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# 57 Participants Finish ATEMU Seminar



ATEMU participants tour the Universal Robina Corporation (URC) Kabankalan Biomass-fired Power Plant.

Fifty-seven participants finished the Applied Technology on Energy Management and (Utilization) conducted last May 15 to 19 at Kundutel Hotel, Goldenfield, Bacolod City and included a tour of the Universal Robina Corporation (SONEDCO) Kabankalan Bio-mass-fired Power Plant.

The five-day live-in course was facilitated by VP & Directors Leandro Pineda (Crystal Sugar)

and Jed Cardeñas (VMC), in collaboration with the PHILSUTECH Academe committee.

Wyndel L. Yongao, Instrumentation Engineer of Crystal Sugar Company, Inc., was the Pre Test Topnotcher while Joy Anne J. Temporosa, Chemical Engineer of Victorias Milling Company, Inc., was the Post Test Topnocher.

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# Philsutech launches divisional awards for outstanding members

On top of the Don Carlos Locsin Award, Philsutech launches this year the divisional awards for members who excel in their respective fields of expertise in the sugar industry.

Announcement and awarding of the winners will be during the 64th Philsutech Annual National Convention on August 17, 2017 at the Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, Cebu City

These fields of expertise are composed of the five technical divisions, namely Agriculture & Farm Engineering, Factory Engineering, Process, Management and Bio-Energy & Environmental Management.

One awardee will be chosen every year, starting this year, for each of the five divisions. The general criteria for the nominees are:

- 1. Should be an active PHILSUTECH member (at least three consecutive years) from the date of nomination
- 2. Has served as lecturer, trainor or speaker on any sugar industry-related topics
- 3. Has demonstrated a broad knowledge of his field and enhanced the same through various research and innovations
- 4. With excellent contribution to the sugar industry in his field of expertise
- 5. Has developed and introduced new method or process that protects the workers' condition and the environment (except for Management Division)

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## **PLENARY TOPICS**

#### **AUGUST 16 FROM 2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM**

- UPDATE ON ENDO OR DO 174
   Mr. Dominador R. Say, Under Secretary Employment and Policies Support DOLE
- CLIMATE CHANGE
   Ms. Elisea G. Gozun
   Former DENR Secretary

HEALTH EFFECTS OF HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SUGAR (HFCS)
 Dr. Mario V. Capanzana
 Director, Food and Nutrition Research Institute

Director, Food and Nutrition Research Institute
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- PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT REVISED FOR PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF SUGAR
   Ms. Jean Nanette Sumagaysay, Chemist III, RD&E Sugar Regulatory Commission
- **Ms. Karen S. Bautista,** OIC Executive Director, Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards

## 64th PHILSUTECH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

## **GRAND RAFFLE DRAW**

August 18, 2017 Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, Cebu City

 Grand Prize
 P500,000.00

 Second Prize
 P100,000.00

 Third Prize
 P50,000.00

 Fourth Prize
 P20,000.00

Note: All prizes are subject to 20% withholding tax.

Plus: Five Consolation Prizes of P3,000.00 each

Solicitor's Prize for the Grand Prize Winner is P10,000.00.

Tickets are at **P250.00** each and can be purchased from Philsutech Officers, Directors and Coordinators in your respective areas.

## **ERRATUM:**

Noli G. Segovia has been the Factory Operations Manager of San Carlos Bioenergy since 2016 and not 2007, as published in the January to March Issue of the Philsutech Newsletter.

# Notice of GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

To All PHILSUTECH Members:

Notice is hereby given that the General Membership Meeting of the PHILSUTECH ASSN., INC. will be held on August 18, 2017 (Friday, 9:30 AM) at the Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, Cebu City, Philippines to transact PHILSUTECH business matters.

