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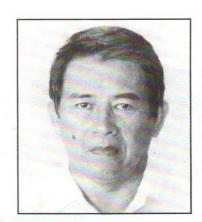


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Foreword

Year 1994 was a crucial year for the Visayas State College of Agriculture (VISCA). Implementation of some College programs and projects for the year met unexpected snags triggered by hidden financial problems related to the continued employment of casual workers far beyond the maximum number set by DBM for the College in 1991. These carry-over administrative problems required special action in addition to anticipated resistance to the implementation of corrective management strategies required by COA and DBM. Furthermore, unprogrammed adjustments had to be made after the VISCA Administration Building burned down in September, 1994.



In spite of the seemingly unsurmountable barriers VISCA managed, with extra effort and determination, to attain its objectives in instruction, research and extension as planned. Production projects received special attention to provide facilities for realistic hands-on training. The College strengthened its working relationship with DOST, DILG, PhilRice, DAR and DA while it forged linkages with three foreign universities. The heavy administrative workload became lighter with the support of DBM, DECS, CHED, VISCA Board of Trustees, students, staff, local and national government officials, other government agencies and benefactors.

VISCA's 1994 experience encouraged the Administration to stay resolute in its drive to strengthen the administrative machinery as a tool for effective instruction, research and extension. The College is committed to do its share in attaining the Philippine Government's medium and long term goals.

SAMUEL S. GO

President

Highlights

Development of New Study Guides

 New study guides in the fields of animal science, agricultural extension, agricultural economics and plant protection were constructed.

Curriculum Development

 Curricular proposals reviewed by the Academic Council and Executive Committee included the offering of BS Biology with majors in Marine Biology and Ecology and revisions of BS Agricultural Engineering, BS Home Economics and Home Economics Technician Course curricula.

Laboratory School Conversion

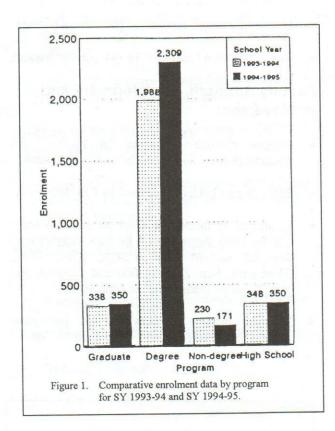
 The Experimental Rural High School (ERHS) of VISCA converted into a laboratory school of the College and was renamed VISCA Laboratory High School (VLHS).

Enrolment Profile

 College enrolment increased by 10.72 percent with 20 percent increase of freshman enrolment and the highest enrolment figure was recorded in the BSA degree program.

Student Achievement

- Of the total undergraduate students, 24 percent were scholars during the first semester and 25 percent in the second semester.
- Forty-one percent (146) out of 350 high school students enjoyed VISCA scholarships.
- Sixteen VISCA Laboratory High School students maintained high academic performance by garnering 1st and 2nd places in regional and national academic competitions.



 The ROTC Unit of VISCA garnered Second Place for the Best ROTC Unit in Region 8 during the Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection.

The Graduates

- A total of 300 students (26 graduate degree, 237 undergraduate degree and 37 two-year course) graduated. Nine graduates received cum laude honors.
- VISCA's laboratory high school produced 83 graduates with 10 students receiving "With Honors" in addition to the 2 top ranking students (Valedictorian and Salutatorian).

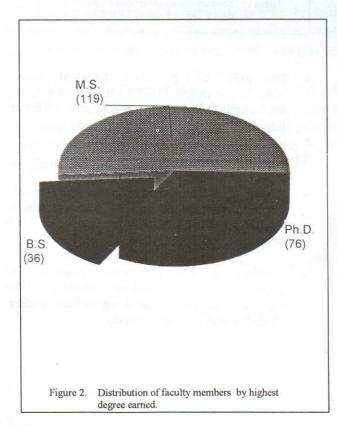
Board Exam Passers

Three categories of VISCA graduates join the list of Board Exam Passers, namely:

- Agricultural Engineering 2 (67 percent passed)
 with one copping the Third Place.
- Forestry Licensure Exam 15 (60 percent passed)
- Teachers' Board Exam 14 (44 percent passed)

Faculty Strength, Development and Achievement

- Faculty strength registered 76 Ph.D.'s, 119 Master's degree, and 36 Bachelor degree holders.
- Ph.D. degree holders increased by 8 in 1994.
- A total of 31 faculty members are on study leave (26 for Ph.D. degree and 5 for M.S. degree) with financial support from VISCA, IDRC, GTZ, Monbusho, New Zealand Bilateral Program and the World Methodist Hunger Scholarship.
- Fourteen faculty members received prestigious awards and recognition in their fields of specialization.



Increased Honoraria for Dorm Advisers

 An increase of 50 percent of the dormitory advisers' honoraria was approved for implementation by January 1995 while another 50 percent increase to be implemented in 1996.

Research and Development

• A total of 204 research studies were implemented for CY 1994. Local and international funding agencies for research and development projects included: ACIAR, AGRI-TREND Resources, CIAT, CIAT/CSIRO/AIDAB, CIIFAD, FARMI, DOST GTZ, IFS, IDRC, INSURF, IRRI, MICC, NRCP, NRI-SAPPRAD, PCARRD, PCA, PCIERD, PNOC, PURC, ODA thru the University of Reading, UPWARD, USAID and VISCA.

