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## University officials' travel in US ushers new opportunities for CMU



As part of the University's major initiatives to attain its vision and execute its mandate, it has been strengthening and interfacing its research and extension programs. One of these is to increase the number of international collaboration for a wider scope of advanced research and extension opportunities.

Recently, the University has collaborated with the California Academy of Sciences (CAS) for new opportunities on biodiversity research in three mountain ecosystems in Mindanao. Hence, six CMU Officials: Dr. Victor B. Amoroso, Dr. Emmanuel T. Baltazar, Dr. Maria Estela B. Detalla, Dr. Jose A. Escarlos, Jr., Dr. Luzviminda T. Simborio and Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven went to the United States of America to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between CMU and CAS on December 9, 2013.

The University also tapped the CMU Alumni in the United States to help CMU finance some of its research, extension and academic plans. The team also visited the Pennsylvania State University (PSU), University of California at Berkeley (UCB), and Cornell University (CU) in Ithaca, New York to see their facilities and to learn from their best practices in extension and research that can be applicable in the university.

The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) through the Expanded Human Resources Development Program funded the said travel from December 8-18, 2013. "The trip was very educational. It has provided us new insights on how to do more efficient and community-oriented extension services and researches," Dr. Simborio shared. She added that the hosts of each visited institution were willing to collaborate with the University in terms of community outreach and research.

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## Spreading Christmas through the season

Every year, the University Administration hosts a Christmas party for all the employees to celebrate and honor the best present given to all mankind. This year, the University Christmas Celebration was held on December 20, 2013 at the University Convention Center with the theme “Amidst the challenges, CMU brings love, peace, and hope to everyone.”

Dr. Anthony M. Penaso, in his welcome remarks, emphasized that amidst all the prodigious preparations and the sharing of love and peace with one another, the employees must not forget that Christmas is about gratitude of receiving the Emmanuel, who saved the whole world. Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven, through a message read by Dr. Penaso, took the opportunity to thank all the various contributions of all CMU employees. She emphasized that the success of the University is brought about by the active cooperation of all its colleges, offices and units. Dr. Soliven congratulated everyone and hoped for an ever-increasing active participation among all employees in the years to come.

The celebration was heightened with abundant food, cocktails, dancing and singing from the CMU Faculty Association, Incorporated (CMUFAl), the CMU Employees Association, Incorporated (CMUEA), and others. The CMUEA facilitated the raffle draw and gift-giving of in-kind and cash prizes to lucky employees. The fat-shaking, sweat-pumping and heart-throbbing mass dance completed the celebration which left everyone with wonderful memories to carry over through the next year. (RGP)



## CMUFAI hosts 2013 Faculty Frolics

The Central Mindanao University Faculty Association, Incorporated (CMUFAI) hosted the 2013 Faculty Frolics on December 16 at the University Convention Center. The Faculty Frolics is designed as an annual event which started two years ago. It was meant to strengthen the camaraderie between and among the faculty members, as well as, to showcase the different talents of the faculty for entertainment and relaxation.

“The first Faculty Frolics was in 2012 where the faculty members sang, danced, acted and more,” recalled CMUFAI President Engr. Roger C. Flores. “It was a good break from our daily grind,” he added.

This year’s Faculty Frolics was well-participated. The dance competition and other presentations wowed the big crowd. The College of Education garnered 1st place, followed by the Colleges of Engineering and Agriculture.

The activity was spearheaded by the CMUFAI Socio-Cultural Committee chaired by Dr. Virgencita B. Caro, with members: Mr. Michael Arie P. Medina, Dr. Hazel Marie R. Boloron, Ms. Doreen Elsie Jane L. Gersava, Ms. Ritchie Catherine S. Lood, Dr. Ma. Vivienne J. Segumpan, Dr. Ronnel V. Sudaria, and Mr. Oliver Michael C. Narreto. (ALN)

The CMU employees’ colorful and joyful Christmas celebration; (bottom right) Dr. Orongan and Prof. Gamolo of the College of Education perform excellently their dance number entitled “Si Malakas at si Maganda” during the faculty frolics.

# CCA's Department of Business Administration was 13th JPMAP Over-all Champion

The Department of Business Administration (DBA) of the College of Commerce and Accountancy (CCA) bested 30 participating universities and was the over-all champion of the 13th National Convention of the Junior People Management Association of the Philippines (JPMAP). This was held on November 23-24, 2013 at Nasugbo, Batangas and hosted by the People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP).

The convention aimed to provide college students a relevant and meaningful avenue for discussion and greater awareness of their potentials and competitiveness to become effective and successful in their chosen fields. This year's theme was "Discovering Potentials, Equipping and Preparing Future Leaders."

The University sent 63 student delegates chaperoned by Ms. Daryl Jane A. Caballero and Dr. Ronel V. Sudaria. The CMU delegation garnered the following awards: *JPMAP Got Talent Champion* (Karen Faith Bustillo, Cristie Ann Catayas, April Tesa Cahiles, Ardie Joy Calang, Regine Mecisamente, Crislyn Joy Pulmones, Marigold Uayan); *Mr. JPMAP 2013, Best in Corporate Attire and Best in National Costume* (Mr. John Rigel P. Pelayo); *Best in National Costume and Ms. JPMAP 4th Runner-up* (Ms. Kristine S. Obsid).



**CCA-DBA student delegates as over-all champion of the 13th National Convention of the Junior People Management Association of the Philippines (JPMAP).**

"We, at the CCA, are overwhelmed with the various recognitions we received," said Dr. Sudaria (Chairperson, DBA). He recalled that on September 2013, their college was also recognized as the over-all champion of the 4th Marketing Wars held at the Abreeza Mall, Davao City. (ALN)

## CMU and HCDC host 1st MESI Convention

CMU and Holy Cross of Davao College (HCDC) hosted the first Mindanao Economic Societies, Inc. (MESI) Convention on September 27-29, 2013 at My Hotel Davao City. Its theme was "Enhancing Economic Development for Mindanao: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities".

The convention's objectives were: to describe concrete areas of intervention to enhance stakeholder's economic development, to provide strategic planning and integrated programming of various peace and socio-economic development projects in Mindanao, to promote and implement key programs and projects to mobilize resources and sustain investments in Mindanao needed in addressing the island's peace and development imperatives, and to explain and analyze the severity of issues and challenges that will affect the Mindanao Economic Development.

The convention theme "is timely" according to Dr. Celso C. Tautho, MESI Faculty President and senior professor of the Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture of the university. He elaborated that although the global economy is in better shape, it remains unnoticed by the many Filipinos. Thus, there is a need for a concerted effort to ensure the country's economic development. Dr. Tautho was accompanied by colleague Mr. Oliver Michael O. Narreto with some of their major students.

The top caliber guest speakers were Dr. Sophremiano B. Antipolo (former Regional Director, NEDA-X and current Regional Director, Mindanao Center for Policy Studies) and Dr. Raul C. Alvarez, Jr. (acting Regional Director, CHED Region XI). Dr. Antipolo who worked with NEDA for 17 years encouraged the participants to be contributors to economic prosperity and to help sustain its progress.

**Rev. Monsignor Julius C. Rodulfa (President HCDC) delivers his welcome message; Dr. Sophremiano B. Antipolo receives a Plaque of Appreciation from Dr. Celso C. Tautho.**



Dr. Alvarez on the other hand, emphasized the need to improve the competitiveness on education especially in the launching of ASEAN 2015. The latter is a program facilitated in the Philippines by the Commission on Higher Education which would open the doors for competition with other ASEAN nations, like the K to 12, which he opined as “water under the bridge” with still a number of issues to be addressed.

**[Note: In line with the issues regarding the K to 12, the CMU Laboratory High School has integrated in its curricular programs the policies on K to 12. These policies were presented and approved by the BOR during its 173rd meeting held at the CHED Conference Room, Diliman Quezon City on October 17, 2013. CMU is now ready for K to 12 program implementation in 2016.]**

Dr. Alvarez explicitly explained the issue on 2014 rationalization for higher education. He clarified that by 2014, CHED will start to rationalize higher education with a series of criteria by and through Typology Based Quality Assurance, Mapping and Amalgamation\*. “It is hoped that the MESI convention will make the SUCs participants understand the CHED’s purpose for the standardization of Philippine higher education,” Dr. Alvarez explained.

