

FARM SCHOOLS Towards SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



(From left) Farm owner, Mr. Jefferson Laruan, explains organic farming to RD Francisco Jucar, Jr., PD Angela Gabriel, Ms. Marlyn Necesito, and Ms. Gilda

Data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) showed that the poverty incidence among fishermen and farmers are at 39.2 percent and 38.3 percent, respectively.

On the average, the Filipino farmer is 57 years old and earns P2,300 a month working on his 1.5-hectare farm. As a result, their children who saw their parents grow old and poor, do not see agriculture as a lucrative career and pursue other careers instead. This insight from the younger generation threatens the assurance of successor-farmers who will take over the task of producing food for the growing population.

In support of the national development goal of enhanced employability and productivity, TESDA Circular No. 56, s. 2016, entitled **Implementing Guidelines on Provision of Special Technical Assistance for Program on Accelerating Farm School Establishment (PAFSE)**, was issued on November 7, 2016.

The program aims to accelerate the establishment of farm schools in all municipalities nationwide. It is envisioned that farmers and fisher folks, their families and relatives will have access to appropriate knowledge, skills, and attitude in increasing farm productivity through technology updates and entrepreneurial activities; thus, improving their economic status in life.

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TESDA-CAR Achieves >50% Outputs in H1

At the end of the 1st half of 2017, TESDA-CAR accomplished more than 50 percent of its massive training and competency assessment targets. In addition to intensified efforts of the Operating Units to fast track program implementation, the Region also conducted a reconciliation workshop on June 27-29, 2017. The workshop addressed the discrepancy between the database of the Operating Units, as well as the delay in reporting already-implemented programs. RD Rafael Abrogar emphasized that “what does not get reported is not counted.”

The Region was also commended for registering the most number of T2MIS uploads for June, 2017. T2MIS stands for TESDA Training Monitoring Information System.

Tracking of employed TVET graduates, on the other hand, was a low 11.81%, mainly due to the difficulty of locating/contacting them.

-Audrey Hope Dayawen

MAJOR PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	% ACCOMPLISHMENT
Profiled	24,912	71.08
Enrolled	23,913	52.15
Graduate	23,034	55.82
Assessed	16,930	55.34
Certified	14,988	57.64
Employed	1,675	11.81

Changing of Leadership at TESDA-CAR



(From left) PD Victor Brioso of Apayao, PD John Adawey of Ifugao, the incoming RD Rafael Abrogar II, the outgoing RD Francisco Jucar, Jr., OIC-PD Roger Dancel of Mt. Province, PD Genaro Ronald Ibay of Abra, and PD Gabriel Caya-cay of Kalinga during the Turnover Ceremony

The TESDA-CAR family welcomed the new Regional Director (RD), Rafael Y. Abrogar II, during the Turnover Ceremony for the Incoming and Outgoing Regional Directors on June 13, 2017.

The event also served as the send-off party for the outgoing RD, Francisco B. Jucar, Jr., who was assigned as RD of TESDA - Region I.

The new assignments were effected through TESDA-

Order No. 151, s. 2017 effective June 16, 2017.

RD Jucar handed over the following, symbolizing the responsibilities and commitments of the Head of Agency: files of Physical and Financial oversized key, and an oversized check indicating the remaining funds of the Region.

In his message, RD Jucar reiterated the importance of technical education and skills development in enhancing the

quality of human resources. He thanked everyone for their support and said that he is looking forward to meeting the TESDA-CAR staff again in the future.

In his speech, RD Abrogar stressed that he will enter TESDA-CAR with integrity, and will leave with integrity. He reminded everyone about the objectives of TESDA as the regulator, enabler, and promoter of technical education and skills development in the country. As he accepts the responsibilities and leadership of TESDA-CAR, the new RD proclaimed his commitment to serve according to public interest. He also challenged everyone to leave a mark at fulfilling the dreams of Cordillereans.

The Turnover Ceremony included a presentation on the socio-economic indicators of the Region, TVET Situationer, physical accomplishments

and financial status of the agency.

The Provincial Directors and TTI Administrators expressed their farewell and messages of good wishes to RD Jucar. Former RD Yolanda Olano also expressed her compliments to the outgoing RD and her support to the new Director. She mentioned the previous record of TESDA-CAR which, for three times, attained Number 1 in the ranking of TESDA regional offices nationwide.

