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Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan emphasized the importance of public-private partnership in strengthening regulations for Plant-Incorporated Protectants (PIP) during the Webinar-Workshop on the Registration of PIP.

Sponsored by CropLife, the workshop was also attended by OIC-PRD Jacqueline Romualdez, Chemists Jessica Kay Puno and Sharmaine Tecson, and Biologist Feliona Bautista held at Cocoon Boutique Hotel, Quezon City.
In coordination with the East-West Seed Company, Bayer CropScience, Leads Agri Products Inc., SL Agri Tech, Allied, Botanical Corp, Corteva Agri Science, and Planters Products Inc., Region VII Team led by Regional Officer Arnulfo Arausa, Jr., conducted an information campaign on the Safe and Judicious use of Fertilizer and Pesticides during the Farmer's Day Celebration which coincided with the 56th founding Anniversary of Brgy. La Union Trinidad, Bohol.
Strengthening operations and services through regular planning activities

To review and assess the targets and accomplishments during the first semester of CY 2019, and to align plans and programs for the upcoming semester, FPA had its Mid-Year Planning Conference at the Mambukal Mountain Resort, Brgy. Murcia Negros Occidental.

Further, the activity aimed to enrich the knowledge of FPA participants on the application of drones for pesticide spraying, and Re-use of Wastewater from Distillery Slops. Thus, field visits to the Quiet Place Farm, Roxol Bioenergy Corporation, and Bago Distilleria became part of the itinerary.
Product quality and adherence
to safety

To ensure proper maintenance of fertilizer warehouses by distributors and quality of fertilizer products, FPA Region III led by OIC-Regional Officer Romeo Val Suguitan, Jr. monitored and inspected the warehouses of the First Planters La Pena Sawmill Compound in Iba Road, Brgy. Malhakan, Meycuayan, Bulacan, and the Leads Environmental Health Products Corporation in Brgy. Bigte, Norzagaray.

They conducted the same activity at the ALTA FIERRO GEN. MDSE. in Brgy. Salaza, Palauig, Zambales on August 15. Actual inspection included fertilizer weighing, price monitoring, collection of samples, and monitoring of good housekeeping of the warehouses such as presence of safety equipment like fire extinguishers as well as proper lightning and ventilation.
To promote the safe and judicious use of pesticides in the mango industry, FPA Region XI together with CRAN 10 organized a capacity-building activity called ‘Chemical Handling and Application Safety Education (CHASE) Training for mango contractors, growers & local government unit (LGU)’. The same kind of activity was also conducted by FPA Region III in collaboration with the Trans World Agrochemical Trading Inc. for the conduct of Mango Symposium and product stewardship program in Zambales on August 14-15.

Provincial Officer Quirino Baterna served as resource person who discussed about the Safe and Judicious Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides.
August 14-15, 2019

Educating Vegetable Farmers on the Safe and Judicious Use of Pesticides

FPA Region II in collaboration with Syngenta, CropKing, and the municipal government of Dupax del Sur and Aritao thru their MAOs, conducted a two-day training on the 'Responsible Use of Agricultural Pesticides for Vegetable Farmers' at Sanguit, Dupax del Sur and Bone South, Aritao, Nueva Vizcaya. Vegetable farming is another source of income of the said localities aside from rice farming.
A training on the Responsible Use of Fertilizer and Agricultural Pesticide was conducted by FPA Region IV led by Regional Officer Leticia Hernandez and the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist of Marinduque.

The said training was attended by forty (40) agriculture extension workers (AEW) which was funded by DA RFU-IV-B thru Agricultural Program Coordinating Officer (APCO) Lucila Vasquez.
Working towards an improved FPA Quality Management System

In maintaining the current ISO Certification on the provision of services for the issuance of licenses, registrations, and permits on fertilizer, and in consonance with the current undertaking for an agency-wide ISO 9001: 2015 Certification, a Stage 2 Certification Audit was conducted on August 20, 2019, by TUV Rheinland auditors.

The audit resulted into zero nonconformity and suggested six opportunities for improvement.
Institutionalization of product stewardship program

As a resource person during the Training of Trainers (TOT) Course on Corn Integrated Crop Management, Regional Officer Joseph Andre John Martinez discussed the safe and judicious use of pesticides for crop protection.

Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) from the different Local Government Units (LGUs) of Region I attended the said training which was held at the Tebag, Sta. Barbara, Pangasinan.
Product quality and adherence to safety

To secure our local farmers with the adequate supplies and reasonable prices of fertilizer and agricultural pesticides from accredited license dealers, FPA Region VII Provincial Officer Noel Negre led the conduct of inspection in the municipalities of Mandaue, Pinamungahan, and Toledo in Cebu.
Strengthening stakeholder collaboration

An exit conference after the pre and post licensing of five (5) Research Stations of Bayer Crop Science Phils. Inc was facilitated by FPA Field Unit IVat Bgy. Masiit, Bangyas and Dayap, Calauan and Masaya, Puypuy, Municipality of Bay in Laguna.

Present during the conference are FPA Region IV Regional Officer Leticia Hernandez, Provincial Officer Romulo Crucillo, Head of Bayer Research Station Allan Velill, and researchers from Bayer CSI.
Institutionalization of product stewardship program

To inform and educate the agriculture sector on the safe and judicious use of pesticides in line with FPA's mandate, Region III OIC-Regional Officer Rome Val Suguitan together with AGROTIGER PHILS., & GREENWORLD organized a training on the "Safe and Judicious Use of Agricultural Pesticides" for f/p handlers, dealers and farmers of Botolan, Zambales.
Department of Agriculture Secretary William Dar graced the Stakeholders’ Forum, which was attended by FPA Region I Regional Officer Joseph Andre John Martinez, among others, held at Sta. Maria, Ilocos Sur and Lingayen, Pangasinan.