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The year that was: A year of many firsts

The 47th founding anniversary of Lupon School of Fisheries was a celebration of and thanksgiving for the many blessings the School had received for the year 2016. For one, the School were among a few, if not the only one nationwide, to have at least thirteen course offerings qualified for the TVET Program Star Rating System. After the audit of TVET experts in region XI led by PD Arlyn Bandong of Comval, eleven qualifications were given one star ratings and two qualifications including LSF's distinctive area of competence, Aquaculture



VSA Ruth R. Pundang (right) distributes certificates of appreciation to the APACC supporters: (from left-right) Mrs. Delia G. Lorica , Mr. Egmedio Valdez, FASD Chief Loida B. Atencio, PD El Cid H. Castillo , ARD/ PD Remegias G. Timonio and PD Arlyn S. Bandong

NC II, were awarded with two stars. Also, the year 2016 saw a good number of trainers who were conferred with graduate degrees in vocational education (MVE) through a monumental scholarship program, the first in the School's 47 years of existence where 13 faculty members simultaneously earned their masters degrees and the appurtenances thereof especially the eleven new project-based researches. To top it all is Lupon School of Fisheries' distinctive award being the Philippines' first ever recipient of the most coveted Gold Level accreditation status by the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) given on August 30, 2016. The APACC Gold Award was a game-changer of some sort as the TVET community in the Philippines particularly the Public TESDA Institutions (TTIs) are scrambling to get another nod from APACC with pressure on the side.

With these many Firsts, it is but fitting to celebrate the 47th founding anniversary with cheers and smiles. The three-day celebration took off with the Dawn Prayer and Thanksgiving Mass followed by a motorcade around town, a mini skills competition and a blood letting activity. On the second day a thanksgiving program was held with guests and visitors from TESDA, led by the Assistant Regional Director and Provincial Director of Davao del Norte Remegias Timonio, Ph.D., the people from the academe, former employees and colleagues, successful Alumni and the Honorable Joel Mayo Almario. A splendiferous lunch for everybody followed suit after the Program with palarong pinoy in the afternoon. The celebration ended with the Lupon Municipal High School – Lupon School of Fisheries high school and post-secondary alumni homecoming on the third day which is an annual event to foster closeness and friendships among graduates and the extended family of the School.

PAAKA Annual General Assembly

The annual general assembly of the Pangkat ng mga Aktibong Kawani ng TESDA (PAAKA XI) cum sports fest was held at the Ritz Garden Hotel in Davao City on December 15, 2016. The main agenda on the recently held general assembly included reports on accomplishments of the employees' union and hospitalization benefits. Further, the election of a new set of officers also subsumed under the annual meeting with Ms. Myrna Roa, Sr. TESD Specialist of TESDA Davao Del Norte elected as new President and Mr. Cirilo Dela Torre of Davao National Agricultural School as vice president while Mr. Edgar Manto, Instructor III, was appointed as representative for Lupon School of Fisheries and consequently as chairman on the committee on welfare.

Games were also played between the red team and blue team as part of the annual festivities. The red team retained its title as basketball champs with players composed mainly of LSF employees. The blue team took on the red team for both the volleyball and badminton games while a bunch of parlor games were also enjoyed by the participants.

The oath taking of the new set of PAAKA XI officers was officiated by the Regional Director of TESDA XI, Gaspar Gayona, Ph.D., CESO III. It took place the following day, December 16, 2016 on the occasion of TESDA XI's Christmas party at the Grand Regal Hotel along Lanang, Davao City.

KORPHIL visits LSF

The APACC team of the Korea Philippines Vocational Training Center paid a visit to Lupon School of Fisheries last December 20, 2016 as part of their preparation for Davao Region's possible back to back Gold Accreditation from the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission. The team was led by Mr. Egmedio O. Valdez, the Center Chief; with him were his criterion champions and their respective members.

The twenty seven strong APACC team of KORPHIL were welcomed and received by their LSF counterparts headed by Miss Ruth Pundang around ten in the morning. The visiting criterion champions and their members were briefed on LSF's recent APACC Journey for the Gold Level Award inside the APACC room. There was an opening meeting and one on one discussion for each criterion before leaving LSF around 4:00 in the afternoon giving away specially customized KPVTC planners and mugs as their tokens of appreciation.



Personnel from Regional Training Center—KorPhil Vocational Training Center led by Center Administrator, EO Valdez conducts benchmarking on December 20, 2016

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VSA Pundang Attends 2nd AAA Meeting at Malaysia

LSF Vocational School Administrator Ruth R. Pundang attended the Second Meeting on the Association of APACC Accreditees (AAA) on December 1, 2016 at Politeknik Port Dickson (PoliPD), Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia. The meeting was spearheaded by the new APACC President, Dr. Ramhari Lamechhane, assisted by Dr. G. Kulathavel, APACC Deputy Director General.



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The meeting focused on the discussion towards regional mobility through faculty, staff and student exchange and sharing of learning resources. Board of Directors of AAA was also formally organized.

There were 5 participating countries: Malaysia, Philippines, Mongolia, Thailand and India. Participants from the Philippines were the vocational school administrators with active accreditation from the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC). Aside from VSA Pundang, other school administrators were Dr. Alvin L. Yturralde of Concepcion Vocational School, Mrs. Rosella D. Darcera of Dipolog School of Fisheries, Mrs. Maria Clara B. Ignacio of TESDA Womens Center and Dr. Clarissa Posadas of Puerto Princesa School of Arts and Trades. The National Coordinator for Accreditation of TESDA, ED Maria Susan de la Rama led the Philippine delegation.

It was a fruitful trip because all the participants had the chance to a **Study Tour Visit** to PoliPD, one of the polytechnics of Malaysia. There are 7 polytechnic schools in Malaysia which were awarded by APACC with Gold Level Accreditation and 1 Gold Level from the Philippines, the Lupon School of Fisheries.

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