

FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE AUTHORITY

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NOVEMBER 2020

ADMINISTRATION OF ONLINE ACCREDITATION EXAM

NOVEMBER 9, 2020



The FPA Region-XII headed by Regional Officer Alita C. Bornea and her team served as proctors during the Certified Pesticide Applicator's examination held at FPA Regional Office XII, Koronadal, South Cotabato. Examinees are from the National Food Authority-12.



FPA XII OBSERVES NATIONAL RICE Awareness Month

NOVEMBER 9, 2020



FPA Provincial Officer Cherubin Alonzo attended the Launching of the National Rice Awareness Month cum Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita at Robinsons Mall, General Santos City last November 6, 2020.

With the theme "Grow Local-Buy Local- Eat Local," the celebration focuses on improving farmers' competitiveness to produce quality rice, while reaching out to all rice eaters to be aware on responsible rice consumption.

Specifically, it aims to strengthen the bond between rice farmers and consumers towards a better quality life. DA encourages farmers to produce quality rice and instill the values of responsible rice consumption among consumers to contribute in achieving rice sufficiency in the country.

Moreover, the farmers will be inspired to do farming through the use of efficient farming technologies, have access to rice information and engage in agri-preneurship.

FPA II JOINS DOST-5TH NATIONAL R&D CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 9-11, 2020



The FPA Region II personnel joined the DOST-5th National R&D Conference via Zoom from November 9-11, 2020, with the theme "R&D Making Change Happen".

The conference featured R&D projects and programs funded by different government agencies that have shown significant impact to society and environment.



CAPACITATING STAKEHOLDERS ON SAFE AND PROPER Handling of FP inputs

NOVEMBER 10-11, 2020



The FPA CAR conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training at the Gloriosa Hall, OPAg Nursery/TDC, Puguis, La Trinidad, Benguet.

18 individuals representing various establishments (licensed and potential/applicant handlers of FP products) had completed the training.

The activity was facilitated by Administrative Officer Beverly A. Lete and FPA Provincial Officer Rowena F. Billig who also served as resource person together with Jesson Y. Delamen, an FPA Accredited Researcher and Vicente Tadao, President of the duly recognized dealers' association – Baguio, Benguet, Mt. Province Agricultural Association.

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON THE SAFE AND JUDICIOUS USE OF FP INPUTS

NOVEMBER 11, 2020



FPA Caraga team headed by Regional Officer Danny Negre conducted a lecture on the safe and judicious use of pesticides and Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) to Managers, Supervisors and Chemical workers of Sumifru banana plantation in Tagbina, Surigao del Sur.

Safety protocols such as wearing of face mask and physical distancing were observed. Mr. Eric C. Divinagracia, Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer served as a guest speaker.