Research Awards

 VISCA got the first and second places for the "Outstanding Applied Research Award" Silver Category during the Regional R and D Symposium in July 1994.

New Ubi Variety Developed

PSB BU-4 (Binato Glan).

Mature Technologies Developed for Dissemination

- Use of rootcrops in various animal feed formulations
- Use of upgraded rams for improved sheep production
- Use of artificial insemination (AI) in upgrading swine and large ruminants (cattle and carabao)
- Improved housing system for small ruminants (goat and sheep)
- Silage-making
- Urea-molasses-mineral block (UMMB) as ruminant feed supplement

- Agroforestry system technologies
- Tree farming and reforestation technologies
- Chipper machine for cassava flour processing
- Portable engine-powered abaca stripping machine
- Pole sitao (CSL 14)
- Rootcrop flour grinder
- Pedal-operated and motorized rootcrop chipping machine
- Rootcrop flour finisher
- Improved cassava formulations
- New and improved carabeef products

Extension Programs Implemented

 A total of 14 integrated extension programs were implemented for CY 1994.

Extension Project Award

 VISCA got the Silver Award for the "Most Outstanding Extension Project in the Region" during the Regional R and D Symposium in July 1994.

Extension Activities

- Production and distribution of about one ton of white corn (VM-2) seeds by the Department of Plant Breeding to farmers in the Visayas.
- Dispersal of 4,214 seedlings composed of mahogany, yemane, and other tree species to various government and non-government organizations by the Department of Forestry.
- Establishment of different agroforestry systems at the Department of Forestry for demonstration and training purposes.
- Development of a 2-hectare rice seed production area by Dr. Florencio Saladaga, a professor in the Department of Plant Breeding and Agricultural Botany in cooperation with PhilRice and IRRI.
- Provision of technical assistance by the different technical departments and research centers which included the following: demonstrations,

fabrication and marketing of ricehull- fueled cookstoves to farmers/ extensionists; promotion of non- conventional energy in Region VIII; sweet potato processing; cassava processing; animal diseases management; feedmill operation and management/livestock integration; feedlot fattening; multistorey cropping systems; agroforestry and reforestation; tree-based cropping systems; pest-related problems, preparation of project proposals, analysis of soil and plant tissue samples, field inoculation and fertilizer application.

 Conduct of trainings through formal and nonformal education in various commodities.

Status of the Bill Converting VISCA into a University

 House Bill No. 10909 converting VISCA into a university was scheduled for second reading at the House of Representatives.

VISCA's CSC Accreditation

 The Civil Service Commission accredited VISCA, allowing it to act on appointments of employees.

Physical Facilities Development

- Ongoing construction projects:
 - Crop Processing building
 - GTZ Marine Laboratory building
- The new GTZ building which houses the VISCA-GTZ Ecology Program office was inaugurated.

Land Use and Agricultural Products Management

- The BOT approved VISCA's Land Zoning and Land Utilization Program and its implementation.
- VISCA implemented centralized selling of agricultural products produced by the College.

Communications Network Development

 VISCA through the financial support of the CFTU program, a collaborative research program based at the Farm and Resource Management Institute, installed an electronic mail. This facilitated international communication network.

Values Development

- A seminar-workshop on values education was conducted by VISCA through the Center for Research and Communications of the Southeast Asian Science Foundation, Inc. with Commissioner Patricia Sto. Tomas as the guest speaker in its culminating program.
- In consonance with the Civil Service Commission's values reorientation program, VISCA conducted a film show for its employees entitled "Mamamayan Muna Hindi Mamaya Na."



A. CRC staff answers queries from seminar-workshop participants on values education for VISCA staff.

Donations Received

- PhilRice grant in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (P25,000) for the production of foundation rice seeds.
- Veterinary books, drug brochures and drugs for livestocks.
- Books, scientific journals and various publications.
- Computer with printer
- Karaoke

New Acquisitions

- New psychological test materials and some laboratory equipment.
- New equipment for instructional use and a minibus thru the ATEP.

Added Linkages

- Establishment of linkage between the Philippine Rootcrop Research and Training Center with San Miguel Corporation by providing technical assistance in cassava processing.
- A Memorandum of Agreement signed between VISCA and Land Bank of the Philippines regarding the educational program for the families affected by CARP.
- Memorandum of Agreement between VISCA and DILG designating VISCA as an ILGA.
- Visit of JSPS scientists to VISCA on March 8, 1994 to explore possible research and development collaboration.

Instruction

As the designated Zonal Agricultural University of the Visayas, VISCA plays a vital role in advancing knowledge in agriculture and rural development.

During the year, VISCA instituted the Agricultural Technology Program (ATEP) under the Graduate School with financial support from EDPITAF, reviewed and revised academic programs, and developed instructional materials.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Graduate Program

- Revised some study guides in the field of agricultural education, agronomy, animal science, language teaching, and agricultural extension.
- Developed new study guides in the field of animal science, agricultural extension, agricultural economics, and plant protection.
- Instituted additional graduate courses in plant pathology.

Undergraduate Program

• Curricular proposals reviewed by:

Academic Council

 Offering of BS Biology with majors in Marine Biology and Ecology.

