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1st Regional Metal and Engineering Innovation Center to rise at IFSU

RONALINE C. CANUTE



Ifugao State University (IFSU), together with the Department of Science and Technology – CAR, attains a major milestone on June 16 when it laid the capsule and broke the ground for the construction of the first Regional Metal and Engineering Innovation Center, a promising unit that will steer the development and innovation of the metal and allied industries in the Cordillera.

Ifugao State University (IFSU) officials together with the Department of Science and Technology-Cordillera Administrative Region (DOST-CAR) led the groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the first Metal and Engineering Innovation Center (MEIC) in CAR at IFSU-Lagawe Campus on June 16, 2021.

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IFSU-COE, Panopdopan BLGU launch Community Learning Hub

FAITH B. NAPUDO

The College of Education of the Ifugao State University-Lamut Campus and the Barangay Local Government Unit of Panopdopan, Lamut launched the Community Learning Center in Panopdopan, Lamut, Ifugao on May 21, 2021.

The two parties also signed a Memorandum of Understanding through the University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon and Barangay Chairperson Robin L. Taguiling.

Moreover, the College turned over learning materials and indoor game materials, and a 50 inch-flatscreen TV installed with learning activities in the different subject areas prepared by the COE faculty.

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DOST-PCAARRD okays P3.9M research project on Muscovy duck

FAITH B. NAPUDO

The Ifugao State University (IFSU) will roll out its research and development project titled “Development of Philippine Signature Muscovy Duck Breed” worth Php9,887,251.00 soon after the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources (DOST – PCAARRD) gave its approval for funding this quarter of the year.

Aiming to develop a Philippine Signature Muscovy Duck Breed, the project will specifically develop breeding and selection protocol, develop sustainable breeding, production, and distribution systems, establish phenotypic and genotypic characteristics, and evaluate product performance and sensory characteristics of products.

Based on the Memorandum of Agreement

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IFSU launches IKSP books

RONALINE C. CANUTE

The Ifugao State University (IFSU) in collaboration with the Provincial Office of Ifugao successfully launched two books, 'Ifugao Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices', and Inabol: Traditional and Contemporary Ifugao Textiles' that both chronicle the rich cultural heritage of the People of Ifugao on June 14, 2021, at the SP Hall, Provincial Capitol Lagawe, Ifugao.



Author and Project Team Leader, Dr. Serafin Ngohayon said in his opening remarks and statement of purpose that it was through the funding and support of Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda that IFSU was able to research, write and publish the two notable books. He further took a deep dive into the inspiration and content of the books.

Published this year 2021, the Ifugao Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices contains Ifugao IKSPs that united, guided, and sustained the Ifugao people to this day. The book was written by Ifugao academics who lived and experienced this indigenous knowledge. Information was provided and validated by IK holders and key informants in communities where

these IKSPs are practiced and lived.

On the other hand, the second book Inabol: Traditional and Contemporary Ifugao Textiles contains concise information and pictures of the unique Ifugao weaving. The book further portrays the story behind the symbols, patterns, designs, and colors used. It is hoped that it will continue to keep alive the skills and traditions of the early Ifugao weavers amidst modernization and commercialization.

The books are offered and recommended as valuable supplementary teaching and learning materials of IFSU's IKSP subjects and the IP Education (IPED) program of the Department of Education (DepEd) to foster better understanding, awareness, preservation, and promotion of IKSPs that ushered and sustained a happy and peaceful life of the Ifugao ancestors.

Moreover, Deputy Speaker and Benefactor, Hon. Loren Legarda who joined the program virtually expressed her appreciation to the leadership and project team of IFSU and to the people of Ifugao for sustaining the vibrancy of their culture despite society's transformation.

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Alumni org holds community pantry, aids alumni on quarantine

FLORIDA B. ROBLES



The officers of the Ifugao State University Alumni Association (IFSUAA) Federation – Lamut campus opened a Community Pantry in partnership with the Barangay Local Government Unit of Nayon on April 27, 2021. The Community Pantry was stationed at the Alumni Center of Nayon. It embodies the "Magbigay ayon sa Kakayahan, Kumuha Batay sa Pangangailangan (Give What you Can, Take What you Need)" principle.

Meanwhile, IFSUAA officers packed and distributed relief goods to alumni who are on quarantine in Nayon, Lamut, Ifugao on April 23, 2021.