At the age of 26, RD Abrogar (Brogy to friends and family) became the youngest Regional Director in the history of TESDA.

Participants in the event were TESDA-CAR Provincial Directors, TTI Administrators, regional and provincial staff, family and friends of the two RDs.

- Audrey Hope Dayawen



Promoting TVET Among Abrenians

LGU-Abra



PD Genaro Ronald Ibay met with and discussed the Provincial Office's programs and services with Gov. Ma. Jocelyn Valera-Bernos of Abra. Gov. Bernos expressed her support to the implementation of manpower development programs in the province.

Bucloc, Abra



Mayor Gybel Cardenas of LGU-Bucloc, Dir. Genaro Ronald Ibay, of TESDA-Abra, Ms. Jennifer Bañez of DSWD, SB Members and the Officers of the Lingey Loom Weavers Association display their outputs during their Closing Program held in Lingey, Bucloc.

Mayor Cardenas inducted the Officers and assured the association of her full support to their programs. PD Ibay discussed other trainings related to the processing of loom weaving outputs and how these can be more competitive.

Lacub, Abra



Mayor Estelita Bersamina of Lacub (left), delivered her message to the trainees during the launching program on Bread Making, Pastry Making, and Preventive Maintenance on Motorcycle under the Barangay Kabuhayan Skills Training Program (BKSTP) in Lacub.

Training in Driving and Massage Therapy were also simultaneously conducted in the area.

Radio-Joy FM



Mr. Fred Baroña of TESDA-Abra discussed the Free Competency Assessment and Certification of Workers (CACW) program in an interview aired in Radio-Joy FM hosted by Mr. Argie Lorenzo.

La Paz, Abra



Gov. Ma. Jocelyn Valera-Bernos, PD Genaro Ronald Ibay, MAO Gregoria Valdez and the trainees do a thumbs-up during the launching program on Fruit Processing and Chichacorn Making in Sitio Naguilian, San Gregorio, La Paz.

The training is under TESDA's community-based training program in partnership with the Local Government

Kape ken Kapanunutan



TESDA-Abra Provincial Director Genaro Ronald Ibay (3rd from left) promoted TESDA Programs and Services during the "Kape ken Kapanunutan" radio program hosted by (from right) Mr. Dexter Abella, Mr. Friam Parel, and Fr. Totoy Taverner of DZPA Bangued, Abra.

TESDA-Abra Joins People's Day Celebration in Malibcong



Skills training demonstration on Hair Cutting was held during the People's Day Celebration at Taripan, Malibcong, Abra. The Trainers, Mr. Samuel Paladin and Mr. Sotero Bilgera, closely supervised the trainees while they performed haircutting. There were 23 graduates in this program and they were provided by TESDA with starter toolkits to enable them immediate employment

after training. The graduates were very thankful for an alternative, if not the primary source, of their livelihood.

This is a joint program of the LGU-Malibcong, Provincial Government of Abra and TESDA.

Picture on the left shows Mr. Paladin (in white) demonstrating proper hair-cutting for men.

- Fred Baroña

TESDA-Apayao Implements Province-Wide TESD



Apayao Foundation Day

TESDA-Apayao joined the Apayao Foundation Day Parade on February 12-14, 2017 held in Kabugao, Apayao.

As part of the celebration, skills demonstrations on Massage Therapy and Beauty Care (Nail Care) Services were also conducted for the public. This formed part of the advocacy program of the agency.

Various skills training around the province were conducted in coordination with other government agencies. The trainings started in February and March 2017.

Community-Based Training



With the joint forces of personnel from TESDA Apayao and Community Training and Employment Coordinators from the Municipal Governments, training in Body Massage was successfully conducted.

Twenty (20) participants who are enrolled in the Alternative Learning System (ALS) of the Department of Education were trained on February 21-March 1, 2017. Likewise, 17 participants from the munici-

pality of Kabugao were trained on March 13-17, 2017.

Outsourced trainers of TESDA-Apayao conducted the training: Ms. Lyngelle Burigsay of Pudtol and Ms. Janine Eva Lopez of Conner.