Executive Committee

 Revisions of BS Agricultural Engineering, BS Food Technology, BS Home Economics and Home Economics Technician Course curricula.

Curriculum Committee

- Revisions of BS Forestry curriculum

- Reviewed and improved course outlines in agronomy and soil science.
- Revised the BSA major in Agricultural Economics curriculum to accommodate new courses in Ecology and Computer Science.
- The Department of Forestry and Department of Agricultural Education and Extension held review classes to prepare graduates for the Foresters' and Teachers' Board Examination s.
- The Department of Arts and Letters upgraded instructional materials in language, social science and humanities, and added English and Filipino courses to the BSA curriculum as mandated by DECS.
- The Department of Development Communication incorporated a computer course in its curriculum as mandated by TPAE.
- Updated course offerings and content coverage in horticulture to make them more relevant to the present horticulture industry.

Secondary Education Program

 Effective SY 1994-1995, the New Secondary Education Curriculum was not offered to the incoming freshmen due to its absence of a legal mandate from the Board of Trustees. Thus, the agricultural science curriculum with 2 schemes has been followed by the incoming freshmen.

CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

I. Graduate Program

(On-campus and Extramural)

- A) Doctor of Philosophy with majors in:
 - a) Entomology
 - b) Plant Pathology
- B.1) Master of Science (MS) with majors in:
 - a) Agricultural Economics
 - b) Agricultural Education
 - c) Agricultural Extension
 - d) Agronomy
 - e) Animal Science
 - f) Development Communication
 - g) Entomology
 - h) Horticulture
 - i) Language Teaching
 - j) Plant Pathology
 - k) Plant Protection
 - 1) Soil Science
 - m) Weed Science
- B.2) Master of Science (MS) with minors in:
 - a) Ag. Botany
 - b) Plant Breeding
- C.1) Master of Agricultural Development
 - (M. Ag. Dev.) with majors in:
 - a) Agricultural Economics
 - b) Agricultural Education*
 - c) Agricultural Extension.*
 - d) Ag. Technology Education
 - e) Agronomy*
 - f) Animal Production*
 - g) Development Communication
 - h) Entomology
 - i) Language Teaching*
 - j) Plant Pathology
 - k) Plant Protection
- C.2) Master of Agricultural Development (M. Ag. Dev) with minor in:
 - a) Dev. Communication*

* Courses also offered extramurally

II. Undergraduate Program

- 1) Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
- 2) Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness (BSAB)
- Bachelor of Science in Home Economics (BSHE) with majors in:
 - a) Elementary Teaching
 - b) Extension
 - c) Secondary Teaching
- 4) Bachelor of Science in Forestry (BSF)
- 5) Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA) with majors in:
 - a) Agricultural Botany
 - b) Agricultural Economics
 - c) Agronomy
 - d) Horticulture
 - e) Plant Breeding
 - f) Plant Protection
 - g) Soil Science
- 6) Bachelor of Science in Statistics (BSS)
- 7) Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Chemistry (BSAC)
- 8) Bachelor of Science in Food Technology (BSFT)
- 9) Bachelor of Science in Development Communication (BSDC) with majors in:
 - a) Broadcasting
 - b) Journalism
- 10) Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Development (BSAgDev) with major in:
 - a) Ag. Extension
- 11) Bachelor of Animal Science (BAS) with majors in:
 - a) Animal Health
 - b) Animal Production
- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education (BSAgEd) with majors in:
 - a) Teaching Agriculture in Elem. Schools
 - b) Crop Production
 - c) Animal Production
- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering (BSAE)

III. Non-Degree Program

- 1) Forest Ranger Course
- 2) Home Econ. Tech. Course

IV. Secondary Education Program

1) Agricultural Science Curriculum

ENROLMENT PROFILE

- VISCA continued administering the VISCA Entrance Scholarship Test in various schools within Visayas and Mindanao. A total of 1,102 students took the test.
- College enrolment increased by 10.72 percent for SY 1994-1995.
- Enrolment reached 3,180 or 9.5 percent higher than the last year's enrolment of 2,904 students.
- The undergraduate degree program recorded an increase of 16.15 percent while the graduate school had an increase of 3.55 percent. A significant increase of 20 percent in freshmen enrolment for undergraduate degree programs can be noted in Table 1.
- The highest number of enrollees registered under the BS in Agriculture (477), followed by the Bachelor of Animal Science (292) and BS in Agribusiness (285).
- The extramural or off-campus study program of VISCA catered to the needs of workers and non-workers in various parts of the Visayas and Mindanao. Enrolment in this program increased by 7.18 percent in 1994 (Table 1).
- Enrolment of non-degree courses decreased due to the abolition of the NCEE which encouraged students to enrol for a degree program.
- In the secondary education program, the VISCA Laboratory High School (VLHS), enrolment has been limited to 400 students after converting the former Experimental Rural High School into a laboratory school. Enrolment is limited only to 100 students per year level. However, during the year it admitted 103 freshmen students to give allowance for dropouts.

Table 1. Comparison of enrolment data, first semester only for SY 1993-94 and SY 1994-95.

