

NEWS BITES FROM THE VISAYAS

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Visayas Field Office Staff take In House Supervisory Course Training
Seventeen staff from the Visayas Field Office participated in an in-house Supervisory Training Course. Team leaders from Negros Oriental and Occidental, Iloilo, Bohol and Cebu, as well as office based section heads and support staff gathered during April 26 and 28, 2010 at the Cebu Business Hotel where the training was held. Other participants of the training were Cebu Federation of Dairy Cooperatives Chairperson JOSEPH B. DURADO and Cebu Milk Processing Plant Manager Bien Rodriguez.

Regional Manager Grace J. Cenas was the resource speaker. The 19 trainees were re-oriented to the Management Process, Principles of Management as well as the various group dynamic exercises which showed latent strengths staff will have to enhance, as well as supervisory flaws to avoid.

PAG PANGITA, PAGESUSI, PAG GUNIT
Opportunity Seeking, Scanning and Seizing Seminar

In between the Supervisory Training Course, 19 NDA staff and 27 farmer/cooperators from Central and Western Visayas attended the Opportunity Seeking, Scanning and Seizing Seminar sponsored by the ABS-CBN Bayan Academy.

Held on April 27, 2010 at the Cebu Northwinds Hotel, the seminar was handled by Professor Levi Verora of the Asian Institute of Management. The participants were introduced to the concepts of Business Face and Social Face of the organization.

Verora emphasized that in the scanning for opportunities, organizations and individuals need a creative mindset, heart or strong principles and entrepreneurial gut to turn opportunities into good business ventures.



Professor Levi Verora – facing the participants.

CHEESY ATTEMPTS FROM THE NEGROS ORIENTAL FIELD OFFICE.

The Negros Oriental Field Office experimented in making cream and mozzarella cheese. It gave cream cheese samples to the various hotels, restaurants and resorts in Dumaguete City. A restaurant named Don Roberto's has plans to buy mozzarella cheese once prize adjustments are made.

NEGROS OCCIDENTAL -

NEFEDACO may once again implement a milk feeding program, using milk bars. The donors are the Social Security System and the 303rd Infantry Brown Eagle Brigade of the Philippine Army which is based in Negros Occidental, the Dep Ed, and the PSWD. The program will be on September 2010. Last year, eleven thousand three hundred fourteen (11,314) school children from 31 selected elementary schools were the beneficiaries of this 15-day program.

Negros Occidental

NEFEDACO is now implementing a milk feeding program, using milk bars. Funding this program is the Social Security System, while assisting in its implementation is the 303rd Infantry Brown Eagle Brigade of the Philippine Army which is based in Negros Occidental. The program started last June 21, 2010 and will last for 36 days, ending on Sept. 8, 2010.

A total of 4,032 children from pre-school to grade six are the beneficiaries of this P800,000.00 worth feeding program, which covers selected towns of Negros Occidental (Kawayan, Moises Padilla, Murcia, Bacolod City and Toboso) and Negros Oriental (Guihulngan and Siaton).

Bohol also has another cooperative, (CARE) which is based in the municipality of DaNAO. CARE stands for Cantubod Association for the Rehabilitation of the Environment. ON June 16 – 18, 2010, the Department of Labor and Employment conducted a Cooperative Business Management , while the NDA also conducted a Training on Milk Handling and Processing. Twenty two CARE members, thirteen of them women, participated in the joint training. The DOLE – Region Vii, through its Bohol Provincial Extension Office awarded to CARE a P220,000 grant for the purchase of milk processing equipment.



Myrlo Beldia and Petrus Labella of NDA training women members in Milk Processing

Also in Bohol, the NDA facilitated the preparation and signing of the MOA between the NDA and the municipality of San Miguel Bohol for a Community Feeding Program with 176 beneficiaries. The Cebu Federation of Dairy Cooperatives will supply the sterilized milk and the Department of Agrarian Reform in Bohol will take charge of milk delivery.