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CAFS to celebrate 108th Foundation Day

On March 6-10, another significant celebration awaits the constituents and the general public as the newly restructured College of Agriculture and Food Science (CAFS) observes its 108th Foundation Day.

The week-long celebration kicks off on March 6 at 6:00am at the Foundation Site for a simple ceremony. After which, the UPLB officials, guests and alumni will conduct a motorcade going to the Agro-Soils-Horti (ASH) Lobby for the CAFS Recognition Program where outstanding projects, faculty, staff and students will be honored.

On March 7-9, an exhibit featuring CAFS technologies and products as well as services will be conducted at the Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB). Likewise, a pictorial account of various research and extension activities of CAFS units will be displayed. During the same week (March 7-10), there will also be exhibit, seminars, campus tour and quiz contest to be conducted by the UP Animal Science Society.

Come March 8, the CAFS Family Day at the ASH grounds will highlight the celebration. Dubbed as "A Night to Remember", the participants in cowboy attire will be treated to a Barn Dance in the evening. The program will start at 3:00pm, featuring opening remarks and message by Dean Enrico P. Supangco and Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr., respectively.

There will also be presentations by different student organizations and CAFS units, community dancing, games, videoke singing, *ihaw-ihaw* session and special awards for outstanding performers.

Finally, on March 10, the Netherlands embassy Agri-Food Lecture will be held at the DL Umali Auditorium, SEARCA, UPLB.

If plans do not miscarry, no less than Department of Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel F. Piñol will attend the exhibit at the IPB. (*Apolinario L. Lantican, with information from Lorina M. Castillo*)

Commemoration Program

March 6; 6:00-8:00am; Foundation Site

Entrance of Colors.....UPLB Corps of Cadets
Invocation.....Mr. Genaro A. Katimbang, NCPC
National Anthem.....Ms. Ruby G. dela Cruz, NCPC
Opening Remarks.....Dean Enrico P. Supangco
Welcome Remarks.....Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr.
Messages.....For. Leo R. Ballesfin, President,
UPLB Alumni Association
Hon. Caesar P. Perez, Mayor, Los Baños
Dr. Pio A. Javier, Guest Speaker
Intermission Number.....Ms. Frances Coleen M. Laserna, IWEP
Closing Remarks.....Dr. Elpidio M. Agbisit, Jr. President, CAFS
Alumni Association
CAFS Hymn & UP Naming Mahal....Ms. Ruby G. dela Cruz, NCPC
Exit of Colors.....UPLB Corps of Cadets
Master of Ceremony
Dr. Sheryl A. Yap, IWEP

Recognition Program

March 6; 9:00AM-12:00N; ASH Lobby

Invocation....Mr. Bonifacio A. Navasero, NCPC
National Anthem.....Ms. Maeden Bato, IWEP
Welcome Remarks.....Dean Enrico P. Supangco
Messages.....Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr.
Hon. Nelia T. Gonzalez, former UP Regent
Awarding of Certificates of Recognition
◆ Agriculture Licensure Examination Topnotchers
◆ Nelia T. Gonzalez Award of Excellence
Newly Retired Personnel
Presentors: Chancellor Sanchez, Hon. Gonzalez, Dean Supangco,
UPLBFI Director Casiano S. Abrigo, Jr., and Unit Heads
Intermission Number.....Ms. Karen P. Ardez, NCPC
Student Recognition (College & University Scholars)
Presentors: CAFS Secretary Maria Cynthia R. Oliveros
and Dean Supangco
Industry Partners Recognition
Presentors: Chancellor Sanchez and Dean Supangco
Closing Remarks.....Associate Dean Tonette P. Laude
CAFS Hymn.....Ms. Marie Fei Lagmay, NCPC
Masters of Ceremony
Ms. Julie Aiza L. Mandap/Mr. Don Johnson S. Neri

CAFS Family Day

March 8; 3:00-8:00pm; ASH Grounds, UPLB

“A Night to Remember”

Attire: Cowboy/Barn Dance

PROGRAM

Opening Remarks.....Dean Enrico P. Supangco

Message.....Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr.

Presentation.....Student Organizations/Different Units

Community Dancing/Games/Videoke Singing

Ihaw-Ihaw Session/Special Award

Closing Remarks....Dr. Teresita U. Dalisay, IWEF Director

CAFS Hymn and UP Naming Mahal

ASI holds seminar on creating Family Homestead

The Agricultural Systems Institute (ASI) conducted its 11th seminar series entitled “Progressing Beyond Farming: Co-Creating a Family Homestead in Hokkaido, Japan” last February 8 at the Galvez Hall, Agronomy-Soils-Horticulture building, UPLB.

Satoshi Abe, the resource person from Hokkaido Japan, shared his experiences in putting up his own farm. He is a *magna cum laude* graduate from UPLB with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Agriculture-Major in Soil Science.

Born and raised by a Filipino mother and a Japanese father, he inspiringly shared his ideas and experiences in creating his own family homestead which include: 1) creation of a space for the raising of the next generation, 2) true societal change through realization of self (inward to outward), 3) serving as a template for other people, and 4) obtaining a balance between economic realities and ideal principles. He ended his presentation with the inspiring quote, “Once we have truly touched the grace of Nature, all philosophizing will cease, and we will feel true peace”. (Maria Cecilia L. de Castro)

FOREIGN TRAVELS*

- ◆ **Dr. Edna A. Aguilar**, assistant professor, Institute of Crop Science (ICropS); participated in the workshop for the project entitled “Master in Science in Food Security and Climate Change” in Bangkok, Thailand; February 13-16
- ◆ **Dr. Enrico P. Supangco**, dean and professor, CAFS and Institute of Animal Science, and **Dr. Filma C. Calalo**, assistant professor, Agricultural Systems Institute; attended the Asian University Network (AUN) Forum on Sufficiency Economy Philosophy and finalized sites/activities for the 2017 Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities study tour in Chiang Mai, Thailand; February 20-23
- ◆ **Dr. Tonette P. Laude**, associate dean and assistant professor; CAFS and ICropS, and **Dr. Edna A. Aguilar**, professor, ICropS; attended the AUN Forum on Sufficiency Economy Philosophy in Chiang Mai, Thailand; February 20-23

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Progressive fresh produce company taps PHTRC for special training

In line with its mandate of continuing strong industry linkage and technical assistance, the Postharvest Horticulture Training and Research Center (PHTRC), CAFS concluded a special training for five staff members of Organic Options, Inc., an organic produce marketing and distribution company operating nationwide.

Two agriculturists, one production personnel, a supply chain officer and an operations head were trained on “Postharvest Handling of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: Focus on Organically Grown Produce” last February 7-9 at the PHTRC Conference Room, UPLB.

The activity, aimed at enabling the participants to know the characteristics of fresh horticultural produce, tackled the basic principles and actual application of postharvest operations and technologies, and identified the processes in maintaining quality and safety. It covered the theoretical and practical aspects of handling fresh produce after harvest, including the factors affecting postharvest behavior, harvesting, market preparation, quality and safety management, and logistics and postharvest infrastructure support. Highlight of the training was a technology demonstration on hot water treatment, modified atmosphere packaging, evaporative cooling and waxing; some of the technologies that the PHTRC has developed and could be applied in the company’s marketing operations.

The training will not only upgrade the participants’ technical skills on the proper postharvest handling of fresh fruits and vegetables; but more importantly, promote improved production and distribution among partner farmers to ensure consumers of product safety and quality. The company’s staff expressed willingness to engage in research collaboration with the PHTRC as a result of the training. (Matilde V. Maunahan, with information from Dormita R. del Carmen)

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