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## 2nd On-site visit: A bitter pill to swallow

Finally, it is D' Day when all the preparations, sleepless nights, squabbling, and brainstorming had to put to a halt, no turning back its time to put the pedal to the metal and take the bitter pill that is, APACC. The three APACC-certified accreditors from the Colombo Plan Staff College in Manila had arrived and they are ready to terrorize the mighty Lupon School of Fisheries community. Well not certainly, as Dr. Romulita Alto, one of the lead accreditors assured the LSF people that their coming is purposely to assist and show the way into achieving the Philippines' first gold level award, God willing.

The accreditors led by Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel, Acting Director-General of CPSC arrived in Lupon in the afternoon of June 26, 2016, straight from the Davao International Airport they were then brought to the Townsite Residences, the most recent addition to a host of accommodation facilities in the Municipality of Lupon. On the next day the visitors were treated with a very warm arriving ceremony complete with



Seated from left to right: Ms. Sabandal, VIS I, Ms. Pundang VSA III, Dr. Alto & Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel of CPSC, PD Bandong of ComVal, Mr. Lazaro of CPSC and Ms. Aspiras VIS-Designate)

drum and bugle corps as students and the faculty and staff lined-up from the main gate to the administration building entrance showing their genuine welcoming smiles. True enough as one of the visitors made a remark that she was elated for that one of a kind welcome she experienced. After the courtesy call to the Office of the Vocational School Administrator, an opening meeting was held at the conference room which formally marked the start of the two-day On-site visit.

On day one of the accreditation proper, after the campus tour the Governance criterion faced the accreditors first with Mr. Leandro Quiñones as Champion followed by the

Teaching and Learning team led by Mrs. Cherry Aspiras. The Faculty and Staff criterion with Ms. Carmen Sabandal was next and finally the Research group led by Mr. Milan Mile Avila took the last spot before the visitors called it a day. Day two started with a visit at the School's agri-fishery area early morning at Barangay Ilangay, the verification of documents resumed with the Extension, Consultancy and Linkages criterion, headed by Mrs. Naida Lasangre, on the hot seat this was followed by Mrs. Ma. Leticia Salcedo's Resources team and lastly The Support to Students group with Mrs. Ma. Magdalena Pomar as Criterion Champion.

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## Star Rating System for TVET Programs

On July 11, 2016 TESDA Regional Office XI hosted an orientation on TVET Programs' Star Rating System with PD Arlyn Bandong of Compostela Valley as main speaker and shepherd for Davao Region.

According to TESDA, The Star Rating System of TVET Programs aims to recognize the accomplishments, innovations and improvements that technical vocational institutions have instituted beyond the minimum requirements set in the UTPRAS. This System will categorize TVET programs into good, better or best with corresponding stars all for the development of the Filipino workforce with world-class competence and positive work values.

Said orientation was attended by the respective heads of Public TVET institutions in Davao Region including Lupon School of Fisheries' Ms. Ruth Pundang, VSA III and Mrs. Cherry Aspiras, VIS-Designate. From the words of former TESDA Director-General and now Senator Joel Villanueva, "The reasons are urgent in light of global challenges. Developing quality education policies, programs and structures is imperative".

Hence deadlines were set for the submission of Self-Evaluation Instruments including all important documents and attachments not later than August 15 to the Provincial Offices and August 26 to the Regional Office, respectively. Further, all necessary documents should be submitted to the Central Office in September prior to the onsite visit. The awarding is tentatively scheduled in November of the current year.

## Change is coming

Students of Lupon of Fisheries once again exercised their right of suffrage as they chose their new student-leaders. The new set of Supreme Student Council Officers (SSC) for School-Year 2016-2017 were chosen by barely three hundred active students of the School. The whole-day activity started with a Miting de Avance in the morning and the actual election in the afternoon.

After counting the ballots, Mr. Kent Marl Mondejar emerged as new Supreme Student Council President with Mr. Jee Pee Paulin as his Vice-President. There were also eight new Senators elected and a bunch of Class Representatives representing their respective qualifications.