Aside from CMU and HCDC, the other SUCs which participated in the convention were: Bukidnon State University, Fr. Saturnino Urious University, La Salle University, Mindanao State University, Northwestern

Mindanao State College of Science and Technology, San Isidro College, Sultan Kudarat State University, UM Tagum College, University of Mindanao, University of Southern Mindanao, and Mindanao State University, University of Southern Philippines, and Xavier University.

Representatives from the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas also attended the MESI Convention in order to shed light to the issues relevant to the development plans in Mindanao. (ALN)

**“Although the global economy is in better shape, it remains unnoticed by the many Filipinos. Thus, there is a need for a concerted effort to ensure the country’s economic development.”**

\* Amalgamation is the process of combining two or more related programs to form one program.

# CMU is recipient of AIMS Program



The evaluation was presided by VPAA Dr. Anthony M. Penaso. It was attended by the VP for UIGP and the different college deans.

**B**efore the end of December 2013, CMU had been approved as one of the two universities in Mindanao to be part of the ASEAN International Mobility for Students (AIMS) Program. On October 10, 2013, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) determined if the University could qualify to participate in the Program. Atty. Lily Freida M. Milla (CESO IV and Director III, International Affairs Service of CHED) headed the evaluation team.

The AIMS Program is a Foreign Exchange Program which allows exchange of qualified students to go to other ASEAN Countries to study for a semester. Dr. Milla emphasized that the program is not purely academic. It also includes cultural exposure trips. The students who will participate in the exchange program are expected to gain good command of a foreign language and expand their understanding of

other cultures. Dr. Milla disclosed that there were several SUCs which applied for the program but CHED only considered a few including CMU for they have met the necessary requirements for the program. VPAA Dr. Anthony M. Penaso thanked Dr. Milla for including CMU in the evaluation.

In line with CMU's application for the AIMS Program, CHED requires a certified list of existing international linkages and list of graduates with corresponding degrees to be posted in the university website. The CHED's Office of the International Relations is the key office to connect with the foreign counterparts looking into the institutions applying for the program whether or not they have the personality, knowledge and attitude to understand diverse cultures. The evaluation was held on October 10, 2013 at the President's Conference Room. (ALN)

## CMU BOR approves 2 new MS Programs: Plant Breeding and Environmental Management

**B**y virtue of Resolution Nos. 31 and 32 series of 2013, the CMU Board of Regents (BOR) had approved the offering of Master of Science in Plant Breeding (MSPB) and Master of Science in Environmental Management (MSEM) on October 17, 2013 during its 3rd quarter meeting held at the CHED Conference Room, Diliman, Quezon City.

The MSPB program was proposed by the Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding of the College of

Agriculture. This was to help address the growing need of both government institutions and private organizations for plant breeders not only in Mindanao, but in the whole country and neighboring ASEAN countries. The program specifically aims to develop researchers, scientists, or academic professionals who have deeper knowledge and more skills, are capable of developing and implementing a crop breeding program, and with better appreciation of the field of plant breeding or crop improvement.

# CE Licensure Board Exam: CMU, 92% Passing

Thirty-four of 47 or 53.97% CMU alumni passed the Civil Engineers (CE) Licensure Board Examination given by the Philippine Regulatory Commission (PRC) on November 2013.

According to Prof. Gladys G. Silabay (Chairperson, Department of Civil Engineering), the University has a consistent high passing rate through the years compared

to the national passing percentage, which this year was 48.12%.

The Licensure Examination for Civil Engineering was held at the cities of Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Legazpi, Iloilo and Manila. (ALN)

## CMU IMDB trains NORSU faculty

Four of the CMU-Instructional Materials Development Board (IMDB) members: Dr. Anthony M. Penaso (VPAA), Dr. Nenita I. Prado (Director, Office of Admissions, Scholarships and Placement or OASP), Dr. Teresita D. Taganahan (Executive Director, IMDC), and Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven (University President) trained the faculty members of the Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) on "Instructional Materials Development."

The workshop was held at the Bethel Guest House in Dumaguete City on September 18-20, 2013. The seminar-workshop aimed to provide the NORSU faculty with the opportunity to become more informed and knowledgeable on how to write scholarly, creative and scientific work; to become more adept in writing publishable materials; to determine what the strong areas that they could write about; and to come up with work plans for writing publishable materials. **continued on page 9**



**Drs. Real and Soliven sign the MOA for CMU to assist NORSU in establishing its own center for IM development.**

On the other hand, the MSEM program was proposed by the Department of Environmental Science of the College of Forestry and Environmental Science. It was a relevant step in addressing the challenge of searching for sustainable solutions to problem caused by human-environment interactions. The program specifically aims to improve and deepen the understanding of environmental science professionals about the structure and processes that sustain natural ecosystems and how these systems interact with human society; and equip students with the

necessary theoretical foundations and practical capacities through systems and interdisciplinary approach of resolving environmental problems.

The two new graduate programs were approved effective on the second semester of the SY 2013-2014. (KDZ)

# CMU to host 6<sup>th</sup> COMEPP Conference



**Clockwise: BSBA students participate in various competitions; delegates with the COMEPP officials; and student awardees with their advisers.**

After a successful participation in the 5<sup>th</sup> COMEPP Conference hosted by San Pedro College of Davao City on 5-6 December 2013, the University will host the 6<sup>th</sup> Mindanao Conference of Council of Management Educators and Practitioners of the Philippines (COMEPP) in 2014. The COMEPP aims to be the standard bearer of significant innovation and transformation of management education and practice in Southeast Asia in the 21<sup>st</sup> millennium. Its mission is to consistently convene its members to advocate and influence the academe and industry by continuously enhancing the learning and practice of management to their maximum and best effort.

Its goals are also to (1) promote among management educators a proactive and positive attitude necessary towards changes in the business community, (2) establish and maintain linkages with business/industry and government with the view of sharing insights on social responsibility of business, (3) undertake activities to enhance the role of management learners in both corporate and small business levels, and (4) enhance the teaching of management in schools through research projects, innovative approaches and creative works.

The 5<sup>th</sup> COMEPP Conference was attended by Dr. Ronel V. Sudaria, Ms. Daryl Jane A. Caballero and 33 students from the Department of Business Administration (marketing students), College of Commerce and Accountancy. Lora Melissa, Lyka Besing, Michael Bonn Bonifacio, Gil Franz Minosa, and Marigold D. Uayan were champions of the "Business Impromptu Speech Competition." April Tessa



Cahiles won first place in "The Voice Category." Michael Bonn Bonifacio, Nissan Buagas, Reymark Menguigo, Christian Okit, and Mercedarius Yamit won 4<sup>th</sup> place in the "Quiz Bowl Category."

Daniel D. Sepe (3<sup>rd</sup> year, BS Business Administration Marketing) and Dr. Sudaria (Chairperson, DBA) were elected as President and Vice President of the Business Management Association of the Philippines (BMAP) Mindanao Chapter, respectively. (ALN)

# PNoy appoints Detalla as BECE Chairperson



**PRC Chairperson, Atty. Teresita R. Manzala leads the oath-taking of Dr. Detalla as Chairperson of the Board of Electronics and Engineers with his wife Dr. Maria Estela B. Detalla (second from right) and Dr. Soliven (extreme right).**

**P**resident Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III appointed Dr. Alnar L. Detalla as Chairperson of the Board of Electronics Engineering (BECE) effective 23 August 2013 to 16 February 2016. Dr. Detalla is a Licensed Professional Electronics Engineer. He is the current Chairperson of the Department of Mathematics and teaches mathematics at the College of Arts and Sciences for the undergraduate and graduate students.

His appointment was not exactly unexpected considering his resume. Dr. Detalla obtained his Doctor of Science in Physical Science (Mathematics Course) and Master of Science in Mathematical Science from the Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Ibaraki University, Mito City Japan on March 2005 and March 2002, respectively. He finished his Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communications Engineering from Cebu Institute of Technology (CIT) on October 1993 and his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) on March 1992.

