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Grad School conducts benchmarking in Japan

The Graduate School (GS) dean, GS Council members and faculty/staff conducted benchmarking activities at the Nagoya Institute of Technology (NITech) and Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT) in Japan on October 19-25, 2017.

The trip was spearheaded by Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, GS Dean, together with Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias, Vice President for Instruction, Dr. Antonio P. Abamo, Dean of the College of Management and Economics, Dr. Candelario L. Calibo, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Professor Arthur I. Tambong, Head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, Ms. Wenifreda T. Oclinaria, GS Administrative Officer,

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Grad School tallies 22% increase in enrollment

The Graduate School (GS) enrollment registered a 22% increase for first semester of SY 2017-2018. From 374 enrollees in the same period last SY 2016-2017, the GS has now 455 graduate students

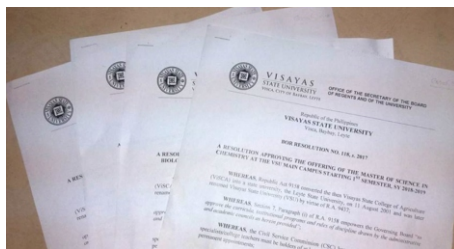
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ERRATUM

In our previous GradNewsLine No. 1 issue for the year 2017, we have indicated it to be Volume 4. It should have been Volume 5.

Our sincerest apologies for the confusion this may have caused.

BOR approves 5 new graduate programs



The VSU Board of Regents (BOR) approves five (5) new graduate programs for implementation in the VSU-Main Campus. These are the Master of Science (MSc) in Chemistry through BOR Res. No. 118, s. 2017, MSc in Biology through BOR Res. No. 119, s. 2017, MSc in Development Communication through BOR Res. No. 120, s. 2017, Doctor of Philosophy

(PhD) in Soil Science through BOR Res. No. 121, s. 2017, and PhD in Agronomy through BOR Res. No. 122, s. 2017.

These new graduate programs will be offered on the first semester of School Year 2018-2019. However, the Graduate School is still waiting for the lifting of the Temporary Suspension of Processing Government Authorization to Operate Graduate Programs under the CHED Memorandum Order No. 11, series 2017.

Once this memorandum is lifted, the said programs will be promoted in the different part of the Visayas, and will be posted online as well to achieve the expected enrollees for each program.

MSc Food Tech students participate in Japanese Food Industry Tour



Master of Science major in Food Technology students participated in the Food Industry Tour for ASEAN Food Value Chain (FVC) Development in Japan on September 3-12, 2017.

Jason Braga, Ma. Aezel Aguanza, Genesis Jared Cutamora, Karl Bantaculo, together with Dr. Ivy C. Emnace, professor of the Department of Food Science and Technology (DFST), and Dr. Vilma Patindol, government envoy from the

Agriculture Training Institute-Region 8, represented the Philippines alongside other ASEAN members such as Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and Myanmar.

They got first-hand experience on advanced FVC from state-of-the-art handling of inputs from production to the fast-paced processing and distribution of products by visiting several Japanese establishments such as the Fuji Oil Co. Ltd., Takii Seeds, Pasona Group of Companies, Aeon Mall, Yamata Shoyu, Yoshinoya Holdings, Oishi Agri Factory, Nakakou Co. Ltd and Ota Market. Other than the tour, they have also savored the Japanese culture through temple visits and the traditional tea ceremony.

At the culmination of the tour, the students from each participating country presented the current challenges in the FVC of their respective countries. They also expressed their impression of the said program in terms of benefits they gained as individuals and for their country as well. Furthermore, they generated action plans they wished to implement upon their return to their own countries. The final presentation was witnessed by the different CEOs from the different companies in Osaka, Kyoto, Nagoya and Tokyo.

The 10-day tour is a scholarship program to complement and advance the FVC development and human resource development in the ASEAN communities. It was implemented by the ASEAN Food Industries Human Resources Development Association (afh) together with Kasetart University and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan.

It aims to complement and materialize the lessons learned through class-room lectures and provide practical and in-depth knowledge on high-technology FVC. It also aims to create a more competent ASEAN human resource and narrow the FVC development gap within the ASEAN. –JBraga

Grad School dean, faculty attend NCODEL



The Graduate school (GS) dean and some faculty attended the 5th National Conference on Open and Distance e-Learning (NCODEL) at the Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria, Manila, Philippines on November 22-23, 2017.

Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, GS Dean, Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias, VP for Instruction, Dr. Editha G. Cagasan, Online Program Office Head, Dr. Milagros Bales and Dr. Berta Catingan Ratilla alongside faculty members, administrators, researchers and employees of other higher education institutions (HEIs)

in the Philippines were oriented with the concepts, principles, and methodologies and recent trends in open distance learning.

The keynote speaker was Sen. Francis Escudero, chairman of the Committee on the Enhanced Basic Educational Program (K-12 Program), who assured the group of his full support to distance education.

The two-day conference is funded by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in support of RA 10650 or the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Law which aims to promote open and distance learning in the Philippine HEIs.

Grad School holds General Assembly Meeting for Graduate students



The Graduate School (GS) held a General Assembly Meeting for all graduate students on September 18, 2017.

Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, GS Dean, presented the objectives of the GS and its accomplishments for the SY 2016-2017. Dr. Tulin also reminded the students of the important GS policies. She also enticed the students to apply for the available local and international scholarship grants.

VSU Deans, faculty attend 1st ASSERT-NC OBE



VSU deans and faculty/staff attended the 1st Association of Education Researchers and Trainers (ASSERT) National Convention on Outcome-Based Education (OBE) at the Lyceum of the Philippines University and the Bayleaf Hotel in Intramuros, Manila on November 28-29, 2017.

Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, GS Dean, Dr. Manuel Rona, Dean of VSU Alang-alang, Ms. Luzvisminda Tajos, Dean of VSU-Isabel, Dr. Moises Neil V. Serifo, Head of Department of Economics, Dr. Marilyn Manaig, faculty of Department of Teachers Education, and other two faculty from Alang-alang campus participated in discipline-based workshops which gave them insights on how OBE can be delved and carried-out in the context of the K to 12 system.

With its theme "Synergizing Academic and Workplace Outcomes", the convention aims to present a policy for education researchers, trainers, and teachers to discuss the implementation of OBE in the Philippines.

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and with the participation of Dr. Lourdes B. Cano, Director of the Administration and Human Resource Development and Ms. Lorna Abamo, Administrative staff of the Vice President for Instruction.

Aside from benchmarking of the best practices in graduate education, the trip also intended to explore and learn from Japan's graduate school programs and their management and to establish linkages for possible research collaboration, as well as faculty and student exchange programs.

In NITech, the group was warmly welcomed by Prof. Masaki Tanemura, the Special Adviser to the President, together with some NITech officials and staff members of Academic Affairs Division, International Affairs Office and International Student Affairs Office.

The benchmarking activity started with brief presentations of the graduate school programs offered by NITech and VSU. Some of the available Japanese Graduate Scholarship Programs such as Aichi Scholarship Program and Ministry of Education,

Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) were also presented. The group was then ushered to the different university laboratories for observation of their facilities and student research activities.

The same activities were done with the groups' visit at TUAT with the active coordination of Dr. Yoshiko Kawabata, Dr. Tahashi Tomozuka and assistance of other TUAT officials, staff and Ms. Ea Kristine Clarisse B. Tulin, a VSU faculty of the Department of Biotechnology who is pursuing Master of Science in International Environment and Agricultural Sciences at TUAT under the MEXT or Japanese Mombusho Scholarship Program.

Moreover, the group had a chance to gain knowledge on Japanese traditions and culture of innovation by visiting important heritage sites, museum archives, and cultural path areas, as well as some famous tourist destinations in Nagoya, Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto and Hiroshima. They also experienced riding the Shinkansen, a Japanese bullet train. The trip was personally shouldered by the participants. – WTOclinar



Msc Soil Science student tops Agri Exam



Medardo C. Magdadaro Jr., Master of Science major in Soil Science student, nails it to 5th place in the 2017 Agriculture Licensure Exam held on November 28-30. Magdadaro scored an average of 86.33% in the said examination alongside Melvin R. Cubian, VSU graduate, who landed 7th place with a score average of 86%.

DOST-ASTHRDP VSU scholars induct new set of officers

The Department of Science and Technology-Accelerated Science and Technology Human Resource Development Program (DOST-ASTHRDP) scholars of VSU inducted the new set of officers during their acquaintance party on December 7, 2017 at the VSU Convention Center. They are as follows:

President Sarah M. Ravelo
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MAGDev, Msc programs Re-accredited Level IV by AACCUP

The Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) granted Level IV status to the Master of Agricultural Development (MAGDev) and Master of Science (MSc) programs after rigorous accreditation visit conducted on June 23, 2017.

The MAGDev (Education cluster) includes the major fields of Agricultural Education, Agricultural Extension, and Development Communication. Meanwhile, MAGDev (Agriculture cluster) includes the fields of Agronomy, Animal Production, Entomology, Plant Protection and Agricultural Economics. On the other hand, MSc in Agriculture cluster includes majors in Agronomy, Animal Production, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Plant Protection and Agricultural Economics.

Programs granted Level IV status are considered to be excellent programs comparable with the excellent programs around the world. The Level IV accreditation status is valid from June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2021.

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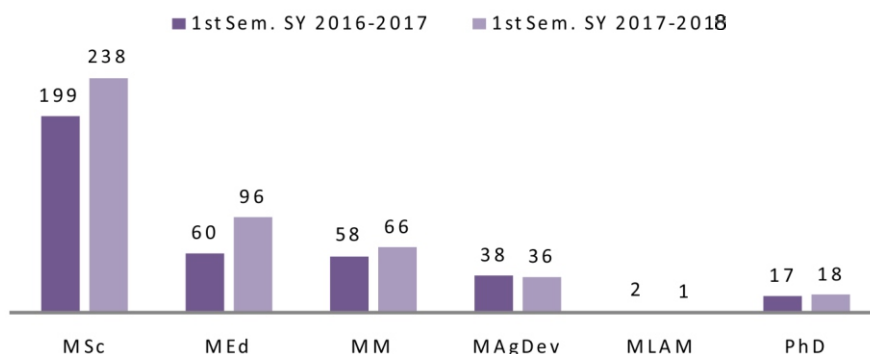
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enrolled in the various graduate degree programs.

The Master in Education (MEd) program had the highest increase of enrollees of 60%-- from 60 enrollees to 96. It was followed by the Master of Science (MSc) program which had a 20% increase from 199 to 238. The MSc program is the program with the most number of enrollees every semester. A slight increase was also noted in the Master in Management (MM) program from 58 enrollees to

66, while the Master of Agricultural Development (MAGDev), Master in Land Administration and Management (MLAM), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs registered 36, 1 and 17 enrollees, respectively. This growth in graduate student enrollment has been continuous since the implementation of the CHED K+12 Graduate Scholarship of the Commission on Higher Education. On the other hand, Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, GS Dean, is hopeful for the VSU to admit more foreign graduate students in the years to come.

Enrollment Comparison



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