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TESDA-CAR celebrating the yuletide season, December 21, 2017 at Venus Parkview Hotel, Baguio City (Photo by Gina Balansi)

CAR bags gold

TAGUIG CITY, Manila – **Jevo Gygni Calauastro** of the Cordillera Administrative Region won the **Gold in Cooking** during the Luzon Cluster Skills Competition on November 29-December 3, 2017. He will represent Luzon in the Philippine National Skills Competition (PNSC).

Calauastro is a 2nd year student of the Baguio City School of Arts and Trades training under the 2-year Diploma in Culinary Arts. He competed against contestants from NCR and Regions I, II, III, IV-A.

Also from CAR, Julie Ann Buaken won the Silver Medal in Restaurant Services. Buaken is also a 2nd year student of BCSAT training under Diploma in Restaurant Services at the time of the competition. *(continued in page 2)*

NGITI NG TAGUMPAY—Mary Kristine Iris Pasion, Cooking expert-coach and awarded Best Chief Expert, Jevo Gygni Calauastro, Gold Medalist in Cooking, and TESDA-CAR RD Efren Piñol during the Luzon Cluster Skills Competition awarding ceremonies. (Photos by Audrey Hope Dayawen)



TESDA empowers Tuba Indigenous People

TUBA, Benguet - Ibaloi, Kankanaey, and Ifugao residents of Barangay Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet celebrated the Indigenous Peoples (IP) Month Celebration on October 21, 2017. The celebration was organized by the Tadiangan Peoples Community Organization (TIPCO) to promote welfare and harmony among the different IPs in their barangay.

TESDA Regional Director Efren Piñol, the guest speaker, assured the residents that TESDA programs, especially scholarships, will reach their community as Indigenous Peoples (IP) are among the priority sectors in the agency's 17-point reform and development agenda. He added that IPs should take advantage of these free skills training as this could lead to employment and improve their economic standing.

With respect to the different cultures in Cordillera, the RD said that TESDA-CAR is open to dialogue with the council of elders about programs that will fit



EMPOWERING THE IPs—TESDA-CAR Regional Director Efren Piñol encouraging Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) to residents of Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet (Photo by Audrey Hope Dayawen)

and respond to the needs of the IPs they represent. He cited the experiences with the Manobo tribes in Magpet, North

Cotabato when he served as mayor of the municipality. **(Audrey Hope Dayawen)**

...CAR Bags Gold (continued)

The table below shows competition results of CAR delegates.

Mary Kristine Iris Pasion of BCSAT won the Best Chief Expert and Best Team for Cooking, while PD Victor

Brioso of PO—Apayao received the Best Jury award.

Regional Director Efren Piñol encouraged the different CAR Provincial Offices and TTIs to participate in more trade areas in the next Skills Competitions. **(Audrey Hope Dayawen)**

TRADE AREA	NAME OF COMPETITOR	TVET INSTITUTION	SCORE/ MARK
Cooking	Jevo Gygni Calastro	Baguio City School of Arts and Trades	542
Graphics Design Technology	Geraldine Wad-as	Informatics Baguio	476
IT Software Solutions for Business	Deon Paul Sadcopen	Informatics Baguio	495
Restaurant Services	Julie Anne Buaken	Baguio City School of Arts and Trades	545
Web Design and Development	John Philip Paduyao	Informatics Baguio	490
Welding	Jayson Paul Tangliben	Regional Training Center-Baguio	491



Jevo Gygni Calastro preparing his first competition dish. (Photos by Audrey Hope Dayawen)

BCSAT attains STAR rating



SUSTAINING THE QUALITY—BCSAT family together with RD Efren Piñol (4th from left) and representative from TESDA-Baguio-Benguet after the awarding of STAR Rating to BCSAT's programs. (Photo by Audrey Hope Dayawen)

BAGUIO CITY, Benguet - The Baguio City School of Arts and Trades (BCSAT) earned two (2) Star Awards from the TESDA Central Office.

After undergoing star rating evaluation, BCSAT once again proved its dedication

in providing quality training. The school was awarded with "2 STARS" for Cookery NC II and "1 STAR" for Food and Beverage Services NC II.

STAR rating is a recognition system for a registered program's compliance to

defined criteria on quality-assured delivery and related activities. The highest award is 3 STARS.

During the flag ceremony at the BCSAT compound on November 13, 2017, RD Efren Piñol presented the STAR Awards to OIC-Administrator Arlene Cadalig and BCSAT staff in recognition of the school's achievement.