He was also a visiting research fellow at the Mathematics Section of Abdus Salam International Center for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste, Italy from 6 April 2008 to 31 June 2008 and from 2 August 2009 to 19 October 2009. In 2011, he was awarded as Outstanding Electronics Engineer

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The topics discussed included: Significance of Instructional Materials Development and Some Technical Pointers in Writing the IM by Dr. Penaso; Writing the Concept/Content Map and Writing the Instructional Materials and Criteria for Evaluation of IMs by Dr. Prado; Establishing the Instructional Materials Development Center and Writing with the ADDIE (Analyze, Design, Development, Implement and Evaluate) Model by Dr. Taganahan; and financing the Instructional Materials Development Center by Dr. Soliven.

A Memorandum of Agreement between CMU and NORSU was drawn and signed. NORSU President Dr. Don Vicente C. Real had sought the assistance of CMU to assist them in the establishment of their own center for IM development as well as in crafting policy guidelines. Helping build the capabilities of other SUCs on instructional development has been always a commitment of the university's IMDC and IMDB. (FCT)

# Training of new AACUP Accreditors held



A three-day training for new AACUP (Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc.) accreditors was held on 2-4 December 2013 at the Farmers Training Center. This aimed to train new AACUP accreditors from various SUCs in the country, of whom some may eventually become members of the AACUP Board like Dr. Nenita I. Prado (Director, OASP).

Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven welcomed the AACUP trainors and participants. “CMU is a peaceful place, making it very conducive for learning most especially for the AACUP accreditors and the training participants,” Dr. Soliven espoused.

In his message, Dr. Manuel T. Corpuz (Founder and Executive Director, AACUP) rhetorically asked the participants why they have come to the training. He then emphasized the need of SUCs for younger accreditors because the present AACUP accreditors are getting older and many have already retired from their positions. Dr. Corpuz also pointed out the significance of continuous evaluation of SUCs based on their Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives. Being a recognized agency by CHED, AACUP showed and signified its willingness and availability to the different SUCs that are in need of

evaluation. An accreditation would help enable any SUC to know where it stands and whether or not it is effective in delivering its services.

The training was attended by a total of 129 participants who came from Basilan State College (5), Batangas State University (7), Bohol Island State University (3), Camiguin Polytechnic State College (2), Catanduanes State University (4), Cebu Technological University (10), Central Mindanao University (16), Cotabato City State Polytechnic College (7), Davao de Norte State University (3), Davao Oriental State College of Science and Technology (9), JH Cerilles State College (9), Laguna State Polytechnic University (2), Mindanao University of Science and & Technology (4), Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (9), Philippine State College of Aeronautics (2), Surigao del Sur State University (5), Surigao State College of Technology (15), Technological University of the Philippines (1), University of Eastern Philippines (1), University of Rizal System (2), Western Mindanao State University (11), and Western Visayas College of Science and Technology (2).

A written examination was given after the series of lectures and workshops. Those who topped the examination were Dr. Joseph C. Pepito (Cebu Technological University, 49/50),

L-R: Dr. Soliven gives her welcome address; the participants from different state colleges and universities in the country.



Dr. Mary Rose Pensincula (Batangas State University, 47/50), Dr. Porferio P. Alaba (Surigao State College of Technology, 46/50), and Dr. Maria Angeles D. Hinololango (Mindano University of Science and Technology, 46/50). Certificates of Completion were given to the participants who qualified as accreditors and Certificates of Participation were given to the participants who unfortunately did not qualify. All the 16 participants from CMU qualified as new AACUP accreditors.

The AACUP trainers were composed of Dr. Manuel T. Corpuz, Dr. Mario S. Suba of CLSU (QA Director, AACUP), Dr. Brigida A. Roscom of MSU-IIT (former AACUP Board Member), and Dr. Nenita I. Prado of CMU (AACUP Board of Director and Training Director for Mindanao). [FCT]

## CCA-SDF funds procurement of 51 computer units

Through its Special Development Fund (SDF), the College of Commerce and Accountancy (CCA) procured 51 computer units for students' use of the Department of Office Administration (DOA) during the first semester of SY 2013-2014. The procurement of such equipment is in line with the college's objective which is to continuously adopt computer-assisted learning processes as well as to produce enriched and updated instructional materials for their courses. Every CCA student pays PHP 1000.00 as development fee.

The procurement was based on the proposal of Dr. Teresita F. Pepito (Chairperson, DOA) which was favorably endorsed by Prof. Felipe E. Opiso (Dean, CCA) and approved by the University President. An additional 26 computer units were likewise obtained in the second semester of SY 2013-2014. (ALN)



# CMU participates in the 7th International Rice Genetics Symposium



Left to Right: CMU alumni (Mona Liza Jubay, Rica Amor Saludaes and Junrey Amas); Drs. Glenda Doblas and Joy M. Jamago during the RG7 at Dusit Thani Hotel, Manila.

Central Mindanao University participated in the 7th International Rice Genetics Symposium (RG7) on November 5-8, 2013 at Dusit Thani Hotel, Manila, Philippines.

Organized by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), the event was one of the world's largest and most importance rice research symposia. It provided an excellent learning and networking platform for rice researchers, experts and representatives from the public and private sectors to come together and share their expertise on issues of rice production.

CMU was able to send three participants to the symposium through the sponsorship of Dr. Glen B. Gregorio of the Plant Breeding, Genetics and Biotechnology Division of IRRI. Dr. Joy M. Jamago (Head, LTLO and faculty, Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding) presented an oral paper entitled "Genetic Diversity of Upland Rice Landraces and Traditional Varieties of Bukidnon, Philippines" with co-authors Mark Jayson N. Fuentes (BSA 2013) and Rosemarie V. Cortes, Ms. Rica Amor G. Saludaes presented a poster paper "Morpho-Agronomic and Molecular Diversity of Salt-Tolerant Philippine Traditional Rice Varieties" with co-authors Dr. Jamago and Dr. Gregorio. Dr. Glenda Z. Doblas (faculty, Department of Biology) presented a poster paper entitled "QTL Mapping for Grain Yield and Yield Related Traits under Zn Deficient and Normal Field Condition with co-authors Dr. Glen B. Gregorio et.al.

The four-day symposium featured keynote lectures from top researchers, opinion leaders, scientific paper presentations, workshops, as well as an exhibition showcasing the latest technologies in the industry. It was attended by hundreds of local, national and international delegates all over the world. The event was made possible through the sponsorship of DuPont PIONEER. (KDZ)



# PCAARRD & CMU spearhead Training Course on Impact Assessment

L-R: The participants attentively listen to Dr. Villar as he delivers his message. On the presidential table are (from left to right) Dr. Albert P. Aquino and Dr. Ernesto O. Brown of PCAARRD.



The Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) collaborated with CMU to conduct the training course on Impact Assessment of Research and Development (R&D) and Technology Commercialization Programs. This was held on October 17-23, 2013 at the Farmers Training Center.

The training course aimed to equip the participants with the knowledge and understanding on the concepts, principles, and approaches on impact assessment of R&D and technology commercialization programs; improve the participants' proficiency in applying various quantitative and qualitative methods on impact evaluation; and develop project proposals for possible funding.

Dr. Ricardo G. Villar (VP for Administration) thanked PCAARRD through Dr. Albert P. Aquino (Director, Socio-Economic Division of PCAARRD), for funding the training. He disclosed that "apparently, there are numerous challenges in the conduct of impact assessment of R&D programs and project" but is optimistic that the training course will help address these challenges. More importantly, it would contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of the farmers and fishermen.

In his message, Dr. Aquino emphasized that PCAARRD and CMU are very good long-term partners because of

the Northern Mindanao Consortium for Agriculture and Resources Research and Development (NOMCARRD).

Dr. Aquino explained that the training is not just a walk in the park because it was designed for the participants to gain knowledge on the conduct of impact assessment studies and develop their capabilities in crafting research proposals for possible funding by PCAARRD. Hence, he challenged the participants to establish collaborations within groups especially that the training was also designed to provide some procedures to follow in making good researches.

The topics discussed in the training were: Impact Assessment in Economics, Environment and Social Dimensions, Mapping Inputs to Benefit R&D Economic Implications, Research Projects Inputs and Outputs, Project Outcome, Impacts and Benefits, Adoption Studies in Impact Assessment, Benefit-Cost Approach to Impact Assessment, and Data Collection. The training was participated in by more than 50 delegates from the different SUCs in Mindanao.