COLLABORATION WITH THE DA AND ITS Attached agencies

NOVEMBER 11, 2020

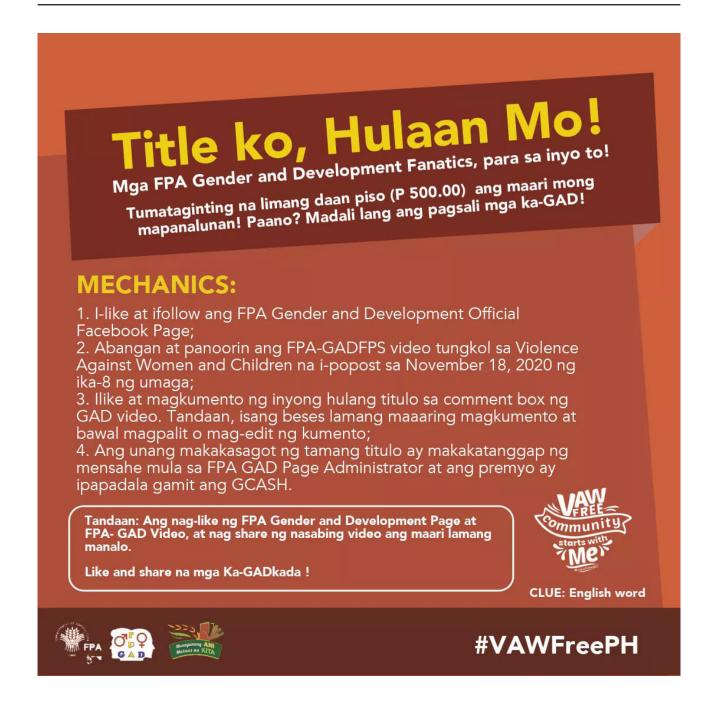


Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority-XII Regional Officer and Supervising Agriculturist Alita C. Bornea attended the 3rd Quarter Regional Management Committee meeting at the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) Region XII Office, Prime Regional Government Center, Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

The activity focused on the presentation and clarification of the DA-Administrative Order No. 27, Series of 2020, "Establishing the Farm and Fisheries Clustering and Consolidation Program (F2C2) Towards Greater Inclusive Agribusiness Development in the Country. The Food Sufficiency/Resiliency Plan of Line Bureaus and Attached Agencies were also discussed.

FPA GADFPS ORGANIZES TITLE KO, HULAAN MO!

NOVEMBER 17, 2020



The FPA Gender and Development Focal Point System (FPA GADFPS) spearheaded an activity dubbed 'Title ko, Hulaan Mo!' which encouraged FPA employees to guess on the title of the video teaser released for the promotion of the upcoming Digishorts Contest.



FPA CAR ATTENDS DA'S GAP SUMMIT

NOVEMBER 17-19, 2020



The FPA CAR attended the GAP Summit organized by DA-CAR through the HVCDP at the BSU Close & Open gym, Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet.

The activity was attended by Certified farmers of the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) from Benguet and Mt. Province.

During the event, FPA Provincial Officer Rowena Billig provided updates on the safe and effective use of fertilizer and pesticide products and served as one of the judges for the cabbage cooking and vegetable salad on November 18.

ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE ON THE FIELD

NOVEMBER 18, 2020



The FPA Region VII team continues to enforce FPA's mandate in the field through the Issuance of Stop Use, Move, Sale (SUMS) Order to unregistered foliar fertilizer and pesticide products in the Province of Bohol.

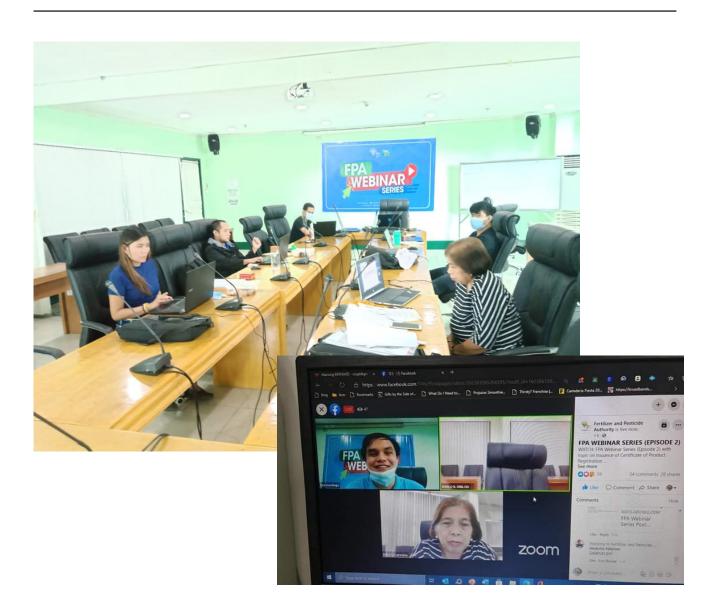
Presidential Decree 1144 stipulates that all Fertilizer and Pesticide products which are imported or locally produced should be registered with FPA prior to their sale and distribution. The law explained that "product registration is a mechanism used to generate relevant information to ensure safety, public health and environmental protection in the use of these inputs. Registration of these inputs is needed to give greater assurance that the quality of each brand is maintained as the specified standards (characteristics and effort) as claimed by the registrants."