Mr. Alex Pamittan conducted another 7-day training in Beauty Care (Nail Care) Services, also in Conner. Fifteen (15) members of the municipality's women's organization were the beneficiaries.

Women's Month Celebration

TESDA Apayao joined the Provincial Women's Month Celebration with the theme "We Make Change Work for Women" at the ECBJR Evacuation Center and Multipurpose Gymnasium, Provincial



Government Center, San Isidro in Luna on March 23, 2017. The celebration was highlighted by contests and events. A Souvenir-Making Contest was held where Ms. Agnes Gabuat of TESDA-Apayao was invited as one of the judges. She also conducted lectures on Housekeeping and provided information about the agency's programs and activities.

TESDA's Support to K to12

A 2-day orientation workshop on Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Program Registration, and Competency Assessment and Certification was conducted by TESDA-Apayao to faculty members of Pio Dalim Memorial School of Arts and Trades (PDAMSAT) in Calanasan on March 2-3, 2017.



The event enabled the participants to explain the roles of Department of Education (DepEd) and TESDA in the implementation of the K to12 program.

Evaluating Competencies

Meanwhile, on March 17, 2017, the Luna National High School tapped TESDA-Apayao in the evaluation of skills acquired by their Grade 11 students during their industry training.

The students were trained in Housekeeping NC II and Front Office Services NC II, and conducted their on-the-job training at Traveler's Inn, Junction Luna, Apayao.

Select faculty members of the Luna National High School also joined the activity to familiarize themselves on the procedures of evaluating competencies acquired by the trainees based on TESDA's Training Regulations.

-Hazel Joy Torida



TESDA-Apayao Joins Market-Market sa Apayao

In line with the aggressive effort of the Provincial Government of Apayao to promote high quality products of the province, the LGU conducted a promotional activity dubbed as “Market-Market sa Apayao 2017” which aimed to provide the locals a platform to market their products and services to a larger and wider base of buyers.

In support to this event, TESDA-Apayao facilitated a 3-day Skills Demonstration in Body Massage and Beauty Care Services on May 5-7, 2017 at Poblacion, Luna. Since participants were all TVET graduates, this exhibit provided them a maximum opportunity to showcase their competencies to attendees, who are probable customers in the future.

The 3-day activity served 116 satisfied clients. - Hazel Joy Torida

TESDA-Apayao Provincial Director Victor Brioso (middle) monitors the services provided by trainees in Beauty Care Services and Body Massage during the Market-Market sa Apayao 2017.



TESDA-Apayao Skills Demo at Luna Town Fiesta



The Municipality of Luna celebrated its town fiesta with the theme “Panagapit ken Panagyaman” on June 12-14, 2017. The TESDA Provincial Office collaborated with the LGU to stage a 1-day skills demonstration in Body Massage on June 13, 2017 at Poblacion, Luna.

The skills fair was a successful activity during the town fiesta, as it provided an appreciated service among local customers and at the same time, provided the graduates the opportunity to explain the benefits of body massage.. - Hazel Joy Torida



Joint CTESDC and PTESDC Meeting

Members of the Technical Education and Skills Development Committee (TESDCs) of Baguio City and Benguet held a joint meeting on June 7, 2017 at the Provincial Capitol of Benguet.

During the meeting, issues and recommendations affecting the delivery of TVET in the province and city were discussed, resulting in ____ (__) policy recommendations submitted to the Regional Office.

It was agreed by both committees that joint meetings not only saved them time but they also resulted in more comprehensive discussions. - Glenda Marquez



TESDA-Benguet Provincial Director Angela Gabriel (in grey) responds to queries of the TESDC members

TESDA-Benguet Conducts Assessor's Re-Orientation



A re-orientation among 13 competency assessors from Benguet focused on the following topics: duties and responsibilities of assessors, Operating Procedures in Competency Assessment and Certification, and the standard script of assessors. It was conducted on April 26, 2017 at the TESDA- Benguet Provincial Office in Wangal, La Trinidad.