Eight CMU faculty members attended the training: Ms. Gretchen G. Abao, Prof. Lowella L. Angcos, Dr. Adel S. Laureto, Ms. Heide P. Magadan, Ms. Karen Debbie C. Magallon, Mr. Oliver C. Narreto, Mr. Judel O. Orlino, and Dr. Celso C. Tautho. (ALN)

# CMU researches won at RSRDH



**L-R: Dr. Maria Estela B. Detalla (Research Director) presents the synthesis of the 2013 Agency In-House Reviews, and RSRDH rationale and mechanics; Dr. Judith D. Intong (NOMCARRD Director) thanks all the participants, farmers, documenters, and secretariat for making the entire activity a successful undertaking.**

direction for research and development in agriculture, natural resources and environment; and provide a venue where Science and Technology Based-Farm (STBF) project results are presented.

In her welcome remarks, Dr. Oliva P. Canencia (Research Director, MUST) emphasized that the RSRDH is a timely activity in promoting economic stability in the agriculture, fisheries and environmental sectors. Hence, the keynote speaker, Atty. Roy Raagas, on the behalf of Cagayan de Oro City Mayor Hon. Oscar S. Moreno, encouraged all the presenters, participants, and organizers to continue and sustain the collaborative efforts between and among member agencies of NOMCARRD to achieve sustained economic growth among the peoples in Northern Mindanao.

**P**lant Diversity and Structure of the Caimpugan Peat Swamp Forest on Mindanao Island, Philippines” by Dr. Lowel G. Aribal and “Seroprevalence and Risk Factors of Caprine Arthritisencephalitis” by Dr. Alan P. Dargantes, et al. bagged 1st (thesis/dissertation category) and 3rd (research category) best paper awards, respectively, during the Regional Symposium for Research and Development Highlights (RSRDH) on October 10-11, 2013 at the Mindanao University of Science and Technology (MUST), Cagayan de Oro City. The RSRDH winning papers were evaluated based on their contribution to scientific advancement, relevance to the regional thrusts, adequacy and efficiency of design and procedure, and innovativeness.

The RSRDH 2013 was themed “Responsible Local Governance for Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Natural Resources Management.” It is an annual event of the Northern Mindanao Consortium for Agriculture, and Resources, Research and Development (NOMCARRD) that caters to all completed and winning papers on Agriculture, Fisheries and Natural Resources (AFNR) Research and Development of NOMCARRD member agencies.

The symposium aimed to evaluate researches conducted by the different member agencies; promote interaction between and among researchers, extension workers, the local government and other clientele; provide a venue for discussing the research and development state of the art activities in the region; foster regional collaboration and information among member agencies; establish future

This year, some farmers were invited to join the technology forum where technologies on soybean and adlai production, utilization and commercialization were disseminated. The forum which was held simultaneously with the technical paper presentations on October 10, 2013 was sponsored by the Department of Agriculture-Northern Mindanao Integrated Agricultural Research Center (DA-NOMIARC).

The evaluators for the research category were: Dr. Rec E. Equia (Policy and Advocacy Consultant, Mindanao Development Authority) and Dr. Veneracion M. Cabana (President, Mountain View College). For the development, thesis/dissertation and poster categories, the evaluators were: Dr. Norma V. Llemit (Program Manager, Hineliban Foundation, Incorporated), Dir. Fe. N. Domingo (Assistant Regional Director, National Economic Development Authority 10), and Dir. Virgilio M. Fuertes (Director, Provincial Science and Technology Center in Bukidnon). More than 90 participants joined the symposium that included researchers from the different member agencies, farmers, and the NOMCARRD secretariat. (RGP)

# Soliven attends National Rice R&D Conference

University President and PhilRice Board of Trustee (BOT), Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven, attended the National Rice Research and Development (R&D) Conference at the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), Muñoz, Nueva Ecija on 4-5 September, 2013. The theme “Rice Research and Development for Competitive, Sustainable, and Resilient Economy” was in line with Executive Order No. 1061. It mandates PhilRice to develop and implement a national rice research and development program in order to improve and sustain rice production in the country.

The conference specifically aimed to recognize and appreciate the accomplishments of the National Rice R&D Network; provide an opportunity for interaction among rice R&D workers; identify appropriate and efficient strategies and areas of collaborations with the different sectors in the rice industry, in developing and promoting rice and rice-based technologies for Competitive, Sustainable, and Resilient (CSR) economy; and to gather feedback and advice from the rice industry stakeholders on the new R&D programs and initiatives to achieve CSR in the rice and rice-based farming.

The keynote speakers were Ms. Hazel V. Antonio, Mr. Roger F. Barroga, Dr. Eulito U. Bautista, Dr. Flordeliza H. Bordey, Mr. Rizal G. Corales, Dr. Rolando T. Cruz, Eng.

Eden D. Gagelonia, Dr. Rex L. Navarro, Dr. Ricardo F. Orge, Ms. Jocelyn Pacia, and Dr. Manuel Jose C. Regalado. They presented the new rice research and development programs and initiatives for a CSR economy, as well as, for addressing the climate change effects and the future challenges in rice farming.

PhilRice and its R&D networks have implemented projects consistent with the national rice R&D programs. Many of these projects were conducted in multiple locations, involving the Department of Agriculture, SUCs, Non-Government Organizations, LGUs, farmer groups, and international agencies like the Korean International Cooperation Agency, and Japan International Cooperation Agency.

The conference consisted of paper and poster presentations focusing on integrated topics in four thematic areas that included: rice breeding and technologies for improving yields and resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses, grain quality, and nutrition; pest management options for sustaining productivity and the environment; crop management options, farm mechanization, and energy generation for efficient and resilient farming; and systems and tools, technology promotion for increasing productivity and attaining food sufficiency and competitiveness. (ALN)

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(Education Category) of the ICEP-Institute of Electronics Engineers of the Philippines. Dr. Detalla underwent evaluation prior to his appointment as Chairperson of the BECE. He passed all the requirements set by the Professional regulatory Commission (PRC) which included: citizen and resident of the Philippines for at least five consecutive years prior to the appointment; of good moral character and integrity; a frontrunner of a valid Certificate of Registration and a valid professional identification card as a professional engineer of the Philippines; a member of good standing of an accredited professional organization; be in active practice of electronics engineering profession for at least 10 years prior to his appointment, either in self-practice or employment in government service and/or in the private sector; must not have any pecuniary interest, directly or indirectly, in any school, academy, college, university or institution conferring an academic degree in Electronics Technician or where review classes in preparation for the licensure exam are being offered; and must not have been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude.

Dr. Detalla shall act as Chairperson of the BECE for a term of three years from the date of appointment or until a successor shall have been appointed and qualified; or may be re-appointed once for another term. As Chairperson of the BECE, he is vested with the authority to: administer/ implement the provisions of the Board of Electronics and Engineering; administer oaths in connection with the Administration of the Board of Electronics and Engineering; adopt an official seal of the Board; issue, suspend, or revoke Certificates of Registration and accordingly the Professional Identification cards of Professional Electronics Engineers, Electronic Engineers or Electronics Technicians, or otherwise suspend the holder thereof from the practice of his/her profession, for any justifiable cause after due process; maintain a roster of Professional Electronics Engineers, Electronics Engineers and Electronics Technicians; issue, suspend and/or cancel special permits to Foreign Professional Electronics Engineers, Electronics Engineers and Electronics Technicians and many others in accordance with the provisions of RA 9292. (FCT)

# SOLIVEN graces 20<sup>th</sup> NOMIARC Field Day



**“We need to work hand-in-hand to achieve inclusive growth in the agriculture sector” says Dr. Soliven .**

**D**r. Maria Luisa R. Soliven graced the 20<sup>th</sup> Farmers’ Field day and Technology Forum of the Northern Mindanao Agricultural Research Center (NOMIARC) on September 24-26, 2014 as guest speaker. NOMIARC is a DA Regional 10 Field Unit located at Dalwangan, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon.

In consonance with the theme “Celebrating Excellence in Research and Development Technology Transfer Strategies,” Dr. Soliven stressed the importance of strengthening the agricultural sector in order to attain sustainable development. “Our country does not have any reason to experience hunger because we have good soil and abundant sources of water. We are indeed very lucky as compared with other Asian countries like India,” espoused Dr. Soliven. She also emphasized the importance of disseminating results of researches. “I am happy to inform everyone that most results of CMU researches are popularized and disseminated to the farmers through our University Extension

Office. I believe that results of researches if these do not reach the farmers are useless,” exhorted Dr. Soliven.