The relief packs consisted of vitamin C, face masks, eggs, tomatoes, potatoes, lemon, indian mango and canned goods.//

IFSU, CorCAARRD ink MOA on agri, aquatic, natural resources research dev't collab

RONALINE C. CANUTE

Ifugao State University represented by President Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, together with the Cordillera Consortium for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Resources Research and Development (CorCAARRD), signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for a joint management and implementation of the program, "Support to the implementation of the Regional Collaborative Program for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development in CAR."

IFSU with other State Universities and Colleges, attached Government Agencies and Local Government Units in the region who are members of this program

are initiated to effectively and efficiently manage and coordinate the program activities to attain its expected outputs including their support and commitment.

Furthermore, the MOA highlights that the purpose of the consortium is exclusively for promotion of science, technology and innovation application in CAR for agriculture, aquatic, and natural resources sector through Strategic Research and Development, Capability Building and R&D Governance, R&D Results and Utilization, and Policy Analysis and Advocacy.//

16 DepEd teachers graduate as IK educators

JUDE C. BAGGO



At least 16 teachers from the Schools Division of Ifugao-Department of Education (DepEd) were recognized as Indigenous Knowledge Educators during the virtual 2nd Graduation Ceremony of the Ifugao Indigenous Knowledge Educators Training Program held at the Ifugao State University (IFSU) on May 3, 2021.

Started on February 2020, the 16 teachers from different schools in Ifugao underwent capacity building seminars and workshops on Ifugao indigenous knowledge, systems and practices (IKSP) as well as contextualized module development as part of their training to become IK educators. Due to the pandemic, the training program adjusted. Instead of face-

to-face mode, all trainees were provided digital tablets with learning materials incorporated in the gadget.

The 2nd batch developed and produced at least 45 contextualized learning modules on different learning areas. Among the learning areas with most contextualized modules produced are Science with

10 modules, Araling Panlipunan and Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao with eight respectively. With contextualization, Ifugao IKSPs are integrated through the interfaced learning objectives and in the lessons following the national curriculum. Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, Project leader and IFSU University President, lauded program partners, graduates and mentors for contributing towards the success of the program. She highlighted the role of IFSU as a higher education institution in the promotion of IKSP and the need for continuing collaborations among partners and stakeholders especially at this time of global pandemic in maximizing the virtual landscape for efficient learning.

On the other hand, DepEd Cordillera Regional Director, Dr. Estella L. Carino, expressed the importance of IKSP in strengthening the resiliency amidst current challenges. Ifugao Schools Division Superintendent, Dr. Federico P. Martin added the need to learn from the past in moving forward amidst challenges. Moreover, Maria Lourie Victor of the Indigenous Peoples Education Office of DepEd National Office underlined

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CHS holds webinar to speed up Covid vaccination

JANINE ZOE M. DAWONG

The College of Health Sciences (CHS) in coordination with the Department of Extension and Training Services of the Ifugao State University commenced a webinar on Health Literacy Program titled, "Understanding Covid-19 Vaccination: The Benefits Outweigh the Risks," via Zoom and Facebook Livestream on June 8, 2021.

In her opening remarks, Lilian Tumapang, Dean of CHS, expressed her oneness and support to those who are planning to get their jab on the next scheduled rollout of the vaccine.

"This webinar intends to help shore up or build confidence in the safety and efficacy of Covid-19 vaccines in addressing vaccine hesitancy," said Tumapang. "In our battle against this disease, let us be reminded that there are no grounds for complacency. Let us take action and be part of the solution."

Dr. Bernard Demot, Medical Officer IV of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical

Center (BGHMC), discussed vaccine development, vaccine efficacy, risk factors for severe Covid-19 and death, and in choosing the right vaccine.

"One of the solutions that are seen to end this pandemic is vaccination. What we are after is the prevention of severe Covid-19, and all approved vaccines regardless of the brand, platform, and country of origin have 100 percent efficacy in preventing severe covid-19," reiterated Demot.

Moreover, he also stressed that patients with cancer and on chemotherapy, HIV/AIDS, those who have undergone a transplant, and those who have the



autoimmune disease are the ones needing medical clearance before getting the Covid-19 vaccine.