RD Piñol told school officials, faculty, staff and students to continue working towards national recognition.

He also encouraged them to increase the number of programs to be evaluated under the STAR Rating in the future.

The BCSAT committed to continual improvement, so it can provide bigger opportunities to students. **(Vilma Tolarba)**

RTC Baguio acquires STAR

QUEZON CITY, Manila - The Regional Training Center-Baguio (RTC-Baguio) was honored with the 2-STAR Award for its Machining National Certificate (NC) II program by the TESDA Central Office.

The rating was based on the ocular visit and evaluation conducted by the STAR validation team of the TESDA Central Office on May 22-23, 2017.

Machining is the RTC's distinctive area of competence, producing graduates that supply the metal manufacturing industries in the Region as well as in Region III, IV-A and NCR.

Based on the evaluation of the national team, the Machining program earned 450 points which qualified it to the 2-STAR rating under the STAR Rating System of Technical Vocational and Education and Training (TVET) Programs, the highest of which is 3 STARS.

The rating signifies that the program delivery and performance is substantially above the threshold of quality standards and is valid for two years.

"The 2-STAR award is a big boost for RTC-Baguio as it shows the consistent

quality of trainings that the center provides as a Center of Excellence, as well as the commitment and teamwork of the people making up the institution," RTC trainer Noriel Ramos said.

"More than the recognition, the award is also a challenge for the center to sustain the quality of its services, and aim for higher level excellence in its endeavors," said PD David Bungallon of TESDA—Mt. Province. He served as RTC Baguio administrator for three years before he was appointed provincial director.

He added that the center should also aim for accreditation in Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) and East Asia Summit on TVET Quality Assurance Framework (EAS TVET QAF).

Ramos stated that the award boosted the center's request for additional machines and equipment from the Central Office for its machining programs.

"The additional machines will significantly improve our programs, particularly in our plan to offer higher level programs in machining, as well as a 3-year Diploma Program in Mechanical Engineering Technology by next year,"



REACHING STARS—(From left) Machining NC II trainer Noriel Ramos, RTC OIC-administrator Hector Laguardia, Machining NC II trainer Raymund Lapon, PD David Bungallon of PO-Mt. Province, and PD Manuel Wong of PO-Baguio/Benguet during the awarding ceremony. (Photo taken from facebook.com/registrar.bcsat)

Engr. Hector Laguardia, OIC-Administrator, said.

He added that the 30 machining and Computer Numeric Control machines are expected to be transferred to the center in January 2018.

The STAR Rating Awards was held during the 2nd National Quality TVET Forum at the Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria Hotel in Quezon City on October 27, 2017. **(Bernice Lee)**

31 inmates benefit from skills training

BONTOC, Mt. Province -- Employment is important for an inmates' reintegration into the community.

With this in mind, the staff of TESDA – Mt. Province forged a Memorandum of Agreement with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) - Mt. Province to help improve the economic status of inmates ahead of their release.

As a result, 31 inmates and one (1) jail staff completed the Body Massage training inside the Bontoc Provincial Jail on December 18, 2017.

“Gawis ay naagkan kamis atensiyon nan gobyerno, salamat kendakayo. Dakkel nan nasuruak gapus nan training. Dakkel san itulong na issan pamilyak no makabala ak,” (We are thankful that the government is still giving attention to us. This training taught me a lot. This will help me and my family upon my release.) said one of the inmates who shared her message to her co-trainees during the graduation ceremonies.

The TESDA Provincial Office partnered with BJMP to provide inmates access to skills training and other interventions



ENSURING REINTEGRATION—Inmates of BJMP Mt. Province practice taking of blood pressure as one of the skills required in Massage Therapy training. (Photo by Christine Oliquiano)

that would facilitate their re-integration. Reintegration and uplift of economic status may be through self- or wage-employment.

The inmate-graduates were issued a Certificate of Training during the graduation ceremony. Those who already

passed the competency assessment were given National Certificate. Toolkits were also issued, to ensure that they could immediately practice their craft upon release. **(Christine Oliquiano)**

Cong. Mangaoang: more scholarships for Kalinga



BETTER OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD—RD Efren Piñol (2nd from right) and Congressman Jesse Mangaoang (3rd from right) congratulates one of the beneficiaries of Special Training for Employment Program (STEP) in Kalinga. (Photo by Imee Dong-as)

TABUK CITY, Kalinga- About 82 beneficiaries of the government's anti-poverty program, more known as 4Ps, successfully graduated from various training programs under the Special Training for Employment Program (STEP). The STEP was funded by the Office of Congressman Allen Jesse Mangaoang and implemented by TESDA-Kalinga and the Provincial Training Center-Kalinga.