She further disclosed that one of the reasons why CMU continuously implements various researches in the field of agriculture is to generate knowledge in improving agricultural yields of small time farmers. She shared that the Department of Agriculture (DA) has provided CMU with a budget to revive the DXMU radio station for use in disseminating agricultural technologies to farmers. The DA has also funded the CMU Village-level Bio-con Laboratory which supports its organic agriculture programs in order to help sustain productivity and life.

Field demonstrations, sharing of knowledge and services, and displays of agricultural products (food and non-food) were among the highlights of this year’s field day. The University through the Research and Extension Offices, and the University Food and Lodging Services (UFLS) also displayed and sold information materials and food products. (KDZ)



# Tautho is IAMURE's 2013 Outstanding World Researcher Leader

**Dr. Celso C. Tautho (Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture) receives an award as Outstanding World Researcher Leader 2013 from the International Association of Multi-disciplinary Research (IAMURE) on November 26, 2013 at the Manila Marriott Hotel.**

**D**r. Celso C. Tautho (Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture) was awarded as Outstanding World Researcher Leader 2013 by the International Association of Multi-disciplinary Research (IAMURE). The award was conferred during the ASEAN Conference on Multi-disciplinary Research in Higher Education (ACMRHE) held on November 26, 2013 at the Manila Marriott Hotel. Dr. Anthony M. Penaso (VP for Academic Affairs) witnessed the awarding ceremony.

“Being a socio-economic researcher and as an output-oriented fellow, I am committed to impart the knowledge and skills in the field of agricultural economics to my undergraduate and graduate students, for them to become efficient and effective in utilizing the economic resources available,” explained Dr. Tautho in an up-close interview.

When asked about his contribution to the world, he smartly answered: “...the knowledge and skills that I have imparted to and learned by people in the rural communities that have improved their farm productivity and profitability thereby uplifting their standards of living”.

The factors that contributed to his present status as a renown researcher are commitment, strong determination, resilience, and positive outlook in life anchored on his strong faith on God. “My life as a doctoral student in Japan has enhanced my character to become more workaholic, output-oriented and able to pursue things despite the odds of life,” stressed Dr. Tautho. “Life is what we make it! I have experienced so much depression but with regular meditation of God’s words with my family, relatives and friends, I am totally healed and have realized that there is no perfect life but only contentment in life,” he added.

In his inspirational message, Dr. Tautho expressed his belief that everyone is born with a vacuum or emptiness in his/her heart that can be filled only with actions, good moral values and excellent working habits. “In my life, I believe that I have done more good than bad. As a researcher, I feel that I have made a difference in the lives of the rural people and have given benevolent contribution to the society. Indeed, I am working now not for my personal interests but for the welfare of the humanity.”



It can be recalled that Dr. Tautho was also awarded as one of the Outstanding Filipino Researchers of 2013 by IAMURE during its International Conference on Higher Education Research (ICHER) on January 21, 2013 at the J.W. Marriot Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia. (ALN)

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# Faculty and Staff Palaro 2013 held



After a couple of year's hiatus, the University Sports Fest for the faculty and staff was again held on December 19, 2013 at the University Sports Complex. This years' theme was "Overcoming Challenges, Building Resilience, Sustaining Excellence."

Four teams competed in the one day event: Blue Team (Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Education, Engineering, and Veterinary Medicine), Green Team (Colleges of Agriculture and Forestry & Environmental Science, Nursing, Home Economics, and Commerce & Accountancy), Red Team (Administration and Graduate School), and the Yellow Team (UIGP).

This activity aimed to help enhance the university employees' physical, social and spiritual well-being. In his opening remarks, Engr. Roger Flores (CMUFAI President) shared that the Faculty and Staff Palaro is a venue to promote camaraderie and rapport among the employees, develop strong bond of unity and cooperation, inspire and inculcate discipline among key players and non-players, realize the value of teamwork and sportsmanship, showcase the faculty and staff talents and skills in their chosen games, and develop healthy competition among the participating teams.

The different teams competed in various games such as badminton, banana eating, basketball shoot out, basketball, beach volleyball, egg catching, egg rolling relay, lawn tennis, Mario went to town, mixed football, "patintero", sack race, stilt relay, table tennis, tug of war, and volleyball. A "Whoops Keri" dance contest was also held.

At the end of the games, the Yellow Team was declared as the overall champion, followed by the Blue Team (1st runner-up), Green Team (2nd runner-up), and the Red Team (3rd runner-up). (RGP)

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The team highlighted their experiences as a good training ground for a more efficient and innovative leadership. They observed that each institution values quality services for their community and the state. They noted that such institutions have toiled for growth but gave more consideration to public impacts.

Upon visiting CU Dr. Simborio shared that at this academe, leadership seems to be the rule rather than the exception. "Therefore, they believe that great leaders are made not born and that leadership cuts across disciplines," Dr. Simborio highlighted. "This belief fuels their actions in providing the diverse classroom training, internship,

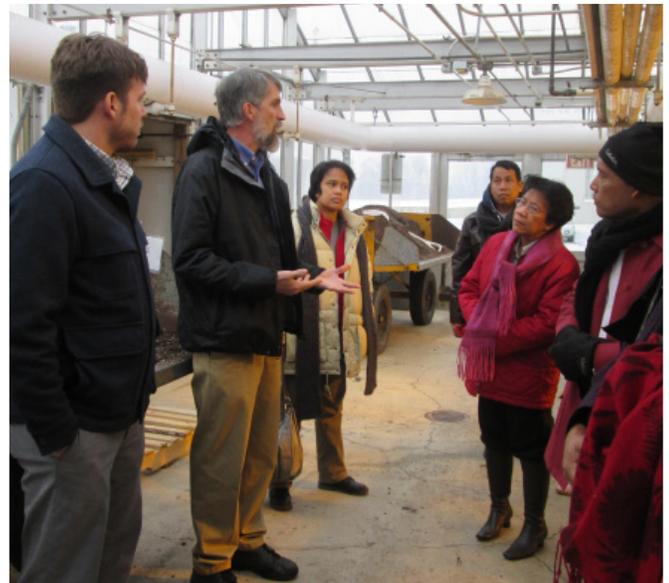
professional development and outreach opportunities to help develop current and future leaders who can impact communities and lives," she added. The team also toured CU's greenhouses and plant growth chambers. These are protected environments for smart, innovative research that can be potential solutions to the tremendous and complex nature of plants, and for vexing agricultural problems.

The 10-day travel of the university officials had enriched them with many new insights especially on implementing new strategies in research and extension programs. At UCB, they visited its Botanical Garden and saw the diversity

of its plant collection. Accordingly, the UCB Botanical Garden aims to develop and maintain a diverse living collection of plants to support teaching and worldwide research in plant biology, further the conservation of plant diversity, and promote public understanding and appreciation of plants and the natural environment.

On the other hand, the team's visit to PSU brought them to a series of meetings with its university officials particularly with the faculty of Agricultural Economics, Sociology and Education. In a meeting, Dr. James Dunn, the overall coordinator for the group, shared about the impressive research and extension activities of their Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. The team also visited the PSU Biosafety Laboratory, a highly-contained facility that can detect new pathogens. A possible collaboration between CMU and PSU can become a potential strength for a wider range of research engagements.

The team believed that their experiences in the US will greatly contribute to the next and higher level of the university's voyage towards achieving excellence and global competitiveness. (RGP)



**Bottom: CMU officials led by Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven at Pennsylvania State University Animal Diagnostic Laboratory and (top) at the Cornell Business and Technology Park, Cornell University.**



# CMU hosts PAEDA



CMU hosted the Philippine Agricultural Economics and Development Association's (PAEDA) 49<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention held at the Farmers Training Center on October 24, 2013. PAEDA is a non-profit non stock corporation that promotes small-farmer productivity and profitability in the Philippines. It takes position, makes recommendation, and where appropriate, takes action on critical agricultural and countryside development issues. It has over 600 members across the country coming from the academe, government agencies, non-government entities, and local and international R&D institutions.