	First Seme		D:00	Percen-	
Program	1993-94	1994-95	Diff.	tage (%)	
A. Graduate Program					
Doctor of Philosophy	3	7	4	133.33	
Master of Science	102	120	18	17.65	
Master of Ag. Devt.*	233	220	-13	(5.58)	
Dip. in Ag. Tech. Ed.	0	3	3	0.00	
Sub-total	338	350	12	3.55	
B. Undergraduate					
Program BSA	398	477	79	19.85	
BSAg. Ed.	232	215	-17	(7.33)	
BSAg. Dev.	115	151	36	31.30	
BSHE	159	156	-3	(1.89	
BSDC	72	110	38	52.78	
BSAB	232	285	53	22.84	
BSAE	140	149	9	6.43	
BSS	83	102	19	22.89	
BSAC	32	38	6	18.75	
BSFT	39	69	30	76.92	
BSF	247	264	17	6.88	
BAS	239	292	53	22.13	
DVM	0	1	1	0.0	
Sub-total	1,988	2,309	321	16.1	
C. Non-degree Program					
FRC	128	111	-17	(13.28	
HETC	102		-42	(41.18	
Sub-total	230		-59	(25.65	
Total (College)	2556		274	10.7	
D. Secondary Educ. Program					
First Year	99	100	1	1.0	
Second Year	86	93	7	1.1	
Third Year	80	81	1	1.2	
Fourth Year	83			(8.4)	
Total (High School)	348			0.5	
Grand Total		3,180	276	9.5	

^{*} Including extramural students

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Graduate Program

- During the 41st Commencement Exercises in 1994
 Senator Raul Roco braved the typhoon to address 300 VISCA graduates.
- A total of 26 graduate students received their diplomas (9 M.S. and 17 M.Ag.Dev).

Undergraduate Program

 Out of the 237 students who finished their degree courses, 9 got cum laude honors and 37 students graduated from the two-year courses.

Program	Number
Graduate Programs	
Master of Science	; 9
Master in Ag. Dev.	17
DATE	0
Sub-total	26
Undergraduate Programs	
BS Agriculture	39
BS Ag. Education	28
BS Ag. Development	12
BS Home Economics	33
BS Development Comm.	9
BS Agribusiness	33
BS Ag. Engineering	6
BS Statistics	10
BS Ag. Chemistry	4
BS Food Tech.	3
BS Forestry	36
BS Animal Science	24
Sub-total	237
Two Year Course	
Forest Ranger Certificate	13
Home Economics Technician	24
Sub-total	- 37
· Total (College)	300
Secondary Education	PARTIES AND
Ag. Science Curriculum	46
New Sec. Ed. Curriculum	37
Total (High School)	. 83
Grand Total	383

Secondary Education Program

- A total of 83 high school students graduated with 2 of them receiving "With High Honors" (as valedictorian and salutatorian) and 10 of them receiving "With Honors." The twelve top ranking students came from the agricultural science curriculum.
- Of the total high school enrolment, 41.71 percent are scholars with 6.28 percent as honorific, 4.57 percent full and 30.85 percent partial. Of the 108 partial scholars, 81 belong to the agricultural science curriculum and 27 from the NSEC.

BOARD EXAM PERFORMANCE

- Successful examinees in the 1994 Professional Board/Licensure Examinations
- A. Professional Board Examination for Teachers

1. Erlu T. Alvarez	7. Rodulfo F. Felicilda
2. Mary Joey L. Briones	8. Filipina T. Morona
3. Marissa S. Cagande	9. Daisymay G. Perido
4. Lourdes J. Calungsud	10. Segundina P. Piamonte
5. Glenn Dale F. Doit	11. Nelita A. Runa
6. Alma E. Espinosa	12. Rosalina P. Urdaneta

B. Professional Board Examinations for Foresters

1.	Armando C. Bebanco	8.	Lucio T. Gono
2.	Sheila B. Bebanco	9.	Wilfredo L. Lacambra
3.	Marissa T. Canona	10	. Dorinda B. Legion
4.	Evelyn T. Colis	11	. Neil R. N. Mendoza
5.	Mandione R. delos Reyes	12	Daniel L. Notarte
6.	Raquel D. Ecito	13	. Renato A. Soria
7.	Rosela T. Endriga	14	. Tomas T. Tabunan, Jr

C. Professional Board Examination for Agricultural Engineers

- 1. German V. Abihay 3rd place
- 2. Luisito B. Sacay

FACULTY STRENGTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- VISCA's instruction program is manned by competent faculty composed of 76 Ph.D. degree holders, 119 Master's degree and 36 Baccalaureate degree holders.
- A total of 31 faculty members pursued advanced studies (26 for Ph.D. degree and 5 for masteral degree) in various universities of the country and abroad such as: University of the Philippines (Diliman and Los Baños), University of Germany, Iwate University and Nagova University of Japan, Clemson University of South Carolina, Kansas University of USA, Wageningen University of Netherlands, University of Hohenheim, Germany, University of Reading in Beshire England, Purdue University of Indiana, USA, Albert- Ludwigs University of Germany, University of Idaho, Louisiana State University and Lincoln University of New Zealand. VISCA and other sponsoring agencies such as New Zealand Bilateral Program, GTZ, IDRC, Monbusho, Fulbright, Methodist Hunger World Scholarship and other universities provide financial support or assistantship to the scholars.
- As part of faculty and staff development, VISCA
 has encouraged staff attendance in various
 trainings and seminar-workshops to update them
 on new developments in their specific fields of
 specialization. In Table 3 the staff attended a total
 of 303 trainings, 39 international, 107 national,
 67 regional and 90 local.
- Of the 39 international trainings attended by faculty and staff 35 were held outside the country supported by various international agencies (Table 4).

