

## **NEWSBITS FROM VISAYAS**

### **DOLE GRANTS 300k WORTH OF Equipment to Antique Multipurpose Cooperative**

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) recently turned over dairy processing equipment worth three hundred thousand pesos to the Belison Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Belison, Antique.

The equipment consisted of one 24-Horse Power Generator set, one 75 liter capacity pasteurizer, one unit foot sealer, milk cans, and various laboratory and milk testing equipment. This grant will enable the cooperative to process and sell milk bars and fresh and flavored milk to the local schools and neighboring towns of Belison.

### **THREE DAIRY MULTIPLIER FARMS (DMF) SET UP IN THE VISAYAS REGION**

Three Dairy Multiplier Farms were newly established in the Visayas Region. Two of the DMFs are in Western Visayas consisting of the farms of Congressman Florencio T. Miraflores, in Regador, Ibabay, Aklan, which received 50 dairy cows last June 19, 2011, and the Buglas Agri Ventures Farm of Mr. Charlie Cojuangco, in Pontevedra, Negros Occidental. The other DMF is Sunshine Farm owned by Mr. Santiago Sierra, Jr. located in Pamplona, Negros Oriental in Central Visayas, which received 50 dairy cows last June 29, 2011.

### **NDA SIGNS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH BOHOL UNIVERSITY**

The National Dairy Authority and the Bohol Island State University (BISU) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) last July 1, 2011 and agreed to jointly undertake projects in dairy research and development, including processing, testing and marketing of dairy products, and livestock and dairy resource generation.

The NDA and BISU agreed to pool their technical capabilities and resources in the implementation of specific dairy projects. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by NDA Administrator Grace J. Cenas and BISU President Elpidio T. Magante.

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