The resource persons were PD Angela Gabriel, Provincial Director, and Mr. Ferdinand Montanez, Program Focal. - Ruth Bambico

PD Angela Gabriel (standing) welcomes the assessors during the re-orientation program

ATVIB Meeting with PO-Benguet



Ms. Daisy Bungallon of TESDA-Benguet facilitates the discussion during the meeting with ATVIB members

The Association of Technical Vocational Institutions in Benguet (ATVIB) conducted their meeting with TESDA-Benguet at the Provincial Office in Wangal, La Trinidad on June 9, 2017. The discussions included issues affecting their operations in relation to the upcoming compliance audit, implementation of Training for Work Scholarship Program, and other requirements to be submitted to TESDA, and updates on relevant guidelines and TESDA Circulars.

PQF Training



RD Francisco Jucar, Jr. explains the PQF to stakeholders

The Presidents and members of the Baguio Association of Private TVET Institutions (BAPTI) and the Association of Technical Vocational Institutions in Benguet (ATVIB) and other participants from CAR provinces joined PD Angela Gabriel in attending the training on the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) on June 14, 2017. The training discussed the PQF, particularly Levels 3, 4 and 5.

- Glenda Marquez

UTPRAS and CAC Calibration Workshops

A Calibration Workshop on UTPRAS was conducted by TESDA-Benguet for the members of ATVIB at the BENECO Multipurpose Hall, Baguio City on June 23, 2017. Similarly, a re-orientation and calibration workshop for Assessment Centers was conducted on June 29, 2017 at BCSAT Conference Hall.

Presidents and heads of private technical vocational institutions (TVI) in Benguet were invited so the new operating procedures on program registration and competency assessment and certification can be presented and discussed. These activities are part of TESDA's thrust to upgrade its certification from ISO 9001:2008 to ISO 9001:2015.

- Glenda Marquez



(Left) UTPRAS Calibration Workshop conducted at BENECO Multipurpose Hall and (right) Assessment Center Calibration Workshop conducted at BCSAT Conference Hall

Senator Villanueva Visits Baguio City

Former TESDA Director General, now Senator Joel Villanueva, thanked all the stakeholders for their steadfast support to TESDA. He also mentioned that "to whom much is given, much is required" pertaining to his election as senator. The occasion was the Consultative Meeting with Stakeholders on June 8, 2017.

society. He informed the participants body that the newly proposed Philippine Quality Framework (PQF) is already in its third reading in the senate. The PQF will help in the harmonization of curriculum in all educational levels.

- Charity Magallis

In his message, he challenged everyone to make a difference and make an impact on

(Left) Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan welcomes Senator Joel Villanueva.



TESDA-Benguet Inks MOA with Aboitiz Foundation & BTS



The TESDA-Benguet, Aboitiz Foundation and Benguet Technical School signed a Memorandum of Agreement at HEDCOR, Beckel, La Trinidad, Benguet on April 7, 2017.

The MOA provided for the provision of skills training and certification in Dressmaking NC II to beneficiaries of Aboitiz Foundation. The LGU-run Benguet Technical School is the training provider, while TESDA-Benguet will coordinate administrative and technical requirements of the program. - Glenda Marquez

Signatories of the MOA (L-R) Masst. VP of Aboitiz Foundation Andy Faelnar, TESDA-Benguet PD Angela Gabriel, Aboitiz Manager for Enterprise Development Jennifer Sabianan, Benguet Technical School Administrator Flora Manuel

CAR's Jananie Dimacaling Wins Bronze in 2017 China ISC

Jananie Dimacaling, at 19 the pride of Cordillera, won another Bronze Medal in the recently concluded 2017 China International Skills Competition. Dimacaling graduated from Informatics-Baguio. Chosen to join the Regional Skills Competition for Web Design Development in 2016 and in the National Skills Competition in the same year, he won the Gold Medal in both competitions. Consequently, he represented the Philippines in the ASEAN Skills Competition in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and won the Bronze Medal in the same trade area.

The successful participation of Dimacaling in the national and international skills competitions serves

as a great inspiration to TVET trainees and graduates. He is currently preparing for the World Skills Competition to be held in Abu Dhabi in October 2017. Dimacaling says the honor and incomes exceeded his dreams. Pundogar, on the other hand, was declared Regional Winner of the 2017 *Idol ng TESDA Award*.