HAYDEE VILLANUEVA – RIVERA Corporate Secretary



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#### **TECHNICAL PAPERS:**

#### AGRICULTURE & FARM ENGINEERING DIVISION

1) Climate Change and Sugarcane Production: Impact and mitigating Strategies

#### Ms. Aidene Galvan

2) How Profitable is 3rd Ratooning

#### H.P. Villariez, J.A. Demaraye and R.T. Luzaran

 Performance of PHILSURIN Newly Released Varieties from Commercial Yield Trials

## J.A. Demaraye, H.P. Villariez, B.G. Dequinto, C. Untal, J. Chua and R.T. Luzaran

4) PHILSURIN Certified Seed – the starting point of a successful Crop

## R.T. Luzaran, SVIP Group and Regional Coordinators

- Satellite and UAS Remose Sensing of Sugarcane Areas Mr. Ariel Blanco, UP Diliman
- Comparative Persformance of Phil 2008 Series Sugarcane Varieties

## Juval C. Velasco, Rosenie G. Entima, Nora S. Meneses, Ma. Lourdes C. Almondiente and Rimmon T. Armones

7) Effect of Lime Placement and Time Fertilization on Sugarcane Yield

La Granja Agricultural Research & Extension Center, SRA

## BIOENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

1) Distillery Waste Water Recycling

Mr. Prasanna Tamhankar, Catalyst

2) Fertilization of Sugarcane Plantations using Distillery Spent Wash

Dr. Veronica Migo, UPLB

 Sustaining Multi-Feedstock Ethanol Operations Ms. Jocelyn S. Sorrilla, SCBI

#### FACTORY ENGINEERING DIVISION

- Surplus Power Generation From Sugar Cane Mr. Vinay Annappa, Chola Turbo Machinery Intl.
- 2) Steam Systems Automation

#### Mr. Janu Encarnacion

 Compressed Air Application Sizing, Efficiency, Reliability and Best Practices

Mr. Santos Vicente, Atlas Copco

4) Working Principles of Variable Frequency Drive **Engr. Rodolfo Licu** 

Thyssenkrupp Two Roller Cane Mill
 Yashwant Sakhardande and Sr. Kundargi

#### MANAGEMENT DIVISION

- Investing the Stock Market for Common People
   Ms. Marian Barachina, HDI Securities
- Does Age Matter in Employment RA 10911 The Anti-Discrimination in Employment Act Atty. Jose Edward A. Davila, VMC
- 3) Frequently Violated SSS Rules

## PROCESS DIVISION

 Using Near Infra-Red to Improve Sugar Factory Quality Ms. Helen Atieno Dawo, Duncan Mandindou and Christopher Henderson

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## Philsutech launches divisional awards.... from page 1

Each division has a separate set of specific criteria (see Pages 4-6). Heads of companies in the sugar industry will be asked to nominate the candidates from among their employees, subject to screening, validation and evaluation of the Philsutech panel of judges.

Nominations are still open for the Don Carlos Locsin Award and the five divisional awards. Please contact the Philsutech Secretariat for more details.

In other convention-related developments, the confirmed plenary topics which will be presented are the Health Effects of High Fructose Corn Syrup, Climate Change, and Updates on ENDO or Executive Order No. 174.

For the Exhibitors Nite / Fellowship Nite on August 15, P20,000 is up for grabs for the Champion in the "K-Pop" themed talent competition. First Runner-up will win P15,000, Second Runner-up will receive P10,000 while the Third Runner-up will get P5,000. Two minor prizes will also be awarded.

Only five to six groups will be allowed to participate. Contestants may present a song and/or dance number, as long as it goes with the K-Pop theme. Each group should be composed of 4-6 members and the length of presentation should be 5-8 minutes.

Best in Costume Awards (Male & Female Categories) will likewise be awarded with P2,500 each. Only registered delegates and exhibitors' authorized representative may join.

For the Delegates Night Talent Competition on August 17, bigger prizes are at stake. The Champion will take home P30,000 while other winners will receive: First Runner-up - P20,000; Second Runner-up - P10,000; and Third Runner-up - P5,000.00.

Best in Costume (Male & Female Categories) will receive P 2,500 each. This contest is for registered delegates only.

Criteria for Dance Competition		
Stage Presence & Choreography	25%	
Originality & Creativity	20%	
Audience Impact	25%	
Overall Performance	30%	
Total	100%	

Best in Costume (Male & Female)		
Relevance to Theme	20%	
Originality & Creativity	25%	
Level of Detail	25%	
Wow Factor	30%	
Total	100%	

## PHILSUTECH DIVISIONAL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING MEMBERS

## **GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To promote Philsutech and its role in the sugar industry
- 2. To recognize and honor outstanding contributions to the Sugar Industry through Philsutech
- 3. To encourage Philsutech members to excel in their fields of expertise by recognizing and giving honor to their achievements

