



## DOST Personnel, Entrep Gathers for Women's Month Celeb

All personnel of the Department of Science and Technology in Ilocos region including some micro and small enterprises gathered on March 17, 2016 in San Fernando City for the women's month celebration.

With this year's theme "Kapakanan ni Juana, Isama sa Agenda", Chief Administrative Officer Oscar Rimando of DOST1 said the activity served as a platform to promote initiatives that address gender issues.

One of the highlights of activities include a Seminar on Stress Management to the employees and women micro enterprises in order to help them cope with stress in the organization and let them become productive and efficient in every tasks.

A seminar on personality development was undertaken among DOST scholars to help them improve their personality towards employment in the future. The Department of Health (DOH) 1 provided free vaccination on pneumococcal diseases. According to DOH, this can help prevent the spread of pneumonia, meningitis, and sepsis.

The said activity is in response to Proclamation No. 227 series of 1988 providing for the observance of the Month of March as Women's Role in History.



Kapakanan ni *Juana*, Isama sa Agenda!



## Community Empowerment Thru S&T Project to Benefit Alilem Residents

Basanio P. Licuasen Jr., Barangay Captain of Apang in Alilem town, was all smiles as he waited for his turn to avail the Community Empowerment Thru S&T (CEST) Program, perhaps because the health, education and livelihood concerns will soon be over.

*“Mayat iti maitulong na kadakami dagitoy a programa para iti salun-at ken panagbiag iti tunggal maysa,”* he said. (These programs will give everyone an opportunity towards attaining good health and a progressive life.

Apang is one of the adopted barangays in this town who will benefit from the CEST Program of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) I. The other one is Barangay Kiat.

The dynamic convergence between the local government unit (LGU) of Alilem, DOST 1 and Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC) that joined forces in bringing this year's immense “CEST Program for the Less-Privileged Communities in Region 1” took place on March 14, 2016 as a support to the country's goal of alleviating poverty in far-flung communities.

Vice-Mayor Samson L. Bangaoil said, this convergence will benefit more residents of identified barangays in the five areas of concerns to include

livelihood, education, water and sanitation, health and nutrition, and disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. *“We are very lucky because of the*

*joint effort of interventions that will be soon poured in the locality”*, he further said.

Meanwhile, DOST 1 Regional Director Armando Q. Ganal cited and gave emphasis to the availability of the agency scholarship gearing towards producing more efficient Science and Technology experts in the future, adding assisted community-based-projects in other cities and towns as another means of livelihood for the beneficiaries.

*“I also want to know the volume of crops produced in your area so that upon ensuring the sustainability of raw materials, we could build a processing area here”*, Ganal added.

ISPSC President Francisco D. Lopez, on the other hand, has ensured during the signing of Memorandum of Agreement that Alilem will be one of the municipalities in Ilocos Sur which will be provided extension programs and skills training by its different campuses. *“As this new covenant is sealed, we hope that Alilem will become a first or second class municipality after these programs and projects will be carried out”*, he concluded.



## ***DOST, ISPSC, LGU Sugpon Ink MOA for Poverty Reduction Program***

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) 1, Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC) and local government unit of Sugpon, Ilocos Sur signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the implementation of the “S & T Assistance for the Less-privileged Communities in region 1” in the municipality of Sugpon.

The program of DOST dubbed as Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) covers barangays Licungan, Danac and Pangotan.

Under the CEST Program, the DOST will provide S & T interventions in the areas of livelihood, education, water and sanitation, health and nutrition, and disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

The ISPSC, on the other hand, will be delivering extension services in areas of food production and skills trainings for livelihood/economic enterprise development.

“For this particular undertaking, we will prioritize the needs of the beneficiaries in science

and technology, and provide assistance of our Information Technology experts for the basic education and literacy as one of the major concerns in the area,” Dr. Francisco D. Lopez, President of ISPSC said.

During the program, DOST 1 Regional Director Armando Q. Ganal also urged the beneficiaries to do their share for the program’s success in response to the government agencies’ effort of converging resources for their benefits.

Hon. Dominador Ducao, barangay Captain of Pangotan thus, thanked the DOST, ISPSC and the local Government of Sugpon for their unrelenting partnership towards the goal of eradicating poverty, raising livelihood, ensuring food security as well as providing a healthy and physically safe environment.

The MOA signing was led by Dr. Ganal, Dr. Lopez and Hon. Fernando C. Quiton Sr. with the Hon. Daniel C. Lano, vice-mayor of Sugpon, Mr. Ramon S. Sumabat, Director of DOST-Ilocos Sur, Dr. Gloria Tuzon of ISPSC as witnesses on March 9, 2016 at Sugpon Municipal Hall.

## ***DOST joins expo in La Union***

The Department of Science and Technology-La Union participated in the trade fair held at CSI Mall on March 22, 2016.

The trade fair was conducted in support to the annual celebration of Women’s Month, facilitated by the Regional Advocates for Gender Equality. The activity is aimed at providing consumers better access to the best products and services as well as to urge the small and medium enterprises to continuously seek for entrepreneurial development to create more jobs.

Several products of the MSMEs assisted by the agency were made available during the event

such as organic soap, vinegar, processed “ube”, and fish products. Activities from other agencies were also showcased for promotions which include advocacy forum of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR), and other private and public sectors to discuss gender issues and concerns slated on March 31 this year.

Among the participating agencies were the Department of Trade and Industry, Philippine Statistics Authority, National Nutrition Council, CHR, National Police Commission and Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center.

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