Table 3. Number of trainings attended by the faculty and staff as of December 31, 1994.

	NO. OF TRAININGS ATTENDED			
Dept./Center	Local	Regio- nal	Natio- nal	Interna- tional
A. Academic Departments				(State Line
Ag. Chem. & Food Sci.	6	2	10	5
Ag. Econ. & Agrib.	3	3	2	- 0
Ag. Ed. & Ext.	0	6	5	0
Ag. Eng'g. & App. Math	11	7	1	0
Agron. & Soil Sci.	3	2	0	2
An. Sci. & Vet. Med.	0	2	3	0
Arts & Letters	2	7	5	0
Forestry	- 5	0	3	1
Home Science	2	2	5	0
Horticulture	3	0	- 5	3
Physical Education	3	1	2	. 0
Plant Brdg . & Ag. Bot.	1	1	4	2
Plant Protection .	14	12	24	6
Dev. Communication	6	0	2	6
VLHS	6	6	2	2
Sub-total	65	51	73	27
B. Research Centers				
CSR	7	3	7	3
GTZ	11	3	20	4
FARMI	0	1	2	3
NARC	3	7	1	0
PRCRTC	1	1	2	2
RCRC	3	1	2	(
Sub-total	25	16	34	12
Total	90	67	107	39

Name	Title of Training	Date of Training	Place of Training	Sponsoring Agency
Acabal, AD	Attend 2nd Asia Pacific Food Analysis Workshop	Sept. 12 - 16	Brisbane, Australia	APFAN
Acedo, VZ	2nd Int'l. Scientific Meeting of the Cassava Biotechnology Network (CBN) & Present a Paper on Meristem Culture	Aug. 22 -26	Indonesia	CBN
Acedo, AL Jr.	5th ASEAN Food Conference	Jul. 23 - 31	Malaysia	IFS -
Alcober, DL	CIIFAD Workshop in Integrated Watershed Analysis	Sept. 25 - Nov. 30	Cornell Univ. New York	CFTU/ CIIFAD
Almendras, AS	CSRIO Int'l Course on R & D Mgt.	Nov. 20 - Dec. 2	Australia	Crawford Fund for IAR
Bacusmo, JL	Attend & Present a Paper - MAFF Int'l. Workshop on Genetic Resources (Root & Tuber Crops)	Mar. 3 - 14	Tsukuba, Japan	NIAR
Balbarino, EA	Joint IIED Action Aid Int'l. Workshop on New Horizons: The Economic, Social & Environmental Impacts of Participating Watershed Dev't.	Nov. 28 - Dec. 2	Bangalore, India	IIED & ActionAid
Bumatay, EC	Agro-forestry Symposium	Sept. 12 - Oct. 2	China	
Capuno, OB	Conservation & Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources	Aug. 25 - Sept. 20	Germany	
Dabuet, BS	Reg'l Sem. on Com. Dev. & Conservation of Forest Biodiversity thru Com. Forestry	Oct. 25 - 28	Bangkok, Thailand	GTZ
Dagoy, FJ	Reg'l Sem. on Com. Dev. & Conservation of Forest Biodiversity thru Com Forestry	Oct. 25 - 28	Bangkok, Thailand	GTZ
Escalada, MM	16th Session of the UNEP Panel on IPM Expert	Apr. 22 - 30	Rome, Italy	FAO
	Workshop on KAP Survey Module Dev.	May 2-8	USM, Parang Malaysia	FAO
	Workshop on Message Design for a Campaign to Encourage Farmer Participation in Experimenting with Stopping Early Insecticide Application in South Vietnam	May 25 - 28	PPD Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	FAO
	Workshop on "Uses of KAP Survey Training Module"	June 23 - Jul. 5	Penang, Malaysia	USM
	Rice IPM Network Steering Committee Meeting	July 4 - 6	Bangkok, Thailand	IRRI
Escalante, MC	CIIFAD Workshop in Integrated Watershed Analysis	Sept. 25 - Oct. 15	Cornell Univ. New York	CFTU
Ferraren, DO	Documentation Trng. for Genebank Managers & Documentation Staff	Aug. 22 - Sept. 9	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	IPGRI
Gabunada, FG	Southeast Asian Reg'l. Forage Seeds Proj.	Oct. 23 - 28	Indonesia	FSP
Galinato, GJ	Training on Materials for Irrigation Management	Jan. 25 - 28	Germany	
Gerona, GR	Present a Paper on Tuber Crop Production & Utilization	Sept. 5 - 7	Kauntan, Malaysia	MARDI
Milan, PP	Int'l. Conference on Tropical Limnology	July 4 - 8	Salitaga, Central Java, Indonesia	GTZ
	Reg'l. Sem. on Com. Dev't. & Conservation of Forest Bio- Diversity	Oct. 25 - 28	RECOFTC, Thailand	GTZ
Modina, AP	Agriculture Category of Japan Friendship program for the 21st Century	June 15 - Jul. 14	Japan	Gov't. of Japan
Palomar, LS	5th ASEAN Food Conference	July 26 - 29	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	IFS
	2nd ASEAN Conf. on Food Safety	Sept. 18 - 23	Thailand	CIDA
	ICFP/ISTRC Symposium	Nov. 7 - 23	Salvador, Bahia, Brazil	IFS .
	Observe Food Proc. Plants & Visit IFS Office	Nov. 23 - 28	Sweden, London	IFS
Pardales, JR	Conduct Research Related to Drought Resistance in Sweet Potato and Cassava	Nov. 1 - 30	Japan	Japanese Gov't.
Presbitero, AL	ACIAR Annual Project Meeting	Apr. 21 - May 1	Malaysia	ACIAR
Quevedo, MA	10th Int'l Society for Tropical Rootcrops Symposium	Nov. 13 - 19	Salvador, Bahia, Brazil	ISTRC
Roa, JR	Int'l. Sem. on Subsistence & Sustainability Dev't. in Developing Countries	July 11 - 15	Indonesia	IDRC
	Int'l. Symposium on Systems Oriented Res. in Ag. & Rural Dev.	Nov. 21 - 25	Montpellier, France	Dutch Min. of Agric'l.
Tabada, WM	Int'l. Workshop on Computers and Automation in Agriculture	Apr. 20 - May 11	CIADC, Israel	Embassy of Israel
Villacarlos, LT	Int'l. Network for Leucaena Res. & Dev't, Workshop	Jan. 24 - 29	Bogor, Indonesia	