- Glenda Marquez

(Top, from left) Coach Rasul Pundogar, Jananie Dimacaling, TESDA-Benguet Provincial Director Angela Gabriel, Ms. Daisy Bungallon of TESDA-Benguet, Radyo ng Bayan OJTs, and DZEQ Manager/Host Mr. Andre Amadeo. The picture below shows Joven Hayagan (left) of Bicol and Jananie Dimacaling of CAR, Winners in the China International Skills Competition. This picture served as top banner in TESDA website.



TESDA Benguet Launches PAFSE

TESDA-Benguet launched the Program on Accelerating Farm School Establishment (PAFSE) at the Lily of the Valley Farm located at Sitio Ampasit, La Trinidad, Benguet on June 15, 2017.

Lily of the Valley and Cosmic Farm registered their programs in Organic Agriculture Production NC II, while Masters Garden registered for Agricultural Crops Production NC II during the 1st quarter of 2017.

They represent the growing number of ATI-recognized Schools of Prac-

tical Agriculture which register their course offerings under the Unified TVET Program and Accreditation System (UTPRAS) of the TESDA. Once registered, the school may apply for scholarship slots for prospective farmer-enrollees.

- Glenda Marquez

(From left) TESDA-Benguet Provincial Director Angela Gabriel, Mrs. Eliza Laruan and Mr. Jefferson Laruan of Lily of the Valley, TESDA-CAR Regional Director Francisco Jucar, Jr., Mr. Rogel Marsan of Cosmic Farm and Mr. Ambrosio Acosta of Master's Garden during the launching of farm schools in Benguet



CAR TTIs Implement Simultaneous Training-cum-Production Programs

The TESDA Training Institutions (TTIs) in CAR are simultaneously conducting massive training-cum-production programs.

A total budget of P10 million was allotted to TESDA-CAR for the implementation of the programs. The distribution is as follows:

PTC-Abra	P 1.25 M
PTC-Ifugao	1.25 M
PTC-Kalinga	1.26 M
PTC-Mt. Province	1.25 M
RTC-Bagui	1.69 M
Baguio City School of Arts and Trades	3.29 M

The training-cum-production scheme is in line with the President's directive to expand the

delivery of skills development to the people.

The TTIs identified construction, extension, and enhancement of their facilities to ensure quality and continuous improvement of their respective services to clients and stakeholders.

This program also aims to produce graduates who acquire skills through actual application of industry-based training, and at the same time address the challenges of skills shortages and mismatch. This mismatch is apparent particularly in the construction sector which proves to have high employment demand based on the recent labor market survey.

The program commenced in June 2017 and is expected to be completed before the end of 2017.

-Audrey Hope Dayawen



Ongoing training-cum-production for the construction of organic agriculture production laboratory in Kalinga (top), construction of a 3-floor building in Abra (left), and finishing of works of the 3rd floor tourism building of BCSAT (right).

TESDA-CAR Conducts Research on Traditional Industries

In line with the preparation of a Culture-Sensitive, Grassroots-Based Livelihood Development Plan, TESDA-CAR made an initial documentation on the traditional industries in the Cordilleras with the help of cultural workers and cultural bearers.

Lucia Ruiz, one of the cultural bearers and IPEACE Director said that it is a strategic necessity to identify and recognize inherent skills, which can be as productive, effective and comparatively competitive with TVET and TESDA mainstream program.

Among those identified and initially documented were weaving, pottery, blacksmith and winery.

"We envision a cultural training and livelihood center where courses on traditional industries are being offered," the cultural workers declared.

Under the leadership of Secretary Guiling A. Mamondiong, a partner-

ship project with said cultural groups has been initiated.

RD Francisco Jucar, Jr. praised the project as the material culture serves as a link to the Region's past history.

Mamondiong also requested for a holistic plan to include the delivery of basic services – water, roads, and schools in the said plan. "TESDA shall lead in converging all agencies into developing lives of the

Indigenous Peoples through their traditional industries," he said. A copy of the research work was submitted to the TESDA Central Office.