The 49<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention is themed "Inclusive and Sustainable Development: Issues and Challenges for Agriculture, Fishery and Natural Resources." Dr. Arsenio M. Balisacan, Secretary of Socio-economic Planning and Director General of NEDA was the keynote speaker. Dr. Balisacan promoted agriculture towards inclusive growth and food security.

The convention aimed to bring together the country's socio-economists; development experts; technical experts in the fields of agriculture, fishery and natural resources; experts in other relevant fields as well as students to

examine the issues and challenges affecting inclusive and sustainable development in agriculture, fishery and natural resources.

Dr. Albert P. Aquino, PAEDA President said that PAEDA has always been, and forever will be, the home of the Philippines' foremost Agricultural and Applied Economics professionals, and its related discipline experts. "PAEDA serves as a venue to communicate results of agricultural and economic development researches and initiatives that will fully personate the associations' objectives," Dr. Aquino added.

PAEDA has been helping several government and private organizations and institutions in the development of policies and programs that contributed in shaping the path of agricultural development and productivity in the country. Hence, the university took pride in hosting the said convention. "Through the organization, we can actively promote our shared vision and action relevant to the present and future developments of the various communities and of the country," said Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven. She added that CMU will continuously play its role as an active partner of PAEDA in the pursuit of their common objectives contemplating the future developments in the areas of agriculture, fishery and natural resources.

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**Clockwise: Dr. Aquino informs the participants that PAEDA will forever be the home of the Philippines' foremost Agricultural and Applied Economics professionals; one of the participants presents his paper.**



Furthermore, eight papers presented were chosen as best papers during the convention. These included 1) Exploring Underutilized Plant Species for Agricultural Sustainability: *Cassia tora* L.: A Potential Multi-purpose Species for Food, Feed and Medicine by Dr. Joy M. Jamago, et al.; 2) Goat R & D in Central Luzon: Its Socio-economic Contribution to Farm Households by Dr. Maria Excelsis M. Orden, et al.; 3) Disaster Risk Reduction/Climate Change Adaptation Good Practice Option for Rainfed and Upland Agro-Ecological Zones in Bicol Region, Philippines by Dr. Luis O. Amano, et al.; 4) Productivity and Financial Viability of Commercial Broiler Farm using Climate-controlled System: The Case in State-Owned Nueva Ecija by Dr. Ramon Cesar D. Salas, et al.; 5) Market Potential of Sago in the Philippines: Sago Starch and its Derivatives by Mr. Niko L. Laorden, et al.; 6) Human Capital Formation on Fisheries in Northern Mindanao through Science and

Technology by Prof. Jusie C. Roxas, et al.; 7) Inclusive and Sustainable Growth to the Philippine Coconut Industry through Agribusiness Entrepreneurship by Prof. Roy Kempis; and 8) Community-based Mangrove Conservation and Aqua silviculture: A Fishery Livelihood and Resource Conservation Project in Davao del Norte by Prof. Rosie Lynn P. Tejada, et al. A total of 120 papers were presented during the convention. (RGP/ALN)



# 2<sup>nd</sup> RDE Week Celebration held



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Research, Development and Extension (RDE) Week Celebration was held on November 18-22, 2013. Its theme was “Interfacing RDE towards Sustainable Community Development”. This was held at the grounds of the Research and Extension Building.

The RDE Week Celebration is an annual activity of the University where generated technologies and knowledge are featured, highlighted and shared to enhance capabilities of peoples from all walks of life and of the University constituents. It is a venue to also recognize the communities and industry as partners of the University; showcase research and extension activities, promote the products and services offered by the Research and Extension Units, provide an avenue for interaction among and by partner communities with

experts, and provide a setting for display and marketing of products and technologies generated by the community and industry partners.

An ecumenical mass was held on the first day that was jointly officiated by Rev. Fr. Arsenio C. Rubio (Parish Priest, San Isidro Labrador Parish) and Rev. Jelly C. Salig (Pastor, UCCP-Musuan). Dr. Maria Estella B. Detalla (Director of Research) welcomed the participants and Dr. Luzviminda T. Simborio (VP for Research and Extension) gave an inspirational message.

This year’s RDE Week Celebration was highlighted with some new initiatives, namely: launching of the Philmech School-On-Air on Post-Harvest Technology of Grains (Rice and Corn); Information Drive on Milky Mushroom;



display and pakulo: wire loop game, showcase of Level III Accreditation of the College of Education; display/video presentation of indigenous tree seedlings, instructional materials (IMs), recycled paper board, herbarium specimens, and posters/tarpaulins of R & E activities; on-the-spot essay writing contest for students of Dologon National High School; lecture on Expanding the CAS Extension Milestones-Best Practices and Outcomes; blood-letting; flu vaccination; lecture demonstration on "Benchmarking and Designing Research-Based Extension Projects and Studies; tree diameter estimation; lecture on Financial Statement Reporting for Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises; and contests on the preparation of financial statements by category, students and stakeholders.

Winners of the essay writing contest were: Cynthia Ando (1st Place, 4th year), Kalimah Paquera (2nd Place, 3rd year), and Junith Vegafria (3rd Place, 3rd year). The College of Nursing won 1st Place for the Booth-making Contest, followed by the College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Home Economics.

The RDE week involved various community partners, cooperators, donors and benefactors, experts, extension coordinators of various colleges, faculty members, farmers, homemakers, local government units, out-of-school youths, students and stakeholders. (FCT)

# CMU conducts GST for faculty and staff



The University conducted a Gender and Sensitivity Training to 47 randomly selected newly-hired faculty and staff on October 30, 2013 at the Farmers Training Center. The University Center for Gender and Development (UCGAD) under the directorship of Dr. Marciana Ruba-Zaman spearheaded the said activity.

The training is an annual activity aimed at raising awareness on gender issues to eliminate sexism, identifying gender issues in the Philippines, and weighing the importance of gender equality in sustainable development.

In her message, Dr. Zaman stressed the employees' role in dealing with co-employees by treating one another with fairness and equality. "The training wanted to expound the difference between sex and gender, tackle some gender issues in Philippine societies, and inculcate the roles of each individual in terms of gender equality and equity towards sustainable development," added Dr. Zaman. (TON/FCT/RGP)



The Gender and Sensitivity Training for faculty and staff.

# CMU supports NGCP Forest Tree Plantation Project

CMU has supported the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) 230 Kv Transmission Line Project (TLP) for Kirahong-Maramag, Bukidnon through a Tree Plantation Project. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) also supported the NGCP.

By virtue of Republic Act No. 9511, the NCGP holds a franchise to construct, operate, maintain, expand, and finance the facilities and assets of the transmission grid of the National Transmission Corporation. The TLP for Kirahong-Maramag passed through the CMU forest areas where several growing trees were affected and cut off. Hence, the TLP requires the establishment and maintenance of a 57-hectare reforestation project in the affected areas.

A Memorandum of Agreement was then signed between the NCGP, DENR and CMU on October 30, 2013 to protect, conserve and maintain the forest trees of CMU. The University received a 1.4 M financial support for this undertaking. The University, in return, shall provide seedlings for the Forest Tree Plantation Project, implement the project in a 30-ha area, as well as, maintain and protect the seedling plantation to attain a survival rate of at least 80%.

On the other hand, the DENR would provide some technical assistance and training for University personnel relevant to the establishment and maintenance of nurseries and planted seedlings. (RGP)

# CMU to host GK Foundation's 2<sup>nd</sup> Social Business Summit

The University will host the Gawad Kalinga (GK) Foundation's 2<sup>nd</sup> Social Business Summit as announced by GK founder Mr. Antonio "Tito Tony" P. Meloto, Jr. during the Small Micro Entrepreneur (SME) Roving Academy and Financial Wellness Forum held on November 14, 2013 at the Farmers Training Center. This sponsorship is in line with the plan of the University, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Bukidnon Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) to establish at CMU the Mt. Kalayo Institute for Social Enterprise (MKISEG) by 2014.

The Social Business Summit aims to highlight the value of social entrepreneurship in achieving inclusive growth in emerging economies, particularly the Philippines; promote global partnerships, networking, and impact investment in building scalable and sustainable social enterprises; and raise new generation of wealth creators that will renew the planet and revitalize human life.