During the graduation ceremonies on October 22, 2017 at Davidson Hotel, Kalinga, the beneficiaries received their training certificates and allowances .

“We are delighted with the result of this skills training collaboration with TESDA- Kalinga and hopefully we can look for additional funding for the succeeding years to come,” Cong. Allen Jesse Mangaoang said in his speech.

RD Efren Piñol thanked Congressman Mangaoang for his invaluable support and urged the graduates to use their education and training to go after their goals in life. He told them that TVET, coupled with discipline and determination, will surely lead to success. **(Imee Ann Dong-as)**

Ifugao IPs empowered

BANAUE, Ifugao - Various skills training programs produced 167 graduates under the Barangay Kabuhayan Skills Training Program (BKSTP) and Livelihood Skills Training sponsored by the Local Government Unit of Banaue, TESDA Provincial Office, and the local Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

The graduates completed the training in Basic Computer Literacy, Bread and Pastry Production, Beauty Care (Nail Care) NC II and Basic Hair Cutting, Dressmaking NC II, and Soap Making. The trainings were conducted from October to December in 2017. The various programs revolved around the theme “TVET, Ang Puhunan para sa Masa-ganang Kinabukasan at sa Kapayapaan.”

“The graduates are a good example of productive mutual support and collaboration among government agencies,” RD Efren Piñol said. “As the Duterte administration’s focus is on local job generation, we need to work together in order to be responsive to the needs of the people and to the movements in the economy.”

He added that the TESDA, through its Provincial Office, will continue to allot scholarship programs for the municipality in 2018, and recommended that more area-appropriate trainings like tourism courses be considered.



CONTINUED SCHOLARSHIPS—Regional Director Efren F. Piñol encouraged the conduct of skills upgrading and of training programs appropriate to the local situation in order to ensure the sustainability of skills training programs. (Photo by Bernice Lee)

Meanwhile, Atty. Albert Pawingi, provincial administrator, challenged the graduates to continue developing their skills through dedication, patience and industry in order to be successful in their field.

Ms. Meldee Timmango, in her feedback as a scholarship grantee, said that learning is a life-long process that does not stop as the training ends.

“Besides the skills, our training also improved our character and values as we learned that one needs perseverance,

dedication and hard work in order to be successful,” she said.

In response to local requests, RD Piñol assured the continuation of scholarship programs, skills upgrading, and appropriate skills training programs in the province of Ifugao. The mass graduation of TESDA scholars was held at the Municipal Gymnasium in Poblacion, Banaue on December 11, 2017.

(Bernice Lee)

TESDA, DepEd ink MOA on teacher development

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - At least 30 teachers of Alternative Learning System (ALS) and Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE) of the Department of Education (DepEd) will undergo TESDA’s Trainers Methodology I (TM I).

The partnership is aimed at equipping teachers of ALS and TLE with the methodologies of teaching technical-vocational education and training (TVET) in line with the K to 12 Basic Education Program.

TESDA-CAR will conduct TM I and the succeeding assessment of the gradu-

ates, while the DepEd will identify participants and finance the program.

This partnership was forged through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the DepEd-CAR and TESDA-CAR signed on December 12, 2017 at the Agricultural Training Institute in La Trinidad, Benguet.

(Audrey Hope Dayawen)



MENTORING THE MENTOR -(From lower left) TESDA-CAR Regional Director Efren F. Piñol, DepEd-CAR Regional Director Dr. May B. Eclar, and Ms. Emilia Faustino, sign the MOA on TM training for DepEd Teachers. Present to witness the signing are Provincial Director Gabriel Cayacay of TESDA-Kalinga and Mr. Sabado Oayot of DepEd CAR. (Photo by Audrey Hope Dayawen)

Special sectors given livelihood skills training

LAGAWE, Ifugao – A hundred participants, composed of the unemployed, underemployed, job-seekers, out-of-school youth, senior citizens and differently-abled persons availed of skills training under the Community-based Training (CBT) for Enterprise Development Programs in Banaue.

The program is designed to create livelihood enterprises that shall be implemented by the trainees immediately after the course. This was made possible through the collaboration between the TESDA Provincial Office and the Local Government Unit of Banaue.