Awards and Achievements of Faculty, Staff and Students

During the year, VISCA's faculty, staff and students received various awards from different occasions as reflected in Table 5.

Table 5. List of faculty, staff and students who received awards and special recognition for CY 1994.

Department/Name	Nature of Award/ Achievement or Recognition	Remarks
Department of Ag. Chem. & Foo	d Science:	
Dr. Lutgarda S. Palomar	First Prize- Silver Award (Regional Level)	Outstanding Applied Research VICARP Regional R & D Symposium June 24, 1994
	Second Place Best Paper Award (National Level)	Best R & D Paper Research Category, PCARDD Nov. 11, 1994
	First Runner-up Best Poster Award (International Level)	International Society for Tropical Root Crops Bahia, Salvador, Brazil Nov. 18, 1994
Department of Animal Science &	& Veterinary Medicine:	
Dr. Wilfredo F. Floresca	Outstanding Teacher in Animal Science (Regional Level)	12th PSAS-Visayas Convention, June 16-17, 1994
Dr. Oscar B. Posas	Outstanding Researcher in Animal Science (Regional Level)	- do -
	First Place Best Paper Award An. Prod. Category (Regional Level)	- do -
Dr. Eugene B. Lañada and Ms. Julie Clarissa F. Colis	First Place Best Paper Award An. Health Category	- do -

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Department/Name	Nature of Award/ Achievement or Recognition	Remarks
Dr. Eugene B. Lañada	Second Place Best Paper Award An. Prod. Category (Regional Level)	- do -
Prof. Fe C. Evangelio	Third Place Best Paper Award An. Prod. Category (Regional Level)	- do -
Dr. Alberto A. Taveros	Third Place Best Paper Award An. Health Category (Regional Level)	- do -
Department of Plant Breeding	and Agricultural Botany	
Dr. Othello B. Capuno	Certificate of Recognition	Radio Station DYAC, ViSCA, Baybay, Leyte
Department of Plant Protection	1	
Dr. Ruben Gapasin (Adviser)	4th Place (Local Level)	Student Research Project, Science Fair (High School Level)
Dr. Manuel K. Palomar	1994 Distinguished Alumnus Award for Agricultural Research	UPLBCA Alumni Association October, 1994.
Dr. Rodolfo A. Paningbatan (Adviser)	1st Place (Local & Regional Levels)	Student Research Project, Science Fair (High School Level)
	SIBOL Award (National Level)	Research Project Adviser, National Sibol Award on Student Research, Manila, July 1994 (High School Level)
Radio Station DYAC	Plaque of Appreciation	LEYECO IV, 14th Annual Assembly, June 25, 1994
	Certificate of Appreciation	Cooperative Development Authority, July 31, 1994 PSAS, Visayas, June 17, 1994 Junior Chamber of the Phils., Nov. 27, 1994
Farm and Resource Manageme	ent Institute	
Dr. Edwin A. Balbarino	Outstanding Extension Project - Silver Category (Regional Level)	6th Regional R and D Symposium Highlights, June 24, 1994

