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Ten graduate programs undergo Levels I and II AACCUP accreditation



Ten (10) graduate degree program offerings of the university undertake Levels I and II accreditation of the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) last November 12-16, 2018.

There were three (3) graduate programs included in the Level II accreditation visit, namely; Master of Science (MSc) in Forestry, MSc in Food Science and Technology, and MSc in Tropical Ecology. On the other hand, Level I accreditation process

included seven (7) graduate programs, namely; MSc in Development Sociology, Master of Management, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Animal Science, PhD in Agricultural Education, PhD in Entomology, PhD in Horticulture, and PhD in Plant Pathology.

The first three graduate programs passed the accreditation process and were granted Level II Re-accredited status valid from October 16, 2018 to October 15, 2022. The other seven programs also passed and granted Level I

Accreditation status valid from December 1, 2018 to November 20, 2021.

The accreditation visit was headed by Dr. Hedeliza A. Pineda of Cebu Technological University, the Overall Coordinator. Dr. Pineda was with a team of 11 accreditors from various Philippine state universities and colleges. They were tasked to evaluate documents, observe classes, inspect laboratories and other facilities, and conduct interviews with program stakeholders.

Grad School Faculty, Staff attend UPLB P4R3 Workshop

Graduate School faculty and staff attended the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) Graduate School (GS) Program for Relevant and Responsible Postgraduate Research

(P4R3) Graduate Faculty Dissemination Workshop held at the Acasia Hotel, Manila, Filinvest, Alabang, Muntinlupa City on August 2-3, 2018.

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Graduate student enrolment up by 3.4%

The Graduate School facilitated the enrollment of four hundred seven-one graduate students in the First

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Grad School Dean presents paper in 30th International Horticultural Congress in Istanbul, Turkey



Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, Dean of the Graduate School, presented a paper entitled “Enhancement of the Growth, Yield and Tuber Quality of Rootcrops through Micronutrient Biofortification” in the 30th International Horticultural Congress held at Istanbul Congress Center, Istanbul, Turkey on August 9-16, 2018.

Dr. Tulin together with the VSU

President, Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin, and almost 1800 delegates from more than 90 countries were able to participate in nine (9) plenary lectures, two (2) colloquia, 39 symposia and 11 workshops with 67 keynote speakers. One of the major aims of this event is to bring together scientists and researchers from all over the world and create a network to share their research results and relevant prospects for the future.

Grad students, faculty attend AAACU 22nd Biennial Conference

Graduate faculty and students attended the Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities (AAACU) 22nd Biennial Conference on October 12 to 18, 2018 held at the VSU Convention Center.

The participants of the five-day forum were able to participate in a series of paper presentations covering diverse topics such as impacts of climate change, poverty alleviation, and gender development, among others.

With its theme “Harnessing Education as Vehicle for Sustained Growth in Asia”, the conference highlighted the critical role education towards sustainable growth in the changing global setting, specifically in the allied fields of agriculture.

Grad School Dean, Faculty attend 2nd ASSERT National Conference on Outcome-Based Education



Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, Dean of the Graduate School, together with Dr. Ma. Theresa P. Loreto and Dr. Moises Neil V. Serioño, attended the 2nd Association of Education Researchers and Trainers (ASSERT) National Conference on Outcome-Based Education (OBE) at City Garden Suites and Mapua University on October 11-13, 2018.

Dr. Tulin, Dr. Loreto, and Dr. Serioño gained insights on how to deal with the challenges and outlooks of the new Philippine Higher Education Curriculum through digital and outcome-based education.

Grad School faculty, staff, students get acquainted, induct new set of officers



The Graduate School faculty, staff and graduate students held an acquaintance party at the VSU gymnasium on September 29, 2018. The acquaintance party's theme was "Dress to Impress: Wear your own Fashion".

Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, Dean of the Graduate School, welcomed the graduate students and guests. After enjoying a sumptuous feast and student presentations, the students elected and inducted the new set of officers of the Graduate Student Council. The new set of officers is as follows:

President - Hero Castillo
VP - Fatima Rivera

Secretary - Trishia Rempello
Treasurer - Kenneth Rendora
Auditor - Lory Jane Pogosa
P.I.O. – Juli Marie Rondovio

They were sworn to duty by Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin, VSU President. He also delivered his inspirational message saying that he is glad to see that the number of graduate students in VSU has increased dramatically. He added that in today's generation, the competition for employment is tough. Thus, getting at least a masters degree could give them an edge.

The event ended with closing remarks from Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias, VP for Instruction.

Grad School Dean bags UPLB Outstanding Alumna Award

Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, Dean of the Graduate School, bags one of the 2018 Outstanding Alumna Awards in the University of the Philippines-Los Baños (UPLB) during the UPLB Alumni Association Awarding ceremony held at The Baker Hall, UPLB, Laguna on October 9, 2018.

Dr. Tulin was awarded with the 2018 Outstanding Award for Research and Extension for her exemplary works on the survey and identification of soil constraints affecting root crop production in major root crop producing areas in the Philippines.



As a soil scientist, her researches on macro and micro fertilizers for maximum production of purple yam resulted in increased income for farmers. These plant nutrition researches have brought

her numerous local and international awards and recognitions.

As an extension worker, she is an advocate of farmer-scientist participatory research involving farmers and Agrarian Reform Communities on cassava production for food, feeds and biofuels. At present, she is actively involved in continuously sharing her knowledge and expertise with farmers on the importance of proper soil management in improving crop production and abating the impacts of climate change.