At least 200 Zoom platform attendees and 48 Facebook Livestream viewers from IFSU faculty and staff, students, international participants, and community members participated in the webinar.//

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In the message of the DOST-CAR Regional Director Nancy Bantog represented by Engineer Maximo Codamon of DOST-Ifugao, she narrated that before the establishment of MEIC in the region, the development and innovation needs of the metal and allied industries are brought to DOST-MIRDC and other institutions outside Cordillera and it competed with various needs of the industries throughout the country. She added that this mechanism usually brings delayed services

that result in loss of income opportunities on the part of the industries. Recognizing this development challenge, DOST-CAR funded the project of IFSU titled, "Competency Enhancement Towards a competitive Metal Industry in Ifugao" in 2016 and it served as the agency's leverage to partner with DOST-MIRDC for a bigger innovative Project.

"MEIC will serve as a platform for technology generation, technology transfer, and technical competency development. MEIC is our mechanism to bring science, technology, and innovation to the countryside," Bantog further stated. Furthermore, IFSU University President Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon acknowledged DOST for its central direction, leadership, and support to all scientific and technological endeavors.

She assured that IFSU shall allow the use of MEIC for promotion training, technology demonstration, and related activities for the metals and engineering sector in the Cordilleras.

"IFSU-Lagawe leadership is challenged to strengthen the conduct of research and development, consultancy and technology transfer collaboration with the metals and engineering firms and industries universities in CAR particularly those connected with the regional R&E consortia and other potential users and please ensure the sustainability of this project," Dugyon added.

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Ex-student writers mentor young journos

JANINE ZOE M. DAWONG



Former student journalists from the College of Education – Lamut Campus pass on their knowledge on the different types of writing to the budding writers of the college.

The College of Education (COE) - Lamut Campus in partnership with the Ifugao State University Alumni Association (IFSUAA) conducted a two-day webinar on campus journalism with the theme, “Sharing of knowledge, skills, and experiences - a good practice among IFSUans” via Zoom on May 28 - 29, 2021.

In her opening remarks, Dr. Vivian D. Dumelod, Dean of COE lauded the resource speakers who are former students of the University for allotting time to train current students on campus journalism.

“This webinar is an opportunity for our students to gain knowledge, skills, and tips from our speakers. This will help them develop their writing skill which is one of the four macro skills for complete communication,” said Dumelod.

Meanwhile, Julie M. Guay, IFSU faculty member, and extension coordinator reiterated that the activity aims to bring a clearer understanding to the students of what a campus paper is and for them to come up with excellent output.

The ten resource speakers discussed the following topics.

Lalaine Dunuan discussed the Pros of Being a Campus Journalist. Moreover, Shani Ann Bulahao shared the Ethics of Journalism followed by Shallimar Bayucca who lectured on Plagiarism in the Context of a Journalist and a Researcher. Noemi

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IFSU recipient of ‘Epanaw’ book from NCIP

RONALINE C. CANUTE

The Ifugao State University (IFSU) through President Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon received the “Epanaw” Coffee Table Books from the office of the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) represented by its Provincial Director Esther Nalliw-Licnahan on April 7, 2021 at IFSU-Lagawe Campus.

The Epanaw coffee table book is a project of NCIP in partnership with the Tourism Promotion Board that was launched earlier in March this year. The project calls for the protection of the domains and the roots of cultural identity of the indigenous peoples (IPs).

Epanaw is a Manobo term meaning “journey”. Thus, the material takes the readers into a journey of self-discovery to the IPs’ spiritual and cultural traditions that in the end of it, they can gain awareness and recognition towards IPs.

The coffee table book comes in three

sets featuring the indigenous values of “Pagkilala”, “Paggalang” and “Pagtaguyod”. The first set Pagkilala is a Filipino word for Recognize. It gives deeper understanding on IPs, provides basic knowledge of who the communities are, what their cultures and traditions are, where these communities came from, where they are now, their way of life, and the issues that they face.

The second set Paggalang or Respect was based on the Objective of Republic Act No. 8371 or known as the act to recognize, protect and promote the rights of the indigenous cultural communities.

It highlights the rituals and festivals of IPs and the call to respect their sacred grounds.

The third set Pagtaguyod or Promote was also based on RA 8371. This volume emphasizes the promotion of the destinations, protected areas, critical infrastructures, and natural resources within the ancestral domains. However, it does not seek to take advantage on the beauty and magnificence of the destinations. Instead, it invites individuals to advocate the rights of IPs.

