



ISFI *Report to* ADDU PRESIDENT

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Food-based CVs Upgrade their GMP Knowledge and Food Packaging Skills



A total of twenty-two (22) representatives from ten (10) craft villages (CVs) attended the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Introduction to Food Packaging held last June 17-18, 2009.

The training was filled with lectures/input sessions, interspersed with workshops and exercises. Practical detection of food hazard and demonstration of proper food handling deepened the participants' appreciation of the GMP.

The second part of the training focused on the basics of packaging, particularly on labeling. Samples of correct labeling were shared to the participants and linked its importance to food safety.

The food products of the CVs were: buffalo milk, banana chips, fruit preserves and candies, processed meat, cocoa tablets and

condiments. For some, the training was an eye-opener and believed that it can also be applied in their households. Others promised to echo the lessons to their other employees or members.

Ms. Christina Ramos, the President of the Food Processors Association of Davao and former plant manager of the Sirawan Food Corporation, was the Resource Person of the two-day training. Ms. Ramos was also trained on food processing by the Philippine-Australia Human Resource Development Facility (PAHRDF) through the Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCCI). She was also the plant manager of the Sirawan Food Corporation for many years.

Six enterprise coaches also joined the training.

Selling Food Products?

Just make sure that the food products that leave your factory or displayed on your shelves are of **high quality and safe for consumption.**



These two elements encompass not only the production and processing stages, but also the buildings and facilities where the food is prepared, and the equipment used in preparation. People handling the food must also comply with the personal hygiene and food contact practices.

CMED JOINS THE LRED ACTIVITY IN IGACOS

The Island Garden City of Samal (IGACOS) is Davao Region's pilot area for the Local and Regional Economic Development (LRED). LRED is a German technology planning tool.

IGACOS is also one of the LGUs being assisted by ISFI-CVEDS' Capacitating Municipalities for Enterprise Development (CMED). Thus, the LRED is parallel with CMED's main objective of assisting LGUs plan for economic and enterprise development in their area.



Enterprise Coach Benjie Justiniani presented the results of the Rapid Economic Appraisal done on the island last April 23-25. After the

presentation, the participants validated the correctness of the issues presented. Subsequently, the results were affirmed and they proceeded to prioritize these concerns according to "doability, urgency, presence of local resources and benefits to the greater majority".

An Action Planning workshop ended the 2-day activity, where groups distributed the responsibilities and scheduled the timetable for completion of respective tasks.

ON THE OTHER FRONT...

- Submitted all the deliverables on the household baseline survey in 5 host barangays of Sagittarius Mines, Inc.
- Submitted the final deliverables on Mt. Apo National Park Management Plan and end-of-contract report to EcoGov 2.
- Conduct a series of Key Informant Interviews and Focused Group Discussions with the beneficiaries and stakeholders of the Mindanao Banana Value Chain Project of the International Finance Corporation - World Bank.
- Collated and tabulated the results on the 500 households interviewed, as inputs to the poverty baseline study of PHILSSA and DFID.
- Complied with the latest round of information request from the Philippine Tropical Forest Conservation Foundation.
- Continued with its linkage with the SICO and other Ateneo Departments on community extension.
- Submitted concept notes to European Union on:
 1. Support for Community Organizing and Livelihood Development under the "Ridge to Reef Approach" to Natural Resource Management (NRM).
 2. Credit Resource for Agriculture and Food Technologies (CRAFT) Project .

Joy Cabo is on-call consultant of OIDCI and AVP of OIDCI on a flex-time arrangement. She however continues to render services to ISFI on output basis and especially focusing on resource generation and mobilization (RGM), monitoring and evaluation (M & E)/regular staff meeting, linkage building and reviewing quality of project reports and other deliverables.

Ms. Paterna G. Fernandez, tendered her resignation effective July 01, 2009, after 22 years of working with ISFI. She transferred to Sagittarius Mines Inc (SMI).