Grad School Dean inspires VSU Alang-alang students during 47th Foundation Anniversary



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Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, Grad School (GS) Dean, Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias, Vice President for Instruction, Dr. Fe M. Gabunada, GS Secretary, Dr. Milagros C. Bales, Quality Assurance Center Assistant Director, Dr. Dennis Peque, Dean of the College of Forestry and Environmental Sciences, Dr. Lolito Bestil, Department of Animal Science Professor and Ms. Wenifreda T. Oclinaria, GS

Administrative Officer, participated in the discourse on how to mentor and enrich graduate student experiences. They also participated in the discussion on building a research culture together with UPLB's collaborating partners from the University of Liverpool in the United Kingdom. Moreover, the workshop launched UPLB's Graduate Student Handbook and Graduate Faculty Mentoring Guide.

Dr. Anabella Tulin inspires the students in Visayas State University (VSU)-Alang-alang campus during their 47th Founding Anniversary celebration on September 7, 2018. VSU-Alang-alang was a secondary agricultural school in 1971 named Alang-alang Agro-Industrial School with only 6 faculty members and a handful of students until it was absorbed by then Leyte State University, now VSU, in 1991.

Dr. Tulin recalled her experience together with other VSU staff visiting the satellite campuses after Super Typhoon Yolanda in 2013. In her message, she emphasized the critical and urgent need of the country to build sustainable and resilient communities due to the adverse effects of climate change. The promising approaches to address this problem are rainforestation and climate-smart agriculture technologies. She also emphasized the on-going projects of VSU together with its external campuses related to these approaches.

VSU Faculty-Researchers win Gold Award for Best AFMA R & D Paper



Faculty-Researchers of the Visayas State University (VSU) won the Gold Award for Best Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA) R&D Paper during the 30th National Symposium of the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR) held at the Philippine International Convention Center in Manila on November 7, 2018.

VSU President, Edgardo E. Tulin, Graduate School Dean, Anabella B. Tulin, Ms. Zenaida T. Ecleo and Mr.

Mark Christian O. Moreno presented their paper in applied research entitled “Microbial-Induced Micronutrient Mobilization in Soil: Innovation for Increasing Yield and Improving Nutritional Quality of Sweet Potato”.

AFMA aims to strengthen agriculture and fisheries modernization in the Philippines by encouraging researchers to conduct high quality researches for the improvement of the agriculture and fisheries sector of the country.

Animal Science Affiliate Graduate Faculty from Hiroshima University visits VSU



Dr. Masahide Nishibori, an Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Biosphere Science, Hiroshima University, Japan and an Affiliate Graduate faculty in the Department of Animal Science,

paid visit in VSU on November 25, 2018.

Dr. Nishibori had been advising Graduate students in the DAS both MS and PhD students specializing in Animal Breeding and Genetics for two years now. His visit included finalization of the thesis/dissertation outline of his advisees. He discussed to them some very important information about their subject matter.

He also conducted a class lecture entitled “Bioinformatics in the field of Animal Science – from wild to domesticated” which focused on the domestication of chicken, pigs and cattle.

Grad School Dean reaps 2018 Presidential Lingkod Bayan Regional Award



Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, Dean of the Graduate School, reaps the National Semifinalist and 2018 Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award during the 118th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary Celebration at Civil Service Commission (CSC)-Regional Office 8, Tacloban City, Leyte on October 24, 2018.

The award is annually given by CSC-Honors and Award (HAP) Committee an individual or group of individuals for exceptional or extraordinary contributions resulting from an idea or performance that had nationwide impact on public interest, security and patrimony.

In winning the Regional Award, Dr. Tulin was cited in developing integrated nutrient management and use of macro and micro nutrient biofortification technology which enhances the growth, yield and quality of root crops and vegetables thereby making unproductive acid and volcanic soils highly productive for vegetables and root crops production. The said technology on micronutrient fertilizers increase the yield of purple yam for up to 21 tons per hectare which is about 300% from the national average of 7 tons tons per ha.

She also developed micronutrient bio-fertilizers for organic farming that enhances the release of micronutrients such as iron, copper and zinc from their fixed immobilized state to soluble use by plants.

Hiroshima University professors conduct seminar in VSU



Dr. Taketo Obitsu and Mr. Shinji Nishioka, professors of Hiroshima University Professor, Japan, conducted a seminar at the Department of Animal Science on December 14, 2018. Mr. Nishioka discussed the "Agro-industrial by-product feeds for ruminant production in Japan"

while Dr. Obitsu discussed the "Alternative forages for ruminant production: Silages of cassava foliage and sweetpotato vines".

The seminar was attended by graduate faculty, staff, and students of the Animal Science department.

Msc Food Tech faculty, student attend AFSA 2018 in Cambodia



Faculty and students of the Department of Food Science and Technology (DFST) attend the 4th Asia Food Safety and Security Association (AFSA) International Conference on Food Safety and Food Security held at at Angkor Paradise Hotel, Siem Reap, Cambodia on August 10 to 12, 2018.

Mr. Anastacio Cagabhion III, Msc Food Science student, Dr. Lynette



Cimafranca, Graduate Faculty, along with Ms. Jocelyn Daclag, and Inish Cris Mesias, DFST faculty, Karl Lumando, BS in Food Science and Technology, Ladie Ann Palermo, PhilRootcrops Instructor participated in plenary and concurrent sessions which focused on significant food safety and food security issues during the three-day conference.

Graduate student enrolment... continued from page 1



Semester of SY 2018-2019. This is 3.4 % higher than that of the First Semester of SY 2017-2018 with 455 enrollees.

There were 252 enrollees in the Master of Science program, 67 in the Master of Education, 64 in the Master of Management, 58 in the Master of Agricultural Education (MAGDev) scheme B, 23 in the Doctor of Philosophy, 6 in the MAGDev scheme A, 1 in the Master of Land Management, and 1 special student.



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