The 1st Social Business Summit was attended by Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven together with other CMU officials. It was launched during the 10<sup>th</sup> GK Founding Anniversary and Expo at the Gawad Kalinga Enchanted Farm Village in Angat, Bulacan on October 2-5, 2013. (KDZ)



**“CMU has already made its baby steps in attaining its dream to help Bukidnon achieve inclusive growth,” says Dr. Soliven.**

# CMU participates in GK's 1st Social Business Summit, 10<sup>th</sup> founding Anniversary and Expo



Central Mindanao University participated in Gawad Kalinga's (GK) First Social Business Summit during the GK's 10th Founding Anniversary and Expo on October 2-5, 2013 at Hyundai Center for Green Innovation, GK Enchanted Farm Village University, Angat, Bulacan.

Anchored with the theme "Inclusive Growth in the Asian Market", the summit intended to establish a global network of GK Social Clubs and Associations in universities and for employees as well as entrepreneurs. Specifically, the summit aimed to highlight the value of social entrepreneurship in achieving inclusive growth in emerging economies, particularly the Philippines; promote global partnerships, networking, and impact investment in building scalable and sustainable social enterprises; and raise new generation of wealth creators that will renew the planet and revitalize human life.

Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven headed the CMU delegation composed of Engr. Reynaldo Juan (VP for UIGP), Prof. Edorlita Cubillas (indigenous group representative and faculty, College of Arts and Sciences), Hon. Emmanuel Alkuino (CMU Regent for Community Involvement), and Mr. Grant Amoncio (CMU- GK Peace Ambassador), four staff from the Office of the Student Affairs and University Public Information Office, and 13 student leaders and GK volunteers.

GK Founder Antonio "Tony" Meloto welcomed the participants and sought their support to join GK in promoting social entrepreneurship in the Philippines. He emphasized that the Philippines must learn to achieve progress without leaving the poor behind.

The guest of honor, Vice President Jejomar C. Binay, formally opened the GK Expo on October 5, 2013. This was

L-R: “It’s ironic that those who feed us cannot feed themselves. There must be an empowerment of our farmers,” says Former Sen. Francis “Kiko” Pangilinan as he shares to the participants the vital role of paradigm shifting in the agriculture sector; Hon. Emmanuel Alkino (extreme left), Prof. Edorlita Cubillas (second from left), Sen. Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV (center), Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven (second from right), and Engr. Reynaldo Juan (extreme right).



followed by a thanksgiving mass celebrated by Fr. Savio Siccuan (Head Prior, Monastery of the Transfiguration, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon) and a live concert performed by Filipino artists Maestro Ryan Cayabyab, the Ryan Cayabyab Singers (RCS), Lee Grane of The Voice Philippines, and singer-composer Noel Cabangon, among others.

Forty speakers from the world of business and politics also shared their thoughts and expertise about the summit’s theme that dealt on the role of social business in achieving the inclusive growth in the Asian market. Also sharing their expertise were prominent leaders from the world of social development and social

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entrepreneurship in the Philippines who included Stephen Groff (Vice President, Asian Development Bank), Marso Collovati (CEO, Orangelife Industrial), Jean-Marc Debricon (CEO, Green Shoots Foundation), Jean-Francois de Lavison (President, Ahimsa Fund), Senator Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino, Jaime Ayala (Hybrid Solutions), Mark Ruiz (Hapinoy), Reese Fernandez ( Rags2Riches) and former Senator Francis “ Kiko” Pangilinan, among others.

A total of 520 local and international social entrepreneurs, businessmen, politicians and other individuals from the academe attended the event. The guests and visitors also included 50 foreign delegates from Australia, France, Singapore, United Kingdom, the United States of America, and among others. (FCT and KDZ)

# Young Leaders Symposium held

To provide excellent inputs, enriching experiences and equipping every student leader of CMU a deeper insight and understanding of the joys and challenges of leadership to help transform our society and eventually our country, the first Young Leaders Symposium (YLS) was conducted on September 27, 2013 at the Farmers Training Center. The symposium was sponsored by the Office Management (OM) 75 Class, Office of Student Affairs (OSA), Supreme Student Council (SSC), Association of Registered Student Organizations (ARSO), Linkages and Technology Licensing Office (LTLO) and the Office of the University President. This was also the first project for the Balik-Alumni Program of the LTLO. The invited speakers were Ms. Maria Janua B. Polinar and Engr. Leo Marconi R. Carillo. Both were recipients of national recognition because of their commitment and passion to serve their peers and communities.



Ms. Polinar was an AB Political Science *Magna cum laude* graduate in 2012. She was an active student leader in her college days being the former Chairperson of the College of Arts and Sciences Student Council Organization (CASSCO) in her senior year. She was awarded as one of the 2012 Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines (TOSP). Currently, she is a faculty member of the Department of Political Science and History of the Ateneo de Davao University while pursuing a Masters in Applied Social Research in the same university.

**“It is wiser to ride a bus,” says Ms. Polinar as she explains to the students the importance of group cooperation in every organization.**

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# Numerous Companies to invest at CMU

During the 173<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the CMU Board of Regents (BOR) on October 17, 2013 at the CHED Conference Room, Diliman Quezon City, Regent Emmanuel L. Alkuino presented about a number of companies and agencies that are interested to invest in CMU.

The potential investors are: the Bali Oil Company for a 40 to 50 ha palm oil nursery; the National Dairy Administration for a Dairy Research and Development Center which will be used for research, production, and processing and training of local farmers and students in the area; wood processors in Luzon who seeks to connect with the bamboo suppliers in Mindanao particularly in Bukidnon for processing specially engineered bamboo products, bamboo-based food products, and handicrafts;

and the Gawad Kalinga that aims to go into income-generating projects with the Higaonon tribe of Barangay Dologon, Maramag, Bukidnon.

Hence, an ad hoc committee was created by the BOR to study the proposals of the aforementioned investors. This committee was composed by Regent Members Emmanuel Alkuino of the representing business sector, Prof. Roger Flores, President of CMUFAl, Atty. Maribeth Estrella-Lopez for legal matters, Dir. Alfonso Alamban of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Dir. Leon Dacanay Jr. of National Economics Development Authority (NEDA), and Dr. Patricia Licuanan. (ALN)

## CMU-CFES supports National Greening Program

The College of Forestry and Environmental Science (CFES) strongly supports Executive Order No. 26 for the implementation of the National Greening Program (NGP). The NGP aims to reduce poverty, secure food, conserve biodiversity, and mitigate and adapt climate change.

The NGP prescribes the harmonization of all greening efforts and similar initiatives of the government, private sector, local government units, civil society, and state universities and colleges with their respective roles and responsibilities, among others. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) was designated as the lead agency in implementing the NGP. The DENR is also responsible for the sustainable development and management of the country's environment and natural resources.

Hence, the CMU-CFES has linked with the DENR purposively to provide its full support and assistance to the NGP. A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between CMU and DENR on September 13, 2013 as partners in achieving the NGP objectives including the production of quality planting materials. Funding of Php 3.5 M was given to CMU for the construction of clonal nurseries and facilities, as well as for manpower development and related activities pertaining to clonal propagation technology. DENR Region 10 will also assist the university in determining the number and type/species of seedlings

to be produced and in identifying and selecting the areas/sites to be planted with tree seedlings that are produced in the university's established clonal nursery.

"This collaboration also supports the four-fold functions of the university," explains Dr. Jupiter V. Casas, Dean of CFES. "Aside from producing 60,000 quality seedlings of premium and indigenous species as support to the production function of the university, the project also supports CFES's instruction by giving opportunities and exposing the students to the sites to do research. This can also be a very good venue for student laboratory exercises and lectures. The students' knowledge and expertise will be enhanced more as they will be into learning by doing," Dr. Casas added.

Dr. Casas added that the nursery clonal project supports the research function through the convergence of the National Science Research Center, and Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory, among others, in doing research. Finally, he emphasized that CFES will also conduct trainings to nursery farmer clients and facilitate clonal nursery activities as initiated by other partner agencies, and seedlings will be distributed to selected local government units for free as support to the extension function of the university. (RGP)

# Loyalty Awardees and Retirees recognized

One hundred nineteen loyalty awardees and 37 retirees were awarded by the University with cash prizes and plaques on December 16, 2013 at the FTC. The giving of awards is an annual undertaking of the university facilitated by the Human Resources and Management Office (HRMO), as mandated by the Civil Service Commission (CSC). This is to recognize government officials and employees who have shown excellent work and commitment. The recognition of loyalty awardees is important to help motivate or inspire employees to improve the quality of their work and to instill in them deeper involvement in the public service.

