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## Soaring higher UNP IS NOW ISO-CERTIFIED

**P**assion. Dedication. Resilience.

The amalgamation of these virtues led the continuous elevation of quality and standard in the University- the latest feat being ISO-certified.

It was a night of celebration for the UNP Community as the SOCOTEC Certification Philippines Inc. officially awarded the ISO Certification to the University of Northern Philippines on 28 February 2022 at the UNP-Gymnasium.

Present in the ISO Awarding Ceremonies are the UNP Administration, faculty, and staff, UNP Board of Regents, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) - Regional Office 1 officials, and SOCOTEC representatives.

Dr. Erwin F. Cadorna, UNP President, has extended his gratitude to the UNP community who supported this university's feat.

"My dear colleagues, this award serves as a proof of our valuable and significant

contribution in attaining world-class standards," he emphasized.

He also added that the realization of this dream is filled with many challenges, sleepless nights, and pressure.

"I thank everyone for your sacrifice and commitment in this endeavor. This is our achievement," he stated.

Dr. Cadorna also pointed out that through maintaining quality standards, the university will attain efficient and effective services both in teaching and non-teaching.

The university has been serious to its commitment of continuously improving its systems and services in the past years.

Ms. Concepcion G. Pabalan, Manager, Business Development and Clients Relations, SOCOTEC, expressed that the certificate is a challenge for it entails continuous improvement.

"The certification is a

representation of your past, present, and future," she stated.

She also added that there is a need for continuous improvement as it is now a part of the university's vision and mission. She also hopes that the university is "up to the challenge".

With certificate no. SCP000580Q, the UNP's ISO certificate was issued on 29 December 2021.

UNP's ISO certification covers the provision of Tertiary Education Services including Instruction, Research, Extension, Production, Support to Operations, and Administration.

The certification is valid until 28 December 2024, subject to adherence to the ongoing programme, successful agreement of certification following each audit, and compliance with the terms and conditions of the certification.

ISO Certification has become one of the administration's major pursuits in line with sustaining the quality standards in the university.

UNP, in its continuous pursuit of international quality standards, faced ISO audit on 23 November 2021, and 1-2 December 2021.

The three-day audit entailed virtual interview sessions with the university top management and process owners, and evaluation of documents.

The institutionalization of quality management systems in government is implemented through Executive Order 605, s. 2007. SUCs are enjoined to establish ISO Quality Management Systems (ISO-QMS) in order to promote and improve public sector performance.



# UNP receives 5M grant for Milkfish Nursery



**SUSTAINING RESEARCH CULTURE.** The university received 5M grant from DILG. In the photo from Left to Right: Ms. Maritess Raboy (URDO-ARMRRC), Dr. Rolando R. Navarro (VP for Academic Affairs), Mr. Martin Allayban (Provincial Fishery Officer), Dr. Erwin F. Cadorna (UNP President), Ms. Jessie Domingo (URDO-ARMRRC), Dr. Edelyn A. Cadorna (URDO Director), Dr. Fatima Rocamora (VP for Research and Extension), Mr. Albert Tejero (Director, Finance Services), and Dr. Pio Ferdinand J. Lamarca (VP for Finance and Administration).

The University of Northern Philippines was awarded five-million grant from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) in line with the university's project, "Improvement of Milkfish Hatchery Nursery Facility in Nalvo, Sta. Maria, Ilocos Sur" on 29 March 2022.

The awarding, which was held at the Tadena Hall, was attended by university officials headed by Dr. Erwin F. Cadorna, UNP President, and BFAR led by Mr. Martin Allayban, Provincial Fishery Officer.

"The awarding of the 5-million grant is a manifestation that the university is not only capacitating manpower, the manpower capability of

the researchers, but we are also doing our best to improve the research facilities of the university," Dr. Cadorna stated.

He also expressed his gratitude that even if UNP is not an agricultural university, BFAR still extended its support to the university's research and development endeavors.

Further, Dr. Cadorna challenged everyone in maximizing their potential along research. "I hope that we are doing our best for the university, my only request is for you to be doing your best".

The project awarded is the second phase of the ongoing 10-million project, "Rehabilitation of Milkfish Nursery in Nalvo, Sta. Maria,

Ilocos Sur" which was awarded to the university in May 2021.

In 2019, the university through Dr. Pio Ferdinand J. Lamarca, then Officer-in-Charge, Office of the President, submitted request for funding for the establishment of the UNP-based Bangus Hatchery in Nalvo, Sta. Maria to Department of Agriculture Secretary William D. Dar. After which, Sec. Dar then forwarded the request to USec Eduardo Gongona, Director of BFAR.

In 2020, after the assessment of project site led by UNP-IPDO, UNP-URDO-ARMRDC, and Provincial Fishery Officer Allayban, the university led by Dr. Cadorna

prepared the development plan. The grant was officially awarded to UNP in May 2021.

In September 2021, PFO Allayban informed the university that they can avail another funding from BFAR, which was the 5M grant. MOA signing was done last December 2021.

Ms. Jessie Domingo of the UNP-URDO-ARMRRC, also stated that the improvement of facilities in their project was made possible through the grants awarded and useful for "research and development endeavors as well as for the IGP of the university".

## Vigan City, UNP host...

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during the Longganisa Festival. Among these awards are the following:

Mr. Edmar Paguirigan from the College of Teacher Education, for elementary level and Dr. Remedios Navarro, the Dean of

the College of Arts and Sciences, for tertiary level were awarded as Bigueno Teachers of the Year.

Ms. Rosette Aguir, from the College of Teacher Education and Mr. Jake Garnace of Senior High

School Affairs were also hailed as Champions in the vocal duet competition.

Moreover, the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management made it to the top in the Longganisa Cooking Competition Festi-

val. The team was led by their coach, Dr. Mittessa Inah Reynante, the Assistant Dean of the College.

Finally, the UNP Street dancers bagged 2nd Place in the street dancing competition.