RITERIA	RE DIVISION  GENERAL QUALIFICATION	DIVISIONAL QUALIFICATION	%
	adership	DIVISIONAL QUALIFICATION	/0
a. Lea	An active Philsutech member (3 consecutive years) from date of nomination	An active Philsutech member (3 consecutive years) from date of nomination	10
	Handle a sugarcane area of not less than     30 hectares	Handled a sugarcane area of not less than 30 hectares	5
	Has served as lecturer, trainor or speaker on any sugar-industry related topics	<ul> <li>Has as impact in the community in lifting up the economic, educational, social status of the community</li> </ul>	10
		<ul> <li>Has been an impact in the community as an influence in sharing knowledge as an example or model, as a farm tour destination, or served as lecturer, train or, or speaker on sugarcane agriculture</li> </ul>	10
b. Res	search/Innovation /Inventions		
	Has demonstrated a broad knowledge of his field and enhanced the same through various research and innovations	<ul> <li>Has demonstrated through farming practices a broad knowledge of his field and enhanced the same through various research and innovations</li> </ul>	15
	With excellent contribution to the sugar industry in his fields of expertise	<ul> <li>With excellent contribution to sugarcane agriculture as exemplified in maximizing production and the use of resources (production vs. cost)</li> </ul>	15
	Has invented or initiated new method or	Has invented or initiated new method or process that	10
	process that enhance Sugar Production	enhance sugarcane yield	
c. Env	vironment (preservation, promotion on environ	mental programs, etc.)	
	A farmer who has no current violation for the Crop Year 2016-17 against any environmental regulation (DENR) or other government standards	Implements Clean Air Act (RA 8749) and Solid Waste Management Act (RA9003)	2
		Total	100
PROCES	S DIVISION		
RITERIA	GENERAL QUALIFICATION	DIVISIONAL QUALIFICATION	%
a. Lea	dership		
	An active Philsutech member (3 consecutive years) from date of	An active Philsutech member (3 consecutive years) from date of nomination	10
	nomination		
Н	Has served as lecturer, trainor or speaker on any sugar-industry related topics	Has served as lecturer, trainor or speaker on any sugar- industry related topics	1!
b. Res	Has served as lecturer, trainor or speaker		1!
b. Res	Has served as lecturer, trainor or speaker on any sugar-industry related topics		1

c. lı	nnovation		
	With excellent contribution to the sugar industry in his fields of expertise	<ul> <li>Has developed existing set up of sugar operation to: a) reduce losses, spillages and leakages thereby increasing efficiency; b) enhance the work condition/safety of workers; and, c) reduce cost of operation by merging some positions (multi-tasking) without compromising efficiency of operation</li> </ul>	25
d. F	lealth, Safety & Environment		
	Has developed and introduced new method or process that protects the workers' condition and the environment	<ul> <li>Introduced new equipment, or its accessory and/or process that directly enhances the existing equipment or replaces in equipment for the improvement on the factory operation including the safety of the worker and environmental pollution mitigation</li> </ul>	25
		Total	100%
Bio-Ener	gy and Environmental Division		
CRITERIA		DIVISIONAL QUALIFICATION	%
a. L	eadership		
	An active Philsutech member (3 consecutive years) from date of nomination	An active Philsutech member (3 consecutive years) from date of nomination	10
	Has served as lecturer, trainor or speaker on any sugar-industry related topics	Has served as lecturer, trainor or speaker on any sugar- industry related topics	15
b. R	Research/Innovation /Inventions		
	<ul> <li>Has demonstrated a broad knowledge of his field and enhanced the same through various research and innovations</li> </ul>	Has demonstrated a broad knowledge of his/her field and enhanced the same through various research and innovations	25
	With excellent contribution to the sugar industry in his field of expertise	With excellent contribution to the sugar industry in his/her field of expertise	15
	<ul> <li>Has invented or initiated new method or process that enhances Sugar Production</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrates outstanding performance in his/her establishment with Certification or Appraisal from the Management (to be submitted in a sealed envelope)</li> </ul>	10
		Should be a DENR Accredited PCO or a Practitioner in the Bioenergy Industry	5
c. E	nvironment and or Bio-energy (impact of contribu	ition)	
	Should be a DENR Accredited PCO or a Practitioner in the Bioenergy Industry	Implements an effective environmental management system and bioenergy best practices in his/her establishments reports for CY 2016-17	5
	Company where he/she works has no current violations for the Crop Year 2016- 17 against any environmental regulations (DENR) or other government standard	Actively promotes environmental awareness and pollution prevention in and outside the company	5
	Compliant to Bio-energy Regulations (DOE)	Up-to-date, complete and accurate PCO/SMR	5
		Has made significant contribution to energy optimization and conservation initiative	5
		Total	100%
MANAGE	MENT DIVISION		<u> </u>
CRITERIA		DIVISIONAL QUALIFICATION	%
	eadership		
	An active Philsutech member (3 consecutive years) from date of nomination	An active Philsutech member (3 consecutive years) from date of nomination	10
	Has served as lecturer, trainor or speaker on any sugar-industry related topics	Has served as sugar industry-related management lecturer, trainor or speaker	15