- Daisy Lee



TESDA Ifugao Joins the 2017 Gotad ad Ifugao Celebrations



(Right) TESDA-Ifugao employees proudly display their banner during the parade in Ifugao's 51st Founding Anniversary, while graduates from Shiloh Specialized Training Institute (left) showcase their skills in a demonstration

TESDA Ifugao employees joined the civic parade on June 14, 2017 as part of the celebration of the 51st Founding Anniversary and 2017 Gotad ad Ifugao scheduled on June 11-18, 2017/. This year's theme is *Ipaptok tauy Ifugao!* (Let us take care/nurture Ifugao!). TESDA takes part in nurturing Ifugao by promoting relevant skills training programs among the residents. The TESDA Provincial Office collaborated with the Provincial LGU on the

conduct of Skills Fair during the Trabaho Negosyo Kabuhayan Caravan on June 16, 2017. Held at the Provincial Capitol premises, the caravan included Jobs Fair, PRC Releasing of Licenses, Mobile Business Name Registration and Business Counseling. The PLGU and various agencies worked together for its successful implementation.

For the skills fair, TESDA enjoined the participation of Shiloh Specialized Training Institute, Inc. as the training provider with registered programs in Beauty Care (Nail Care) Services NC II and Hairdressing NC II by organizing

- Marifi Badua

TESDA- Kalinga Joins Tabuk City 's 16th Matagoan Festival

The city was set for its 10th Founding Anniversary and 16th Matagoan Festival on June 21-24.

The 4-day festivities of the 10th Founding Anniversary and 16th Matagoan Festival opened with an ecumenical thanksgiving service followed by a socio-cultural program at the city gym. Held on June 21-24, 2017, the annual event is a combination of newsworthy activities. Scintillating the annual celebration is the search for Ms. Tabuk City 2017 with 18 beauties vying for the title. To showcase the city's indigenous and agriculture products, the PATAWID trade fair organized by the Trade and Industry Provincial Office was launched. The City's rich ethnic culture took center-stage during the street dance parade on June 23.

As gesture of appreciation and cooperation, TESDA- Kalinga joined the civic parade and the other activities. The City of Tabuk was the Kabalikatan National Winner in 2015, in recognition of its substantial and sustainable support to TESD programs.

Different national line agencies joined and provided support to the events: jobs fair, skills and livelihood fairs and Professional Regulation Commission mobile licensing and registration. City Mayor Ferdinand Tubban declared June 23, 2017 a special non-working holiday in the entire city to enjoin schools and government agencies participate in the celebration.

- Imee Ann Dong-as



Provincial staff of TESDA-Kalinga, PTC-Kalinga, and TESDA-Mt. Province hold up the TESDA banner during the 16th Matagoan Festival Civic Parade



Wellness Clinic for Senior Citizens in Mountain Province

In partnership with the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, TESDA - Mt. Province provided wellness services during the Advanced Health and Well-being of Senior Citizens in Spiritual Enhancement and Wellness on March 7, 2017 at the Provincial Senior Citizens Center, Upper Caluttit, Bontoc, Mt. Province.

Senior citizens availed of free manicure and pedicure, foot spa, massage, haircut. A total of 73 individuals benefited from the services.

This activity is similar to the Gupit para kay Kardo conducted last February 14, 2017 at the Mt. Province Provincial District Jail.

- Christine Oliquiano

TESDA Gives Back to the Kins of KIA

During a cabinet meeting last November 3, 2016, the Comprehensive Social Benefits Program (CSBP) for AFP and PNP battle casualties and their dependents was approved by President Rodrigo Duterte. The program aimed to provide assistance to Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP) who were killed-in-action (KIA) and wounded-in-action (WIA).

TESDA, together with DILG, DSWD, and DTI, collaborated on a capacity training for dependents of AFP and PNP personnel

on May 3-5, 2017 at the Baguio City School of Arts and Trades. The program included skills training in Process Food by Smoking (Leading to Food Processing NC II), financial literacy, and entrepreneurship development.

Forty (40) participants were composed mostly of the wives, mothers, brothers and sisters of the KIA/WIA personnel. One of the participants reported that the event unintentionally became the avenue for them to gain friends which will form part of their support group in the future.

- Audrey Hope Dayawen



Photo courtesy of PIA-CAR

Ms. Shirley Cael (in dark blue) of BCSAT gives instructions to the trainees of Food Processing during the Capacity Training for Dependents of AFP and PNP Personnel.