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Department/Name	Nature of Award/ Achievement or Recognition	Remarks
Dr. Edwin A. Balbarino	Third Place Extension Category (National Level)	National Symposium in Agriculture and Resource Research and Development, 22nd PCARRD Annniversary, Nov. 10-11, 1994
Dr. Dolores L. Alcober	Visiting Fellow	Cornell University, September 22- Nov. 30, 1994
Phil. Root Crop Research and T	raining Center	
Dr. Jose R. Pardales	Visiting Scientist	Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan
	Scientific Adviser	International Foundation for Science, Stockholm, Sweden
Department of Development Con	nmunication	
Dr. Wolfreda C. Alesna	Plaque of Recognition	Region Eight Applied Communication Task Force (REACTF)
Gay Canada (Student)	First Place Feature Writing (Regional Level)	Tertiary Schools Press Conference, Candahug, Palo Leyte
Alex Tablate (Student)	Second Place Photojournalism (Regional Level)	-do-
VISCA Laboratory High School		
Joane Karen Israel	Second Place (Regional Level)	Regional Statistics Quiz, Tacloban City Oct. 12, 1994
Domingo Camay, Lois Montes and Imma Lee Pua	First Place (Local Level)	VISCA Environmental Quiz Show September 14, 1994
Jennifer Dumaguing	First Place (Regional Level)	Declamation, Cassava Pith, & Necklace-Making Regional FFP/FAHP Convention, UEP, Samar Dec. 7-10, 1994
Maricor Batoy	Second Place (Regional Level)	Oration, Regional FFP/FAHP Convention UEP, Samar
Math & Sci. Society	First Place (Regional Level)	GAWAD Agkatek, Regional, DOST Tacloban City, Sept. 1994
Bethzaida Noriel Rosa Celesta Alera Joane Karen Israel Ivy Capangpangan	First Place (National Level)	National SIBOL Award on Student Research Manila, July 1994

Table 5. Continued ...

Department/Name	Nature of Award/ Achievement or Recognition	Remarks
Minette Capacio	Second Place	Division Math Olympiad, DECS
Grace Galinato	Level IV	Palo, Leyte
Law Modina	(Division Level)	Aug. 24, 1994
	Third Place	Regional Math Olympiad
	Level IV	SNS Samar, Nov. 23-25, 1994
	(Regional Level)	
Ma. Dolette Gonzal	First Place	Division Math Olympiad, DECS
Rose Amar	Level III	Palo, Leyte
Dominic Villamayor	(Division Level)	Aug. 24, 1994
Joane Karen Israel	First Place	Division Statistics Quiz
Law Modina	(Division Level)	LIT, Tacloban, Sept. 30, 1994
Richie Nuevo	First Place	DYAC Kiddie Goodie Show
Michelle Solamo	(Local Level)	Quiz Bowl, VISCA Dec. 3, 1994
Ma. Dolette Gonzal	Third Place	DYAC Kiddie Goodie Show
Pia Noriel	(Local Level)	Quiz Bowl, VISCA Dec. 3, 1994

Research and Development

During the year, VISCA implemented a total of 204 projects. Table 6 categorizes these into ongoing, completed, and new. Philippine Root Crop Research and Training Center (PRCRTC) implemented 30 percent of the total projects, 13.7 percent by the Farm and Resource Management Institute (FARMI), 10 percent by the Department of Plant Protection (DPP) and 7.4 percent by the National Abaca Research Center (NARC).

A total of 19 technologies from the different research and development projects have been identified for dissemination during the In-House Review and Evaluation. Of these, 10 were identified for researchers and 5 for farmers.

In 1994, abaca emerged as the flagship commodity in the region. The Abaca Industry Integrated Program (AIIP) for Region 8 presented by the National Abaca Research Center of VISCA got favorable endorsement by the Regional Development Council to the NEDA Public Investment Staff for Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) funding. The first launching of the program took place in Maasin, Southern Leyte in September 1994.

Financial Resources

Research projects are funded by the government through VISCA, other local funding agencies, and foreign agencies. A total direct cost of research and development projects amounted to P18,280,034.00 (Table 7). GTZ spent the biggest amount for R and D (Fig.3).

Table 7 gives the various funding sources of VISCA's research and development activities.

Table 6. Number of research studies implemented for CY 1994.

	New	Ongoing	Com-	Total	Percent
Commodity			pleted		
Abaca and Fiber Crops		14	1	15	7.4
Agricultural Eng'g.	1	1	1	3	1.5
Applied Comm.		72 54	1	1	0.5
Coconut and Palm Oil	1	12	1	14	6.9
Ecosystem	2	7	3	12	5.9
Farming Systems	6	12	7	25	12.3
Fisheries	75.0	1		1	0.5
Forage and Pasture	2	3		5	2.5
Forestry	2	2		4	2.0
Fruits and Fruit Trees	2	2		4	2.0
Medicinal Plants		1	2	3 .	1.5
Others		2	1	3	1.5
Poultry & Livestock		4		4	2.0
Rice, Corn & Cereals		11	4	15	7.4
Root Crops	7	58	7	72	35.3
Rural Sociology	3		3	6	2.9
Socioeconomics		2		3	1.5
Soil & Water Resources	3	4		7	3.4
Vegetables		4	3	7	3.4
Total	29	140	35	204	100.0

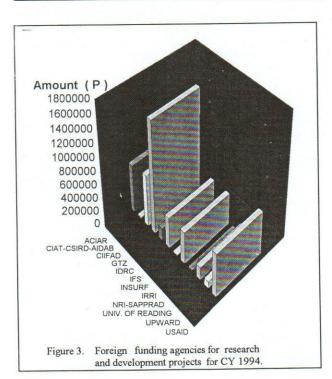
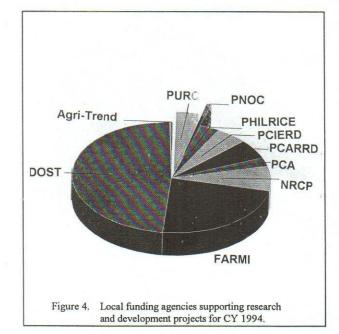


Table 7. Local and foreign R and D funding sources for CY 1994.