Has advanced certain sugar industry-related advocacies, or has developed a novel, unique management program	15
With excellent contribution to the sugar industry in the fields of management research	20
<ul> <li>Has demonstrated a strong, identifiable and impactful leadership skills, with outstanding contribution on people development, labor and industrial relations</li> </ul>	15
Has authored a book or any literature on management, policy leadership or labor and industrial relations	10
nmental programs, etc.	
<ul> <li>Company has no current final judgment order of violation from any government agencies</li> </ul>	15
Total	100%
DIVISIONAL QUALIFICATION	%
An active Philsutech member (3 consecutive years) from date of nomination	10
Has been involved as lecturer or technical speaker on any sugar industry related topics	15
<ul> <li>A holder of valid PRC license or a holder of bachelor's degree.</li> <li>Has at least 5 years of experience in the sugar industry.</li> <li>He/she should be between 30 to 60 years old. Has held a supervisory position for the last 2 years</li> </ul>	10
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<ul> <li>Has at least 5 years of experience in the sugar industry.</li> <li>He/she should be between 30 to 60 years old. Has held a supervisory position for the last 2 years</li> <li>Has made a significant contribution by way of innovation, invention or discovery to the advancement of sugar industry.</li> </ul>	
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	<ul> <li>With excellent contribution to the sugar industry in the fields of management research</li> <li>Has demonstrated a strong, identifiable and impactful leadership skills, with outstanding contribution on people development, labor and industrial relations</li> <li>Has authored a book or any literature on management, policy leadership or labor and industrial relations</li> <li>Company has no current final judgment order of violation from any government agencies</li> <li>Total</li> <li>An active Philsutech member (3 consecutive years) from date of nomination</li> <li>Has been involved as lecturer or technical speaker on any</li> </ul>

## Philsutech launches divisional awards .... from page 3

For golf enthusiasts, the convention will include the annual golf tournament at the Cebu Country Club. There will be no more complimentary players from the exhibitors.

The friendly tournament is open to all registered delegates, exhibitors, suppliers and planters. Pre-registration fee is P2,500/player (excluding caddie, cart and meals) while on-site registration fee is P3,500/player. Only 40 players will be accommodated at a "first come, first served" basis.

Tee-off is at 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM.

Mulligan tickets can be availed of at P100 each, with a maximum of two (2) tickets per player.

Prizes will be given to the Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up for Class A, B and C. Other awards include the longest drive, most accurate driver, best gross score, best net score, Mulligan and holein-one.

For more details, please contact the Philsutech Secretariat thru fax (034) 434-8127 or 434-1591 or thru email at philsutech@gmail.com.

## **OBITUARY:**

Please pray for the eternal rest of Atty. Arsenio B. Yulo, Jr. who passed away last June at the age of 90.

He was the first SRA Administrator (June 2, 1986 to February 6, 1992) and Philsutech's Don Carlos Locsin Awardee in 2010.

## 57 Participants Finish.... from page 1



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Adjudged as the Most Improved Participant was Kristine Hazel G. Razon, Staff Engineer of URC-Balayan.

The Universal Robina Corporation Sugar and Renewables Group (Balayan, Carsumco, Passi, Sonedco, Tolong and Ursumco) sent 20 participants to the seminar. Victorias Milling Company and Lopez Sugar Corporation sent five participants each while Central Azucarera Don Pedro and Central Azucarera de Tarlac sent four each.

