

HIGHLIGHTS ON RESEARCH

5th CALABARZON RESEARCH AND STATISTICS FORUM



October 18, BatStateU Main I – BatStateU hosted the 5th CALABARZON Research and Statistics Forum with the theme “Innovations for Competitiveness”. The Regional Development Council (RDC) Region IV-A spearheaded the event in collaboration with BatStateU, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) IV-A, Department of Science and Technology (DOST) IV-A, and Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) IV-A.

On behalf of the University President, VP for Research, Development and Extension Services Engr. Albertson D. Amante (*above*), warmly welcomed the participants of the event.



NEDA IV-A Director Luis G. Banua (*above*) gave the overview of activities for the regional forum and later introduced the event’s keynote speaker, NEDA Usec. Adoracion M. Navarro (*below*).

During her talk, Usec. Navarro shared some valuable facts about innovation orientation, technology balance of payments, as well as R&D efforts.



The plenary session featured notable presentations from distinguished speakers including (*below L-R*) Dr. Cielito F. Habito of BrainTrust, Inc., who tackled the Root Causes of Poverty in Disadvantaged Municipalities in CALABARZON; Dr. Caesar B. Cororaton of OIDCI, who presented valuable data on the CALABARZON Provincial Economic Accounts; and Dr. Charito Armonia of PSA Region IV-A, who shared her knowledge regarding the 2017 Philippine Standard Classification of Education.



In the afternoon, parallel sessions for poster and research presentations were held simultaneously (*shown below*). The presentations focused on three priority research areas: economy, social, and environment.



Mr. Ferdinand E. Mendoza of the Adventist University of the Philippines won the award for Best Research Paper for his research paper under the Economy and Environment category entitled, "Detection and Differentiation of Enterococcus, Escherichia coli, and other Coliforms in Drinking Water using a Novel Testing Method" and received a winner plaque and cash prize amounting to Php 10,000. Runners up also received recognition and cash prizes.

For the poster presentation, Mr. Kevin Philip M. Olaya from the Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau won the award for Best Research Poster for his research paper entitled, "Nutrient Content of Frass from Expanded Polystyrene-fed Darkling Beetle (*Tenebrionidae*: *Tenebrio Molitor* Linn.) Larvae" and received a winner plaque and cash prize amounting to Php 7,000.



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