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## CA as Center of Excellence in Agriculture Education

Once again, the UPLB College of Agriculture (CA) was recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as Center of Excellence (COE) in Agriculture Education.

CHED Chair Patricia Licuanan, in a memorandum issued recently, identified the institutions designated as COEs in various fields of discipline.

COE status is granted to institutions which “continuously demonstrate excellent performance in the areas of instruction, research and publication, extension and linkages and institutional qualifications”.

Based on the memorandum, the UPLB has the most number of COEs. Aside from agriculture, UPLB also has COEs in forestry, veterinary medicine, biology, information technology, statistics, development communication, and environmental science.

As designated COE (valid for 3 years unless sooner revoked), CA can avail of financial assistance on a project proposal basis geared toward the development or improvement of the programs, particularly cutting edge technology in different disciplines.

The CA has been consistently recognized by CHED as COE for more than five years already. (*Apolinario L. Lantican, with information from Philippine Star*)

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

*Arthur Keith*

## New publications off the press

A new book and a laboratory manual are now on sale at the AgriBookstore, IH Complex, UPLB.

The book entitled “Improve Your Scientific English” is authored by Ofelia K. Bautista, Hosanna H. Espanto, Teresita L. Rosario and Jo Patricia R. Rubio. This handbook gives pointers on improving research articles written for publication in locally refereed and internationally accredited journals.

Meanwhile, the “Ornamental Horticulture Laboratory Manual” (authored by TL Rosario and Ryan Rodrigo Tayobong) is intended for use by major and non-major students of horticulture. The laboratory exercises generally consider the science, business and artistic aspects of ornamental horticulture. Interested buyers may contact Venecia B. Batain [Tel. (63-49) 536-2379] or visit the AgriBookstore. (*Apolinario L. Lantican*)

## NEUST official & faculty visit CA

The College of Agriculture Visitors’ Program had its opening salvo for 2016 with 12 faculty members and the director of the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (NEUST), Gabaldon Campus, Nueva Ecija as its first visitors last January 28.



With the aim of enhancing the research, extension and production capabilities of the faculty of NEUST, Retired Police Senior Superintendent Aniceto Y. Frany, director of the said school, along with the aforementioned faculty members, visited the Edible Landscaping Project of Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr. of the Crop Science Cluster (CSC). Through this technology, the visitors expressed optimism that they could replicate it in NEUST to eventually benefit their service communities.

The group also visited the Institute of Plant Breeding, CSC, where a powerpoint presentation on the researches, products and services of the Institute was conducted. Since one of their interests is on tissue culture, they were able to have a glimpse of the tissue culture laboratory activities under Prof. Lilian Pateña whose staff are into tissue culture of garlic as part of their research in coming up with a good variety of garlic, specifically for the farmers in the Ilocos Region. Many of their questions were answered by one of the staff of the said laboratory.

Their tour ended with a visit at the National Seed Foundation where they purchased vegetable seeds which they would like to try in their production projects as part of their goal of institutionalizing sustainable agriculture in NEUST's outreach communities. (*Imelda M. Gesmundo*)

## FOREIGN TRAVEL\*

- ◆ **John Carlo M. Marasigan**, Raol P. Pamilozza and Anna Pauleen L. Masanga, university researchers, respectively, Crop Science Cluster (CSC); attended the Cornell Alliance for Science Asia Leadership Course on Strategic Planning and Effective Grassroots Organizing in Hua Hin and Bangkok, Thailand; January 17-26
- ◆ **Dr. Susan May F. Calumpang**, scientist, Crop Protection Cluster (CPC); attended ASEAN-World Trade Organization Pesticide Residue Data Generation Project: Quality Assurance Training in Bangkok, Thailand; January 20-22
- ◆ **Karla Joy S. Ty**, instructor, Animal and Dairy Sciences Cluster; participated in the Study Visit on Contract Farming in Thailand; January 23-30
- ◆ **Bong M. Salazar & Johnny F. Balidion**, assistant professors, CSC and CPC, respectively; attended the World Cocoa Foundation/U.S Department of Agriculture Cocoa Borlaug Fellowship Workshop in Makassar, Indonesia; January 25-31
- ◆ **Bryan V. Apacionado**, instructor 1, CSC; took the entrance examination for the Tokyo Nodai Special Exchange Students to Graduate School of Tokyo University of Agriculture in Tokyo, Japan; January 28- February 1

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### FEEDBACK

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