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*Ongoing Projects*

**Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR) –  
Provinces as Sub-national Agricultural Innovation Systems**

The Center and DA-BAR is conducting a study on Provinces as Sub-national Agricultural Innovation Systems. It focuses on the framework of how sub-national agricultural innovation systems operate within the level of the province and in relation to the region. An understanding of this framework can help policy makers develop approaches for enhancing innovative performance and technological diffusion in the agricultural sector. The Center is currently undertaking a review of literature for the said project.

**DA-BAR – Seminar Training on the Application of Knowledge Management  
and Community-Based Initiatives for Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries**

Another project with the DA-BAR is the conduct of a series of training-seminars on the Application of Knowledge Management and Community-Based Initiatives for Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries. The intervention is aimed at improving the capacities of DA technical staff in the transfer of knowledge and technology to farmer beneficiaries and introducing them to the concepts of agribusiness development and community organizing and development. It also emphasizes the need for the participants to observe a participatory approach in identifying and addressing the needs of farmer clients.

The first batch was held last June 25 to 25, 2009 at the RDMIC Bldg., DA-BAR. Three other batches are schedule as follows:

- Malaybalay City, Bukidnon (July)
- Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija (August)
- Cebu City (September)

**7<sup>th</sup> Sustainable Barangays Development Course (SBDC) for Barangay  
Officials of Quezon City**

Since 2005, the Center has been conducting the SBDC, a management training program specially designed for barangay officials of Quezon City. The SBDC aims to enhance the managerial and technical competencies of the participants so that they can effectively perform their roles as area managers of the barangays. The 7<sup>th</sup> SBDC opened last June 24, 2009 with an initial 42 participants coming from 27 barangays of Quezon City attending.

**Vice Mayors' League of the Philippines (VMLP) - Knowledge and Information  
Sessions for the Academy of Presiding Officers**

The Center is conducting the Knowledge and Information (KNOW and INFORM) Sessions as part of the Academy of Presiding Officers (APO) of the Vice Mayors' League of the Philippines (VMLP). The Know and Inform Sessions aim to enhance the competencies of VMLP members by introducing them to various aspects of administrative, managerial, and personal development which are needed in order for them to effectively and efficiently perform their duties and responsibilities as presiding officers of the Sanggunian and as local leaders of their respective LGUs. The first Know and Inform Session, which focused on Social Marketing and Value System and Career Development, was conducted during the VMLP's quarterly

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meeting in Cebu held on May 23, 2009. The Center has submitted the Report Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> K&I to the VMLP Secretariat last June 18.

**Project Proposals**

**Identifying Efficiency Gains from the Consolidation of Local Health Management System at the Provincial Level**

The Center has submitted a proposal to the UP Economics Foundation for a case-writing project entitled "Identifying Efficiency Gains from the Consolidation of Local Health Management System at the Provincial Level." The Center proposes to study the Inter-Local Health Zones (ILHZ) of six (6) provinces. The ILHZ is an integrated system of public health and hospital services inter-linked by a referral system within a convergence zone and of the LGUs that have the respective jurisdiction. The study will look into the efficiency of such integrated and consolidated arrangements for health delivery.

**Organization, Facilitation and Documentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-LGU Alliances Summit**

The Center is also preparing a proposal to the Delegation of the European Commission to the Philippines of the European Union for the Organization, Facilitation and Documentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-LGU Alliances Summit. The CLRG is one of the 5 chosen institutions identified by the EC to tender a proposal for the said event. The proposal is set to be submitted by July 5, 2009.

**Organization Development Study for the Provincial Government of Tarlac**

This month, Director Ilago, together with Ms. Celestino and Ms. Cureg met with key officials of the Provincial Government of Tarlac led by Governor Yap for the possible study on the PLGU's organization development. The CLRG is currently revising its original proposal to include the Governor's comments and suggestions.

**Exit Conference and Sharing Workshop on LGU Projects assisted by the British Embassy, USAID, and Asia Foundation**

The Center is submitting a proposal on an exploratory basis to The Asia Foundation (TAF) for the conduct of two separate exit conferences and sharing workshops for 16 cities and 30 municipalities which were recipients of financial and technical assistance from TAF. The conferences aim to generate new learnings from the sharing of experiences of these LGUs in the implementation of the projects assisted by the TAF.

**Revision of Learning Modules and Training Manual on the Business Processing and Licensing Management System**

The Center was requested by GTZ to make a proposal for the revision of Learning Modules and Training Manual on the Business Processing and Licensing Management System which were developed by CLRG for GTZ in 2008. Inputs for the revisions will be based from the reviews commissioned by GTZ during the pilot-testing of the manuals conducted by CLRG on 12 cities/municipalities in Cebu.