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PMID CONDUCTS WEBINAR SERIES TO EDUCATE Public on FPA's regulatory mandate

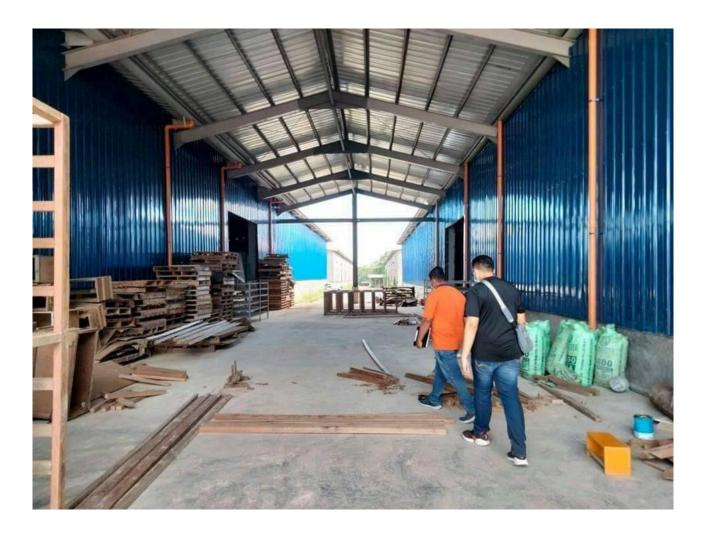
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On November 4, 11 and 18, the PMID headed by Digna De Leon conducted the third to fifth episode of the FPA Webinar Series which aims to educate the public on the regulatory function of FPA. In particular order, topics discussed include Issuance of Licenses to Fertilizer and Pesticide Handlers (Episode 3); Issuance of VAT Exemption (Fertilizer), Certificate of Application for the Importation of Pesticides, EUP and Other Certificates for Fertilizer and Pesticide Regulations (Episode 4); and Accreditation of Responsible Care Officer (ARCO), Safety Dispenser (ASD), Agricultural Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) and Fertilizer and Pesticide Researcher (Episode 5).

ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE ON THE FIELD

NOVEMBER 20, 2020



The FPA Regional Field Unit II conducted an Inspection of the Alicia, Cauayan and Reina Mercedes warehouses of the Universal Leaf Phillippines Inc., to ensure compliance with FPA regulations by FP stakeholders.



FPA JOINS OBSERVANCE OF 18-DAY CAMPAIGN To END VAWC

NOVEMBER 25, 2020



In observance with the 18 Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) on November 25 to December 12, 2020, the FPA Gender and Development Focal Point system (FPA-GADFPS) organized a short video making contest dubbed 'GAD Digishorts Contest" that aims to spread awareness on VAWC to FPA stakeholders. The activity also aims to harness the creativity of employees while developing stronger bond between and among employees within the organization.





ADVOCATING GAP TO PROMOTE FARM SAFETY AND PRODUCTIVITY

NOVEMBER 27, 2020



Provincial Officer Henry Cayaban Jr. discussed about the Responsible Use of Agricultural Pesticides to the 30 active farmers of the National Irrigators Association at the Magapit pumping station during their GAP training.



ADVOCATING GAP TO PROMOTE FARM SAFETY AND PRODUCTIVITY



Provincial Officer Rowena Billig served as resource person for the Safe and Judicious use / handling / storage of fertilizer and pesticide products (Module II – GAP Training) during the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training organized by the Atok LGU – Municipal Agriculture Office held at the Bocao Multi-Purpose Hall in Bocao, Abiang, Atok, Benguet. The activity was attended by the officers and members of the Bocao Farmers' Association.



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