Other mills and companies which also sent participants to the seminar were Hawaiian Philippine Company (3), First Farmers Holding Corporation (3), Biscom (2), Central Azucarera de la Carlota (2), Crystal Sugar Company (2), Davao Sugar Central Company (2), Sweet Crystals Integrated Sugar Mill, Cotabato Sugar Central, Yokogawa Philippines and Optima Equipment Corporation.

P.T. Cerna Corporation, Atlas Copco (Philippines) and United Bearing Industrial Corporation sponsored part of the expenses for the seminar and provided T-shirts, cups and tumblers as give-aways to the participants.



ATEMU participants tour the Universal Robina Corporation (URC) Kabankalan Biomass-fired Power Plant.



Chairman of the Board, Mr. Mario G. Palma, was the guest speaker during the closing ceremony of the ATEMU Seminar.



Director Jesus Edmundo B. Cardeñas gives the overview of the course.



VP & Director Leandro E. Pineda gives the opening remarks during the seminar.



Engr. Roger R. Callueng, Operations Manager of URC SURE-Sonedco, receives the award of appreciation as plant tour host.



(L-R) ATEMU Lecturer R. Paig, URC SURE-Sonedco Power Plant Manager, J. Buenconsejo, Maintenance Manager, M. Aquino, Former Process VP&Dir. A. Sanchez, Factory Engineering Division Dir. J. Cardeñas, VP&Dir. L. Pineda and URC SURE Sonedco Operations Manager Roger R. Callueng

## Plenary Topics .... from page 3

2) Combined Application on Enzymes in Sugarcane Juice **Processing** 

Mr. Kapil Khandelwal, Catalyst

3) Application of Decanter System to Process Muddy Juice From Clarifier

## Chaitanya S. Joshi and Aniket S. Bhave

4) Achieving Highest Sugar Crystal Yield in Crystallization

Dr. Andreas Lehnberger Dr. Fahmi Brahim

## **PANEL DISCUSSION**

(JOINT SESSION OF PROCESS AND AGRICULTURE & FARM **ENGINEERING DIVISIONS)** 

- Sugarcane Analyzer
  - a) DIODE Array principles and applications in the Sugar

Ms. Charlotte A. Songco, Guil-Bern

b) FOSS Global Solution for Sugar Industry Ms. Analyn S. Mercado, Molave Trading c) Saccharomat for Purity Analysis Mr. Eric Quibilan, Jandale Corp./ Schmidt

## **TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS**

Simpsons	"PMI Filtration for the Sugar Industry"	
Jocamina Corp.	"Foliar Absorption Benefits of	
	Metalosate "Crop Up"	
3 T Tire Supply	"CEAT Company Profile & Product	
	Protfolio	
Shaefler	"Predictive Maintenance	
Siemens	"Steam Turbine Generator Solutions	
	& Maintenance For Sugar Mill"	
Tradepoints	"Mill Automation Conversion"	
Simpsons	"Eaton Filtration Products"	
Guil-Bern	"Study of Biomass Components	
	& Energy using Thermal Analysis	
	Techniques"	
NCH Philippines	"Relevance of Wastewater Treatment	

in Conserving The Environment"



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Joy Anne J. Temporosa, Chemical Engineer of Victorias Milling Company, Inc., was the Post-Test Topnotcher.



Wyndel L. Yongao, Instrumentation Engineer of Crystal Sugar Company, Inc., was the Pre-Test Topnotcher.



Posterity Pic with Chairman of the board Mario G. Palma with all URC participants

## **Hotel Room Rates**

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ROOM TYPE	ROOM ONLY	ROOM WIT	H BREAKFAST
		Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Deluxe Room (374)	P 2,700.00 Nett	P 3,000.00 Nett	P 3,300.00 Nett
PremiereDeluxe (37)	P 3,300.00 Nett	P 3,900.00 Nett	P 4,200.00 Nett
Junior Suite (11)	P 4,500.00 Nett	P 4,900.00 Nett	P 5,200.00 Nett
Executive Suite (5)	P 5,800.00 Nett	P 6,200.00 Nett	P 6,500.00 Nett

Rate Inclusions: ● Buffet breakfast at Puso Bistro and Bar ● Free Wi-Fi internet in all rooms • Access to swimming pool and Fitness Facility • Complimentary bottled water • 24-Hour Room Service, Housekeeping, Concierge and Front Office Services • Inclusive of Service Charge (10%), Government Tax (12%) and Local Tax (0.75%)