In his message, Dr. Ricardo G. Villar (VPA) emphasized that the granting of awards would encourage creativity, innovativeness, efficiency, integrity and productivity in the service to the

public. He further explained that affirmations are important by recognizing and rewarding officials and employees for their suggestions, interventions, superior accomplishments, and other personal efforts. These contribute to the efficiency, economy, or other improvement in government operations, or for other extraordinary acts of the public.

On the other hand, HRMO Chief Ms. Haidee Helena H. Garcia extended her felicitations to the retirees and awardees. "To the retirees, goodbye utang and hello pension. Soon after retirement, you will harvest the fruits of your labor after working for so many years," Dr. Garcia said. She added that the loyalty awardees will receive PhP 10,000.00 for their 10 years of service and PhP 5,000.00 aggregated amount for every five years of service in the government. (ALN)

## CMU is a Wi-Fi Zone

The CMU campus now a wifi zone after it had increased its bandwidth from 2 mbps to 10 mbps. Wifi zone is a popular technology that allows an electronic device to exchange data or connect to the internet on wireless mode.

The abovementioned development will allow students, stakeholders, officials and employees free and easy access online information for research, updates, and for other purposes.

"The University has established full internet connectivity at the administrative building including various colleges," disclosed Engr. Emil Navaja Head of the Management and Information System (MIS). The full connection has improved the online performance of the Enrolment System, Faculty Evaluation, Supply and Property Management System, and Performance Monitoring Information and Reporting System. (ALN)



**A student enjoying free access to the internet at the University main library.**



L-R: HRMO Chief Ms. Haidee Helena H. Garcia, VP for UIGP Engr. Reynaldo G. Juan, Loyalty Awardee Ms. Mila Vallar, VPAA Dr. Anthony M. Penaso, and VPA Dr. Ricardo G. Villar; inset: Dr. Villar fastens a loyalty pin on Ms. Jesusa B. Bautista in recognition of her 31 years of service in the University.



## VPRE and Research Director complete Flagship Course

**V**PRE Dr. Luzviminda T. Simborio and Research Director Dr. Maria Estela B. Detalla have completed the Training Course on Management and Research in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) from the Department Academy of the Philippines (DAP) on November 7, 2013. This course is part of the DAP's Executive Development Program for SUCs.

The training lasted for 14 days that was divided in three sessions in different venues, namely Taal Vista Lodge in Tagaytay, Eugenio Lopez Center in Antipolo City, and Astoria Plaza Hotel in Pasig City. The university's new research vision as crafted and submitted by Drs. Simborio and Detalla is "CMU- the Undisputed Research Leader in Natural Products in Mindanao". (FCT)

# CMU sponsors SME Roving Academy Forum and Financial Wellness



CMU sponsored the Small Micro Enterprise (SME) Roving Academy and Financial Wellness Forum on 14 November 2013 at the Farmers Training Center. The other sponsors were the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-Bukidnon, Gawad Kalinga (GK), and the Bukidnon Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI).

The forum aimed to enhance the competitiveness of SMEs in the province of Bukidnon. Mr. Antonio P. Meloto, Jr. founder of GK, an internationally renowned advocate in ending poverty in the Philippines, and a social business entrepreneur, was one of the resource speakers.

Popularly called "Tito Tony," Mr. Meloto was overwhelmed and energized upon knowing the enthusiasm of CMU to host the forum. "CMU and the other sponsors are indeed creating

the platform of convergence of the academe and business," enthused Mr. Meloto. He added that the academy is a way to bring government agencies closer to the people by supporting them through nurturing small businesses aside from providing knowledge. "The Philippines does not have any excuse to be poor because of its rich natural resources and the creative people it has. Our poverty is an insult to us Filipinos and a scandal to the world because we have squandered the blessings of this country," Mr. Meloto added.

He encouraged everyone especially those from Bukidnon to send their children to CMU because of the quality of education it offers. "CMU's education is complete, dito na kayo," he said. He also informed everyone about the initiative of CMU, DTI, and BCCI to establish the Mt. Kalayo Institute for Social Enterprise Growth (MKISEG) in the province and of CMU to host the 2nd Social Business Summit on June 2014.

**L-R: Registration of participants; participants listen to Mr. Meloto's talk on Social Entrepreneurship; and a participant making an inquiry.**



Mr. Meloto discussed the topic “Social Business for Inclusive Growth”. He emphasized in his talk that the role of the social entrepreneurs is to be the bridge that connects investors to the land, to the human resources, and to the market. “We should focus on the development of the SMEs in the provinces such as the Province of Bukidnon,” said Mr. Meloto.

On marketing and entrepreneurship, he stressed that there was no need for the Filipinos to go abroad to look for better opportunities because of the rising economic status of the Philippines. He elaborated that the center of the universe now is no longer the west but Asia and the star of Asia is the Philippines,

the fastest rising economy in the world. Earthquakes, supertyphoons and other calamities only strengthen the Filipino values of fortitude, resilience and hard work.

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Other topics discussed in the forum were: Social Business for Inclusive Growth - GK Enchanted Farm Village University Experience by Mr. Fabien Courteille (Volunteer, GK Enchanted Farm Village University), Human Nature’s Social Business Model by Mr. Michael Go (Head, Social Enterprise Development, Human Nature), and the Mt. Kalayo Farm Village Institute and Social Business Summit Plan by Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven. (KDZ)

**Young Leaders Symposium held...  
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**Engr. Carillo shares to the participants the challenges of young leaders and the essence of personal leadership.**



Similarly, Engr. Carillo was a BS Electrical Engineering *Magna cum laude* graduate in 2005. He was the SSC Treasurer in his senior year and was the 5<sup>th</sup> placer in the EE national board exam on the same year. He was also a TOSP finalist for Region 10 in 2006, former Student Leader of Christ's Youth in Action (CYA-CMU), former instructor of the CMU College of Engineering, former Branch Leader of Ang Lingkod ng Panginoon-Greenhills Chapter, and engineer of Meralco-Manila. Engr. Carillo at present works with the First Bukidnon Electric Cooperative (FIBECO) as Head of the Consumer Services Division.

Ms. Polinar excellently presented and elaborated two relevant topics for the student leaders: Triumphs and Challenges of Youth Leadership and Call for Transformational Leadership. She at the same time shared her experiences and challenges when she joined the 2012 TOSP. Engr. Carillo also interestingly conveyed two more topics: Challenges of Young Leaders and Essence of Personal Leadership. The student leaders indeed acquired deeper insights and understanding on the given topics. The activity was participated by more than 200 student leaders of the university. (KDZ)

**A pose with the guest speaker, Ms. Polinar. From L-R: Dr. Alan P. Dargantes (OSA Director), Mr. Grant M. Amoncio (ARSO Chairperson), Ms. Ailyn L. Taneo (SSC President), Dr. Gamaliela A. Dumancas (CCA Faculty), and Dr. Joy M. Jamago (LTLO Head).**



# Accounting Office improves its work and services

This year, the University Accounting Office (UAO) headed by Mr. Mellbourne C. Poliran, CPA has improved its work mechanism through the procurement and installation of additional facilities and upgrading of information technology infrastructure. It has addressed the common recurring problems of the university such as the long queues during enrolment and term exams through a process called reengineering and upgrading of enrolment system and facilities.

The UAO has likewise enhanced the university practices to conform to the government accounting and auditing rules and other relevant regulations. It has also implemented the electronic filing for PhilHealth and BIR Remittances, and has aligned the accounting entries particularly the Income Generating Projects (IGPs) to conform to the New Government Accounting System (NGAS).

The University also created 57 Instructor positions out of the abolished professorial positions and hired new highly qualified and deserving instructors. It has also enhanced the morale of employees by promoting and granting permanency status to deserving employees and implemented the National Budget Circular Cycle (NBC) 5.

Part of adhering to the transparency and good governance conditions of the university was making the financial statements, procurements, programs and projects available for public viewing through the CMU website. (RGP)

**The University Accounting Office processes and files various remittances electronically.**





A GLIMPSE OF THE CMU FACULTY AND STAFF PALARO

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