President Dugyon expressed her gratitude to NCIP for considering IFSU as one of the end-users of the book. “This will be an additional resource to our institution”, she added.//

IFSU – CODETE launches Project SHARPEN

FAITH B. NAPUDO

To boost research leadership and culture, the College of Open Distance Education and Transnational Education (CODETE) of the Ifugao State University (IFSU) launched Project SHARPEN or Strengthening and Harnessing Academic Research and Publication Experiences in the New Normal via Zoom Cloud meeting on May 14, 2021.

Funded by the Office of the University President, said project shows a manifestation of the current leadership to level up the Research Development and Extension activities in the Advanced Education, whose faculty members are not only expected but also required to have research publications that contribute in decision making and policy formulation.

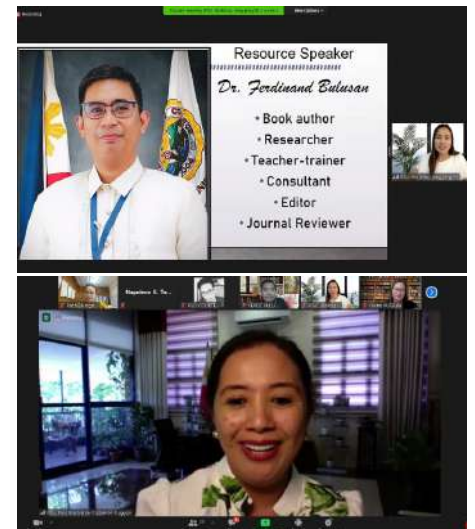
“As a State University and College (SUC) and the only Higher Education Institution (HEI) in the Ifugao province, we feel the impetus to contribute to societal change. I am enjoying all our faculty participants to take into heart this training series, in as much as we are investing to a great extent

not only on capacitating you for your professional and personal development but also on empowering you to become great leaders and momentum makers, which is in line with our succession plan and aspiration,” remarked Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, University President.

Dr. Ferdinand Bulusan, a published researcher and teacher trainer, served as the resource speaker for the all sessions.

Participated by at least 20 faculty members, the first session that concluded on May 14 delved on how to choose high-impact journals: its requisites, challenges, and techniques.

Focused on writing and packaging researches for submission to target publishers, the project is left with 7 session trainings more. Each session is scheduled every Friday afternoon until July 9. //



Webinar mainstreams mental health wellness

JANINE ZOE M. DAWONG

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) – Department of Psychology and the Research, Development, Extension and Training held its four (4)-part webinar series on “Achieving and Maintaining Mental Health Wellness amidst difficult times” via Zoom and Facebook Live on October 20 to 23, 2020.

Four (4) topics were tackled by four (4) speakers.

Abigail Baguilat, IFSU - Main Campus Guidance Counsellor, introduced the first of the series entitled, “On Stress and Anxiety: Bending But Not Breaking.”

Baguilat explained the current mental health situation, mental health concepts, COVID-19 mental health impacts, and ways of dealing with stress and anxiety.

“There is no health without mental health. So we need to give importance and prioritize our mental well-being,” said Baguilat.

Florence N. Bahni, Saint Mary’s University

(SMU) - Psychology Faculty Member, talked about the second of the series entitled, “On Depression: It’s OK Not To Be OK.”

Bahni focused her sharing on the effect of depression on students who are into modular learning due to the current pandemic.

“I would like you to realize that achieving excellence in academic is more achievable and fulfilling if you have a healthy mind and body,” remarked Bahni as she addressed the common quote among students which is “Ang tulog pwedeng mabawi, pero ang mababang grades hindi na pwedeng mabawi.”

She pointed out that it is equally important

that students try to achieve good grades without sacrificing their physical and mental health.

Reiner B. Dulawan, Saint Mary’s University (SMU) - Guidance Counsellor, explained the third of the series entitled, “On Suicide: Silver Lining, Embracing Hope and Optimism.”

Dulawan negated the myth that only experts can stop a suicide.

“Anyone can stop suicide. You just need listen, show that you care, provide hope and empathize with them. Pwede natin siyang i-prevent, huwag lang tayong matakot” pointed out Dulawan.

Meanwhile, Donato O. Abaya, IFSU - Psychology Faculty Member, tackled the last part of the series entitled, “On Resilience: All is Well...Smile and Never

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Student pantry initiated

RONALINE C. CANUTE



The Ifugao State University (IFSU)-University Supreme Student Government (USSG) together with the The Vocational Leaders of the Philippines College Chapter (VLPCC) organized the first student pantry of IFSU in Lagawe Campus on May 31, 2021 to genuinely extend help to students.