## **CEBU CITY MARRIOTT HOTEL**

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## A. GUESTROOM ACCOMMODATION (Special Group Rate)

PHP 5,000.00 net per room per night Deluxe Room: Single Occupancy with Buffet Breakfast

> PHP 5,600.00 net per room per night Double Occupancy with Buffet Breakfast

- Rates are inclusive of 10% Service Charge, 12% VAT and .75% Local Prevailing Tax.
- Requests for extra beds / triple occupancy are subject to availability. Corresponding charges shall apply.
- Bed type, smoking and non-smoking preference, early arrivals and extensions shall be subject to room availability.
- Additional rooms are subject to rate and room availability.

## **Inclusions and Amenities:**

- Buffet Breakfast at the Garden Café
- Complimentary bottled water replenished daily
- Complimentary Internet Access for Guest Rooms and Public Areas.
- Complimentary use of the outdoor pool and fitness center

#### **Check In and Check Out Time**

Our standard check-in time is 3:00 PM on the day of arrival and standard check out time is 12:00 PM on the day of departure. Early check-in and late check-out is subject to room availability.

Deadline: July 15, 2017

Photo of me and my mother

at Sugarland Hotel during

the Hooding and Recognition

Ceremony

# **LETTERS FROM SCHOLARS**

May, 2017 Ma'am Haydee Rivera Philsutech Secretariat Philsutech Assn., Inc.

Dear Ma'am,

I am writing you this letter as a formal way of giving thanks to all the support and privileges I was given because of the scholarship program of Philsutech.

Your office has been assisting us with our school expenses and other requirements since my third year in the College of Engineering of Colegio San Agustin -Bacolod. As such, it seems only fitting that I should somehow recognize your efforts, even just through this simple letter of gratitude.

Personally, I feel so lucky because I was selected as one of your scholars. My parents are financially incapacitated to send me to college on their own, so pursuing a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering would have been an apparent impasse for us, had it not been for your scholarship program.

Other than free college education, the many privileges of being a Philsutech scholar include: the chance to join your ATSP and ATEMU seminars and visit several sugar centrals in Negros, free accommodation during our OJT in Sagay Central, Inc. so we didn't have to pay for a boarding house, and (my personal favorite) the opportunity to join in the industrial tour of the College of Engineering in Luzon, among others.

Truth be told, it was during our industrial tour that I had a lot of first times –first airplane ride, first Ocean Park experience, and even the first time to dine in an eat-till-you-drop buffet. Of course, I will never forget how educational the tour has been.

My parents are equally thankful, as well (I have attached a photo of me and my mother during my graduation). They have worked as sugarcane farmers ever since. Their parents were also farmers. In fact, I live in a community of humble sugarcane farmers.

To be the first college graduate of the family gives me the responsibility to help them and our community through the education and skills I have gained.

And words can't express how thankful I am for your kindness in granting me your scholarship. I promise to make the most of my college education and be an asset to the local sugarcane industry.

Again, thank you very much!

Truly, Sgd. Jamora, Jarjolen L. B. S. ChE 2017, CSA-B



To PHILSUTECH,

"Someday, I will walk with head high up in the street with my hard hat and people will recognize me as "Engineer Wilmark T. Palacios". By that time, I will change the definition of poverty in our place. It will run this way: "Poverty is not a way of life; it is a disease that can be cured through dedication, perseverance and, most of all, through education."

The above statements are an excerpt of my application form to the scholarship program of PHILSUTECH. I am very grateful to the benevolence of PHILSUTECH for offering us scholarship to assist us, not just in finishing tertiary education but, most of all, in achieving our dreams and goals in life.

With the scholarship, I was able to exercise my full potentials for I was able to focus on my studies. I even graduated from CSAB with flying colors.

I want to offer my fervent gratitude to the contributing members of PHILSUTECH and most especially to Ms. Haydee Rivera for organizing and heading the financial requirements from our institution.

I would like to thank you for the always steadfast response and assurance. Because of the help of PHILSUTECH, I know I am a lot closer to reaching my dreams now.

All I need to do is exert the very last burst of effort to excel in the Licensure Examination for Chemical

Engineers to finally let myself enter the world of works and opportunities which was also offered beforehand by PHILSUTECH.