The participants were trained in Bread Making, Pastry Making, Cake Making, Basic Computer Literacy Program, Perform Haircutting,

Perform Manicure and Pedicure, Perform Hand Spa and Foot Spa.

TESDA provided the training tools, equipment, supplies, materials and trainers' fees while LGU-Banaue recruited the participants and provided the training venues and other facilities. The toolkits will be used by the beneficiaries in starting their own businesses.

RD Efren Piñol awarded toolkits to the graduates of Perform Hair Cutting, Bread Making, Cake Making and Pastry Making during the graduation ceremonies on December 15, 2017. (Marifi Badua)



MAINSTREAMING THE SPECIAL SECTORS—Trainees in computer literacy (above) and haircutting (below) undergo hands-on during their training (Photos by Marifi Badua)

TESDA partners with DA, ATI for capacity building



EXPANDING THE CIRCLE—TESDA-CAR RD Efren Piñol (3rd from left) and DA-CAR RD Narciso Edillo (5th from left) are joined by RTD Cameron Odsey, RTD Danilo Daguio, Director Arlene Flores, PD Gabriel Cayacay, PD David Bungallon and the technical staff of the three agencies (Photo by Audrey Hope Dayawen)

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – Regional Directors and key personnel of the Department of Agriculture (DA), TESDA, and Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) in CAR convened on December 12, 2017 to discuss areas for collaboration.

The most pronounced concerns during the meeting include (1) sharing of tools and equipment for agriculture and agriculture-related training programs; (2) capacity-building of DA and ATI personnel towards the pooling of trainers, assessors and for possible entrepreneurial endeavors; and (3) increasing the enrolment in agriculture-related programs.

Programs and projects of the collaborating agencies were presented during the meeting. The group agreed to establish a technical working group that would conceptualize projects and prepare proposals. (Audrey Hope Dayawen)

TESDA-CAR RO, PO-Benguet undergo 3rd party audit

BAGUIO CITY, Benguet - Now on its fifth year of ISO 9001:2008 certification, the TESDA recently underwent a repeat audit in relation to the Agency's transition to ISO 9001:2015 Certification. The 3rd Party Audit of the TESDA-CAR Regional Office and TESDA-Benguet Provincial Office were conducted on December 7 and 8, 2017, respectively.

The audit established if the Quality Management System of the TESDA is effectively implemented and if it is compliant to ISO 9001:2015.

As with the previous TUV SUD audits, core processes such as Program Registration, Assessment and Certification, and Human Resource Management were among the coverage of the audit.

Findings showed minor nonconformities and opportunities for improvement. No major nonconformities were identified for both TESDA-CAR RO and TESDA-Benguet PO.



The audit was conducted by Mr. Xavier Lance DY and Mr. Albert Diuco of TUV SUD PSB Philippines, Inc. **(Audrey Hope Dayawen)**

CERTIFICATION ON THE WAY-TESDA-CAR Regional Office employees meet with the 3rd Party Auditors (Photo by Audrey Hope Dayawen)

TESDA provides training materials to children with special needs

BONTOC, Mt. Province – In support to the Agency's development agenda for special sectors, the TESDA—Mt. Province turned over baking supplies and materials to the Special Education (SPED) unit of Mt. Province General Comprehensive High School on December 18, 2017.

The SPED unit will use the supplies and materials for the training in Baking of 22 students who are a mix of hearing-

impaired and intellectually-disabled children.

In his message, RD Efren Piñol committed to continue TESDA's assistance to the SPED unit of Mt. Province General Comprehensive High School.

Mr. Atkinson Tudlong, the school principal, expressed his grateful appreciation for TESDA's training and assistance. He remarked that it responds

to their goal of equipping their students with practical life skills. He is hopeful that despite their disabilities, these children will have a chance of using their skills to help their families and become productive members of the community. **(Audrey Hope Dayawen)**



CONTINUED COMMITMENT-(Left photo) Students and faculty of the Special Education (SPED) unit of Mt. Province General Comprehensive High School with TESDA-CAR Regional Director Efren Piñol (middle) . (Right Photo) Baking supplies and materials donated by TESDA-MP to MPGCHS. (Photos by Audrey Hope Dayawen)

TESDA-CAR launches new regional website
<https://carrod.wixsite.com/tesdacar>

RAISING THE BAR



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 Graduation Ceremonies of Inmates Trained on Massage Therapy | December 18, 2017 | BJMP Mt. Province ↓



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