate students and 14 faculty members and staff. At present, the ADSC has 140 graduate students. The activity was also graced by Dr. Hans Stein, professor and guest lecturer from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, U.S.A. His field of specialization is monogastric nutrition.

The activity was aimed to promote camaraderie among the graduate students and foster good relationship between the students and their respective advisers. It also provided a venue to present updates on the graduate curriculum and other academic matters and discuss relevant issues/concerns affecting the students' welfare.

In his opening message, ADSC Director Elpidio M. Agbisit, Jr. emphasized the importance of having an association and he encouraged them to form one. The students participated actively in a game that was designed as a team building activity and in an intermission number. Aside from sumptuous lunch, the students enjoyed the giveaways and raffle items provided by generous sponsors (Nilo Nequinto of Sybex Philippines and Donna Celina Q. Bantoc, an ADSC alumnus).

The assembly meeting was spearheaded by Dr. Amado A. Angeles, assistant professor and chair, ADSC Curriculum Committee. (*Nenita L. de Castro*)

FOREIGN TRAVELS*

- ◆ **Dr. Desiree M. Hautea**, research professor, Crop Science Cluster (CSC); attended the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties (COP-MOP-8) to Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in Cancun, Mexico; December 1-11
- ◆ **Dr. Susan C. Aquino-Ong**, assistant professor, CSC; served as keynote speaker in the 5th Asian Cultural Landscapes Association (ACLA) Symposium in Lambang, Thailand; December 2-5
- ◆ **Arlan James D. Rodeo**, assistant professor, CSC; attended a short study program in sustainable crop management in the Southeast Asian Region in Dalat, Vietnam; December 3-10
- ◆ **Dr. Baby Richard R. Navarro**, associate professor, Food Science Cluster (FSC); attended the International Training on Application on Microbial Resources to Promote Bio-based Products from Agriculture Waste Biomass at Cibinong Science Center in Indonesia; December 5-8
- ◆ **Dr. Baby Richard R. Navarro**, associate professor, FSC; attended the annual/special meeting of the Flower Tea Culture Association and the Happiness Sharing Bazaar in Chung Gu, Seoul, Korea; December 9-11
- ◆ **Dr. Luis Rey I. Velasco**, professor, Crop Protection Cluster; provided technical assistance to Miyakonojo Higashi High School's current programs being offered to their students in Kitamorokata-Gun, Japan; December 12-15

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