Thanks again to all. I promise I will excel once more and I will do my very best to be an asset of the sugar industry of the Philippines.

May God bless PHILSUTECH and all the people behind it to continue supporting the marginalized sector of our society and the sugar industry of our country.

Respectfully yours, Sgd. Wilmark T. Palacios

# **20 Members Attend Management** Seminar



HR Seminar Group Picture

Twenty Philsutech members, 18 of whom are human resource heads of their respective companies and with only two non-HR practitioners, attended the seminar titled "Drivers of Employee Engagement: Creating Employee Connections toward Breakthrough Results".

Panganiban, Mr. Romulo General Manager of HDI Resources, Inc. was the resource speaker.

Held last April 21-22 at Planta Centro Hotel, Bacolod City, the seminar was a project of the Philsutech Management Division headed by VP & Director Dean Guevarra (General Manager of Sweet Crystals Sugar Mill Corporation) cooperation in with Vice Chairperson Atty. Eva

Vicencio-Rodriguez (Chief Administrative Officer of Victorias Milling Compay).

Companies which sent participants to the seminar were VMC, URC-Passi, URC-Sonedco, URC-Ursumco, Central Azucarera Don Pedro, Inc., San Carlos Bioenergy, Inc, Roxol Bioenergy and Hawaiian-Philippine Company.



(LR) Pres. Jugno, Mr. Romulo Panganiban, VP&Dir. Guevarra, Chairman of the Board M. Palma and Philsutech AO H. Rivera

## 20 Members Attend... . from page 11



Chairman of the Board Mario G. Palma and Pres, Danilo Jugno with Ms. Jocelyn Teo and Ms. Haydee Rivera



Pres. Jugno, Chairman of the Board Palma and VP&Dir. Guevarra award the plaque of appreciation to Mr. Romulo Panganiban.



VP&Dir. Dean Guevarra and Vice Chair Eva Vicencio-Rodriguez of the Management Division give an overview of the seminar to the participants



Mr. Romulo L. Panganiban speaks about "Drivers of Employee Engagement Creating Connections Towards Breakthrough Results".



Pres. Jugno gives his inspirational closing message to participants.

REGISTRATION/CONVEN	TION FEE PER DELEGATE	
PREPAID (Deadline July 31, 201	7)	
Old Member	6,500.00	
New Member	7,500.00	
ON SITE		
Old Member	8,000.00	
New Member	8,750.00	
FOREIGN DELEGATE		
Prepaid	US \$ 250.00	
On Site	US \$ 300.00	

# **ATSP** seminar attracts 57 participants

In line with its continuing short-course technical education of its members, Philsutech conducted the five-day live-in Applied Technology on Sugar Process (ATSP) seminar last April 17 to 21 at Kundutel Hotel, Goldenfield, Bacolod City.

Jan Michael A. Hitosis of CADPI was the Pre-Test Topnotcher while the Post-Test Topnotcher was Nicoli Roger Vivero of VMC. Vivero was also acclaimed as the Most Improved Participant.

Fifty-seven participants, 53 of whom work in the sugar mills, finished the seminar. VMC Planters Association sent two participants while industrial partners Yokogawa and United Bearing sent one participant each.

The participating mills were the Universal Robina Corporation Sugar and Renewables Group (Sonedco, Ursumco, Balayan, Tolong and Balayan), Sweet Crystal, VMC, Lopez Sugar, CACI, HPCo, CADPI, Biscom, Central Azucarera de Tarlac and First Farmers.

The seminar included a tour of the Hawaiian-Philippine Company sugar mill in Silay City. In behalf of HPCo president Tim Bennett, Factory Manager Lucas Nedamo welcomed the participants.

Philsutech officers profusely thanked Mr. Bennett for hosting the Philsutech ATSP plant tour for the fourth time and for providing sumptuous merienda and muscovado sugar give-away to the

participants during the tour.

VP & Directors Romulo Gargar (URC Passi) and Francis Ferraris (VMC), in collaboration with the PHILSUTECH Committee on Academe, spearheaded the preparations and conduct of the seminar.

Engr. Linley A. Retirado, Manufacturing Chief of VMC, and Engr. Nelson Delfin, Factory Manager of Sagay Central, acted as panellists during the case presentation of the participants.