USSG President Renee Licyayo said that the initiative is part of their pandemic outreach program. “With the blended learning that our campus has adopted for the delivery of instruction, many students from far places who could not access internet connectivity in their localities opted to come to Lagawe and rent rooms and with the implementation of MECQ in our locality, these students are encountering hardships in accessing

basic needs from their families. With this reason, we in the USSG/VLPCC planned and organized a student pantry to give assistance and help augment their needs. We were able to raise funds through solicitation and donations coming from our generous donors,” said Licyayo.

Aside from the vegetables, rice, canned goods, and instant foodstuffs, the organization together with the faculty

members are planning for a “load pantry” to assist students in their online classes and online submission of their requirements.

Lagawe Campus Executive Director (CED), Vicky Cadalig expressed her support and commendations to the Student Organization for a job well done. Considering the number of students, the USSG and VLPCC are willing to extend this initiative as long as there are available resources. //

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“The old ways are the very foundation that will guide us. In embracing our culture, we must first understand our roots, know that it exists and is shared. Let us be heritage warriors in keeping our legacy alive so that it will continuously live in our people,” Legarda added.

The books will be distributed to 296 Private and Public Elementary and High Schools in Ifugao, 11 Municipalities (Municipal Libraries), 26 IFSU Libraries (6 Campuses and 16 Colleges and 4 offices), 16 Provincial partner Offices, and the first nine lucky participants in the Zoom.//

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(MOA), said project will be implemented for four (4) years from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2025. Dr. Elpidio B. Basilio Jr., Director of Research and Development serves as project leader for IFSU.

The University with the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) which is also allocated separate funds by DOST – PCAARRD will take the lead in the implementation of project activities and coordinate with other collaborating agencies and exert all efforts that include providing facilities and technical personnel.

Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, University President, in social media post, expressed her gratitude to DOST and lauded IFSU RDET Team and BAI for the project.//

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Give Up.”

“Your response shows your level of resilience,” stressed Abaya as he shared helpful ways on how to be resilient during this pandemic.

Abaya mentioned that being active in social media (Tiktok), being an environmentalist (plantitos and plantitas), working from home, and doing online selling are some of the effective mechanisms on how to cope during this new normal.

Attendees from the different agencies were the following: IFSU, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Education (DepEd), Local Government Unit (LGU), Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWD), and Quirino State University (QSU).//

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Uddi-e also expounded on the Legacies of Journalism.

Meanwhile, the technicalities of writing were also discussed. Reynaldo Nalliw lectured on News Writing while Denmark Butic elaborated on Editorial Writing. On the other hand, Rolly Keth Nabanalan shared about Development Communication (DevCom) and Feature Writing.

Vianne Joy Marquez discussed Column or Opinion Writing, Sports Writing, and Editorial Board Composition. Leomar Pascua talked about Photojournalism and Comic Strip Writing. Meanwhile, Myrna Baloc shared on Literary Writing and Layout.//

IFSU, SK org empower youth to vote smart

JANINE ZOE M. DAWONG



to register in their respective Municipal Commission on Elections (COMELEC) offices in preparation for the year 2022 synchronized election.

Pedro T. Hiano Jr., Municipal Election Officer III COMELEC - Lamut, Ifugao discussed the importance of the, registration of voters and the period to file applications. He added that the electoral process begins with the registration of voters and ends in the proclamation and assumption of the duty of elected officials.

Moreover, Atty. Ricardo D. Bulintao, Provincial Election Supervisor COMELEC - Ifugao, addressed the need for young students to participate during elections and the DOs and DONT'S before and after registering and voting. "Never register twice and do not vote twice," said Bulintao.

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) - Department of Political Science in collaboration with the Association of Political Science Students (APSS) of Ifugao State University (IFSU), and the Ifugao Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation Office, conducted a webinar on Voter's Education for the Youth via Zoom and Facebook Live Stream on April 22, 2021.

With the theme, "Pinoy Youth Power: Smart Voting Toward A Better Philippines," said webinar aims to empower and equip the youth on how to responsibly exercise their right to vote.

Dr. Jamaica G. Bumidang, Dean of CAS, reiterated the value of the youth vote in her message to the participants.