Philippine Army Members Undergo Driving NC II Training



With the theme "Let's go driving towards our dream!," 36 members of the Philippine Army and five (5) civilians took the training on Driving NC II (left). Conducted on May 8-26, 2017, the batch was trained by Mr. Ryan Eguiab and Mr. Jessie Guerrero of PTC-Abra.

Completion rites were held at the 77IB-5ID Philippine Army, Brgy. Pitao in Tayum, Abra. The guests included Maj. Ronamel Ola (INF) PA, CO - Charlie Company of AFP, Ms. Shirley Millare of ALS- Tayum, Mr. Emmanuel Bugtong of ALS, and Mr. Lenen Cris Garbin of PTC-Abra.

- Fred B. Baroña

PO Benguet Visits Family of Policeman Killed-in-Action (KIA)



Provincial Director Angela Gabriel and staff personally visited the family of PO2 Tirso Mantalaba on April 7, 2017. PO2 Mantalaba was killed while on duty during a police operation in Sulu.

PD Gabriel condoled with the family, discussed TESDA services, and offered skills training the family members might be interested in. Mr. Brando Tanobong, PO2 Mantalaba's brother, expressed his interest to undergo training in Automotive Servicing NC II.

- Glenda G. Marquez

Dir. Angela Gabriel (2nd from left) and Daisy Bungallon (5th from left) pose with the family of KIA PO2 Tirso Mantalaba.

TESDA-CAR Personnel Undergo Capability Building

Continuous training of personnel is a critical aspect of human resource development to ensure that the necessary awareness and competences available and possessed by the concerned staff. For the first half of the year, the staff attended the following capability building programs:

Training Program	Abra	Apayao	Baguio/ Benguet	Ifugao	Kalinga	Mt. Province	Regional Office	TOTAL
16th Regional Conference on Human Resource Management	1	1	2	1	1		1	7
7th Annual Career Executive Services (CES) Though Leaders' Congress (TLC)							1	1
Attendance to the DTS Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) Final Review Workshop							1	1
Calibration Session on the QMS Manual	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	16
Facilitator's Training for Supervising TESD Specialist in PO and VIS/TC Senior Staff	2	1	3	2	2	2		12
ISO 9001:2015 Awareness Course				1				1
ISO 9001:2015 Internal Quality Audit		1	1	1	1	1	1	6
ISO 9001:2015 IQA Training	1		1	1	2		1	6
ISO 9001:2015 Transition Course	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	11
Lead Auditors' Training Course		1				1		2
Leave Administration Course for Effectiveness			1				2	3
Orientation of New Employees (CSC)			1	2		2		5
Orientation on New Procedures Manual on Competency Assessment and Certification				1				1
Supervisory Development Course Track 1				1	1	2		4
Trainers' Skills Upgrading Program in Cookery			2					2
Trainers' Skills Upgrading Program in Food and Beverage Services			1					1
CAR TOTAL	7	7	16	13	12	11	13	79



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In close coordination with DA-ATI and DAR, farm owners will be assisted in the registration of their **farm schools** and qualify to submit Qualification Maps (QM) under the Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP).

The concept of a farm school is adapted from the Farm Field Schools (FFS) developed by the UN-Food Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Since the issuance of the PAFSE Guidelines, 11 programs of nine (7) farm schools were registered.

These are Lily of the Valley, Cosmic Farm and Master's Garden in Benguet, Aquilina Saguilot's Farm and Camat's Farm in Ifugao, and Ola Farm and Layog Country Farm in Mt. Province.

To date, 3 farm schools have submitted QMs amounting to Php 1,695,000 for 150 slots for the approval of the TESDA Central Office. - *Audrey Hope Dayawen*



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- R**esponsiveness
- V**alue added performance
- I**ntegrity
- C**itizen focus
- E**fficiency



2017 TESDA-CAR Teambuilding Activity

The TESDA-CAR held a 2-day teambuilding activity at Terraza de Niño Resort, Ilocos Sur, on May 19-20, 2017. Ninety-three (93) TESDA-CAR staff joined the activity which aimed to enhance a professional culture, upgrade competence and efficiency, promote teamwork, cooperation, interaction, camaraderie and socialization among officials and employees. — *Annelyn Gaspili*



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