The sponsors of ATSP 2017 were Fabcon Philippines Filtech Trade Cebu, Alfa Laval, Chemical Holdings, United Bearing/NSK, IMX Euro Pacific, BMA Philippines, Redcell Corporation and Simpsons Philippines.



ATSP Batch 21



ATSP participants tour the Hawaiian Philippine Company, Inc.



Engr. Ramil Paig receives his plaque of appreciation as one of the ATSP Lecturers.

## ATSP seminar attracts.... from page 13



Factory Manager Lucas Nedamo and Asst. Factory Manager Kevin Generato receive the plaque of appreciation as plant tour host from Dir. Francis Ferraris and Academe Committee member Leo Diopenes.



Fellowship Dinner night sponsor Fabcon represented by Mr. Dave Villanueva together with ATSP participants



(L-R) Assistant Factory Manager Engr. Kevin Generato, Factory Manager Engr. Lucas Nedamo and Human Resource Manager John Etabag answer questions from participants



Men in their best Hawaiian attire during the fellowship night



Women in their best Hawaiian attire during the fellowship night



Post Test Topnother and Most improved participant Nicoli Roger Vivero of VMC receives his award from Pres. Jugno, VP&Dir. R. Gargar and Dir. F. Ferraris.



Panelists Engr. Linley A. Retirado of VMC and Engr. Nelson Delfin of Sagay Central, Inc., together with Pres. Jugno, VP&Dir. R. Gargar, Dir. F. Ferraris and Ms. H. Rivera



VP & Dir. Francis Ferraris gives his opening remarks.



Pres. Jugno, VP&Dir. R. Gargar and Dir. F. Ferraris give the award to Pre-test Topnotcher Jan Michael A. Hitosis of CADPI.



Pres. Jugno, VP&Dir. R. Gargar and Dir. Ferraris give a token to the leader of Group 2.



Pres. Jugno, VP&Dir. R. Gargar and Dir. Ferraris give token to one of the leaders of the groups.



VP&Dir. Gargar gives the award of appreciation to Mr. George Garcia, Jr. and Engr. Camille Anne F. Mendoza as one of the ATSP sponsors.

# PCOs, managing heads join ATBEM seminar

Forty-seven Pollution Control Officers, managing heads and key personnel of sugar industry companies and other business participated in the Advance Technology on Bioenergy and Environmental Management (ATBEM) seminar held on March 16-17 at the Sugarland Hotel, Bacolod City.

The first day of the seminar covered updates on Environmental Policies Affecting Sugar Mills, Ethanol Plants, Distilleries and Climate Change, Sustainable Multi-Feedstock Bioethanol Production, PCB (Polychlorinated Biphenyl) Management Plan Guidelines and the IRR for DAO 2013-13 "Establishing the Provisional National Ambient Air Quality Guideline Values for Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5)".

Topics for the second day were all about environmental regulations in the Philippines, such as the Environmental Impact Statement System, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Waste Control Act of 990 and the Revised Guidelines for PCO Accreditation.

The eight-hour training during the second day of the ATBEM seminar is mandated by DENR Administrative Order No. 2014-02 for all Pollution Control Officers and managing heads of all companies with business operations which have an impact on the environment.

DENR-Environmental Management Bureau - Negros Island Region Director Dr. Sophie T. Manuel headed the stellar roster of resource speakers, which included regulatory officers of DENR-EMB, Miss Jocelyn Sorrilla (Quality Assurance of San Carlos Bioenergy) and Engr. Jeffrey Mijares (President of Wikkotek, Inc.).

In collaboration with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Philsutech facilitated the preparations for the seminar which was spearheaded by Bio-energy & Environmental Division Vice-President and Director Jettison C. Tee and Dir. Noli Segovia.

Sagrex Corporation was the main sponsor for the seminar.



Pres. Jugno awards the plaque of appreciation to Ms. Jocelyn Sorrilla as one of the lecturers for the topic of 'Sustainable Multi-Feedstock Bioethanol Production'.



Pres. Jugno and Dir. Noli Segovia award the plaque of appreciation to the one of the lecturers from EMB-NIR.



Pres. Jugno, awards the plaque of appreciation to Engr. Jeffrey G. Mijares, President of Wikkotek. Inc.



President Danilo Jugno gives his welcome remarks to the participants.