"The main purpose of today's webinar

forum is to further orient and strengthen the Filipino youth awareness about their rights and responsibilities in their exercise of suffrage," remarked Dr. Bumidang.

Meanwhile, Hon. Aezle D. Dumangeng, Ifugao SK Federation President lauded IFSU and its partner agencies for holding the voter's education for the youth. She encouraged all youth who will be turning 18 years of age on or before May 9, 2022,

Prof. Reynold D. Agnes, Far Eastern University (FEU) - Department of Political Science Faculty member, also emphasized the importance of political education and the role of education in politics to increase awareness to said voters.

He challenged every official leader and candidate to do what is supposed to be done for the youth to appreciate politics.

"The life of politics depends on its people. The youth should see the beauty of elections and politics. If they would avoid politics, they will not participate in any political activities," he ended.//



Women capacitated to make lagundi-based candies

FAITH B. NAPUDO



The College of Health Sciences (CHS) of the Ifugao State University (IFSU) capacitated at least ten (10) women on how to make candies from lagundi leaves in barangay Nayon, Lamut, Ifugao on June 8, 2021.

This activity was borne from the Registered Utility Model on Production of Herbal Candy from Lagundi (Vitex negundo extract) by Ms. Lilian Tumapang, Dean of the college. This introduced the process and composition of producing lagundi candies that are appropriate for both adults and children.

Based on study, herbal plants like lagundi are proven to be effective in the treatment of common diseases. They are processed into syrup, tablets, ointment and creams, among other forms. However, these are less appealing or may not be appropriate for children to take in; hence, this model of processing lagundi into candies that are

more palatable to children.

During the activity, Tumapang discussed the raw materials needed and demonstrated the process of making candies from lagundi leaves.

“In response to the COVID- 19 pandemic, this training provided an opportunity to strengthen self-reliance of the core group thru the transfer of skills and the optimum utilization of community resources,” she remarked.

Ms. Phyllice A. Breboneria, the college’s extension coordinator, said a set of equipment and materials will be turned over to barangay Nayon for an organization to use in the production of lagundi candy.

The college vows to continuously assist willing technology adopters from the community.//

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Kid books will also be donated by Vice Mayor Victomar Bunnol and his family to the learning center.

In a short program, Bunnol expressed his gratitude for the extension program of the IFSU. He also assured the full support of Lamut LGU to the project and community as a whole. Bunnol also encouraged the teachers and parents to take the lead in

maximizing the use of the community learning center.

Meanwhile, Dr. Vivian D. Dumelod, Dean of the COE, thanked the community for the fruitful partnership and shared the IFSU’s hope in helping learners and teachers in this time of the pandemic.

Kerajie Ryne D. Bimmulog, the

Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson, also expressed her gratitude for the project and manifested her commitment to carry out her functions as stipulated in the MOU. //

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the essence of reconnecting and remembering from the past in order to have a deeper understanding on IKSP. Marlon M. Martin, Chief Operations Officer of the Save Ifugao Terraces Movement, one of the local partners of CTPILS, on the other hand, highlighted the dramatic steps in the promotion of relevant Ifugao education the among the young people.

Taiwan partners also sent their messages during the virtual graduation. Prof. Da Wei Kuan, the Executive Director for the Center for Taiwan-Philippines Indigenous Knowledge, Local Knowledge and Sustainable studies (CTPILS) and professor at the National Chengchi University (NCCU) of Taiwan emphasized the importance international collaborations towards the respect and recognition of indigenous knowledge. Furthermore, Taiwan’s ambassador to the Philippines, His Excellency Michael Peiyung Hsu represented by Mr. David Lee of the Education Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Manila highlighted the similarities of both countries in terms culture, values and beliefs. He also added the value of student and faculty exchange between IFSU and NCCU of Taiwan especially in the area of indigenous knowledge.

The Ifugao Indigenous Knowledge Educators Training Program, launched in August 2018 with DepEd as partner, is one of the components of the Center for Taiwan-Philippines Indigenous Knowledge, Local Knowledge and Sustainable Studies (CTPILS) Project. CTPILS is an international academic and research cooperation between IFSU and the National Chengchi University (NCCU) of Taiwan. The Ifugao Indigenous Knowledge Educators Training Program aims to build up a core of indigenous knowledge educators from the Department of Education (DepEd) and IFSU with the active participation of different knowledge holders and experts from the communities and academe.//