

**UNAIP Consultative Meeting in Angeles, Pampanga
June 16-18, 2013**



The Regional Livestock and Artificial Insemination (AI) Coordinators of Region 3 met last week in Pampanga and discussed and review issues raised during the Gen. San meeting held last December 2012. Dr. Andrew B. Villacorta, DA Regional Executive Director for Region 3 pepped the group and reiterated the need for a sustained upgrading program to maximize efforts and without let-up, continue the initial efforts made despite meager resources.

The meeting was conducted to monitor the progress of the Implementation of the AI program, update current development of UNAIP activities especially on the submission of E-reports, updates of PCC, NDA and LDC related programs and activities and reviewed targets for CY 2013 and accomplishments for 1st semester (January –June 2013) .

It is encouraging to note that the program have steadily gained momentum and farmers are recognizing the benefits of using improved technology to harness the full potentials of upgrading their stocks that will ultimately redound to their benefits in terms of improved genetics and increased income.

Some 37 participants from Regions 1-13, ARRM and CARAGA attended the said consultative meeting. Ching Lumanta updated the group on the current upgrading program of the NDA especially on the cash incentive program offered to AI technicians and village based artificial insemination technicians (VBAITs). The NDA’s incentive program incorporates a P500 incentive to the AI technician for every calf produced using pure dairy breed semen. The move is seen to fast track production of upgrades to increase the number of dairy animals in the country.

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