*The LSF Students during the Miting de Avance*



*The Supreme Student Council candidates vying for various positions*

## KIT visits LSF

Nine Personnel from the Kabasalan Institute of Technology in Kabasalan, Zamboanga Sibugay led by its Officer-In-Charge, Ms. Greta Sabroso, were the first to visit Lupon School of Fisheries after the latter was visited by APACC-certified accreditors for the second on-site reaccreditation activity in June 2016. The APACC criterion champions were greeted and welcomed by their LSF counterparts headed by Ma'am Ruth Pundang in the afternoon of July 21, 2016.

The visitors then were given a campus tour to have a tip-off on the developments of the School after the recently concluded second on-site visit.

The visiting criterion champions were also briefed on LSF's recent APACC Journey for the Gold Level Award later that day inside the APACC room. After spending practically twenty-four hours traversing the roads of northern and southern Mindanao from their place, they had finally reached the Province of Davao Oriental and spent a good night's sleep at LSF before proceeding to KorPhil in Buhisan, Tibungco, Davao City.



*The visiting Kabasalan champions with their LSF counterparts*

## NBC 461, the 8th cycle

The NBC 461 also known as the Position Classification and Compensation Scheme For Faculty Positions (PCCSFP) covers all teaching positions involved in instruction, research and extension activities in all SUCs, CHED-Supervised HEIs and TESDA-Supervised TEIs. With the implementation of NBC 461 (8th Cycle) a total of 25 teaching staff of Lupon School of Fisheries would be promoted based on the results of the Common Criteria Evaluation (CCE) and the Qualitative Contribution Evaluation (QCE).

The concerned faculty members were tasked to submit their respective Personal data Sheets and all other pertinent papers on or before July 22, 2016 to the local review committee headed by Mrs. Cherry Aspiras for checking and review. These documents will then be submitted to the Zonal Computerization for Southern Mindanao at the University of Southeastern Philippines in Davao City for evaluation.

## Students attend TIP 2016

A Training Induction Program (TIP) seeks to orient trainees and students on the rules and regulations, safety precautions to be strictly observed and pointers to remember during the entire duration of a training period. Student-trainees are also informed through the training process to prepare and give them a clear snatch of what to expect and comply once their respective trainings start.

The 2016 Training Induction Program was held at the LSF covered court last June 23, 2016. This whole-day activity also involved an orientation on library and guidance services, GAD orientation, and services from the accounting and registrar sections, national assessment and Supreme Student Council matters and other basic services of the School that students may avail. The School's general policies, rules and regulations were also given much importance during this Training Induction Program.



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The accreditors then had their finalization and team meeting after they met the last criterion and a closing meeting with the LSF family followed suit. The team leader Prof. Dr. J. Kulanthaivel gave the qualitative impression on the two-day on-site visit. Modesty aside, commendations and affirmations were aplenty with special remark from Dr. Alto to consider improvements on the packaging of documents to set as benchmark for other TTIs to follow. And finally, there was light at the end of the tunnel as a fellowship dinner highlighted the second and last day of the two-day re-accreditation activity when the LSF faculty and staff, under the gun for several months, have finally came out of their cocoons and painted the town red.



*Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel giving the commendations, affirmations and recommendations during the closing meeting*

### VISION

LUPON SCHOOL OF FISHERIES is a leading institution molding values for sustainable development pursue excellence in technical vocational education and training.

### MISSION

LUPON SCHOOL OF FISHERIES develops globally competitive manpower equipped with skills and desirable work values for gainful employment and entrepreneurship.

### VALUE STATEMENT

We believe in demonstrated competence, institutional integrity, personal commitment and deep sense of nationalism.

## Lupon School of Fisheries

### Program Offerings:

- Animal Production NC II
- Aquaculture
- Agricultural Crops Production NC I
- Automotive Servicing NC I
- Automotive Servicing NC II
- Bartending NC II
- Beauty Care NC II
- Bread and Pastry Production NC II
- Computer Hardware Servicing NC II
- Consumer Electronics Servicing NC II
- Cookery NC II
- Driving NC II
- Food and Beverage Services NC II
- Food Processing NC II
- Front Office Services NC II
- Housekeeping NC II
- Massage Therapy NC II
- Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Servicing (DomRAC) NC II
- Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Servicing (PACU-CRE) NC III
- Trainers Methodology Level I

#### Diploma Programs (NTR)

- Fishery Technology (DFT)
- AgriCrops Technology (DFT)
- Hotel and Restaurant Technology (HRT)
- Automotive Technology