Funding Agency	Amount	Percentage
I. VISCA (Direct Cost)	11,220,360	
II. Local		
AGRI-TREND Resources	10,000	0.5
DOST	924,225	48.3
FARMI Trust	444,913	23.3
NRCP	138,000	7.2
PCA :	48,385	2.5
PCARRD	109,346	5.7
PCIERD	96,075	5.0
PHILRICE	55,000	2.9
PNOC	16,000	0.8
PURC	69,960	3.7
Sub-Total	1,911,904	100.0
III. Foreign		
ACIAR	705,240	13.7
CIAT/CSIRO/AIDAB	20,000	0.4
CIIFAD	755,681	14.7
GTZ	1,631,598	31.7
IDRC	175,539	3.4
IFS	453,894	8.8
INSURF	12,000	0.2
IRRI	465,555	9.0
NRI-SAPPRAD	23,000	0.4
University of Reading	180,803	3.5
UPWARD	95,000	1.8
USAID	629,460	12.2
Sub-Total	5,147,770	100.0
Total	18,280,034	



New Root Crop Variety Developed

• The National Seedboard Industry Council approved a new ubi variety named, PSB BU-4 (Binato Glan) developed by PRCRTC. This new variety with a cream flesh came from the yam germplasm collection with the code LA-242 collected from Cotabato. It has an average yield of 17.25 tons/hectare, 36.3 percent dry matter content and leaf spot and blight resistance.

Mature Technologies for Dissemination

Technical departments and research centers identified the following mature technologies for dissemination:

Department of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine

- The use of root crops in various animal feed formulations
- The use of upgraded rams for improved sheep production
- The use of AI in upgrading swine and large ruminants (carabao and cattle)
- Improved pasture species of grasses and legumes for ruminant feeding
- Improved housing system for small ruminants (goat and sheep)
- Silage-making
- Urea-Molasses-Mineral Block (UMMB) as ruminant feed supplement

Department of Forestry

- Agroforestry system technologies
- Tree-farming and reforestation technologies

National Abaca Research Center (NARC)

 Portable engine-powered abaca spindle stripping machine

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This is a portable machine which can be carried in a trailer pulled by a jeep/pick-up or attached to a sled pulled by a carabao. It can be dismantled into different parts which 4 persons can carry. It has replaceable blades for variable quality and output. Its unique feature is the utilization of leafspring as the source of pressure.



Portable engine-powered abaca spindle stripping machine

Department of Horticulture

Pole Sitao (CSL-14)

Characteristics of pole sitao are: yields 11 tons per hectare on the average; flowers 38 days after planting; matures after 48 days; adaptable to wet and dry seasons; light green pods measure 58.5 cm; and moderately resistant to diseases.

Philippine Root Crop Research and Training Center (PRCRTC)

Rootcrop flour grinder

This is a modification of existing attrition grinders available in the market, specifically the hand corn mill and the Almeda grinder. Overall performance compares with the Almeda Grinder, costing half its price.

· Root crop flour finisher

This machine separates the coarse from the fine flour after milling operation of the dried chips. It has 3 basic components: the finishing assembly, the frame and cover, and the power transmission elements.

Pedal -operated and motorized rootcrop chipping machine

This chipper/grater works like a bicycle. It has a chipping and grating capacities using sweet potato and cassava of 500 and 116 kg. of roots per hour.

The operating principle of the motorized chipping machine is similar to the pedal- operated chipping machine, except for the source of power and replacement of grater blade. It can continuously chip at a capacity of about 1 ton per hour.

Chipper machine for village level cassava flour processing

Department of Agricultural Chemistry and Food Science (DACFS)

Improved cassava cookie formulations

Ten formulations of cassava cookies consisting of different blends of cassava flour, wheat flour and cassava starch readily await dissemination. Packaged in PE-bags, the cookies appear golden brown and weigh 85 grams.

New and improved carabeef products

Corned carabeef and carabeef tapa have been developed. These can be stored either frozen or dried.

Potential Technologies

Technologies with strong potential for dissemination and adoption included the following:

- Distal eyebud as better source of planting material for abaca.
- 2. Use of fungi to control corm weevil.
- 3. Portable field tensile strength meter.
- 4. Portable moisture meter.
- 5. Ethanol treatment of stored vegetables
- 6. Fungi nematicidal effect
- 7. New RCRC-developed coconut hybrids
- 8. Recommended planting depth for coconuts
- 9. Organic and inorganic fertilization in rainfed cropping pattern.
- 10. Processing machine for Matalom limestone.
- Hapi-hapi as control method against cogon (for verification)
- 12. Sustainable indigenous crop fallow systems (for verification)

Research Awards

During the Regional R and D Symposium in July 1994, VISCA won the following awards:

Outstanding Applied Research (Silver Category)

First Prize Winner

"Optimization of Cookies Containing Wheat Flour, Cassava Flour and Cassava Starch Using Mixture Response Surface Methodology" by Dr. Lutgarda S. Palomar, Ms. Dalia D. Atok, Dr. Ramon S. Laguna and Prof. Remberto A. Patindol

Second Prize Winner

"Development of a Portable Engined -Powered Abaca Spindle Stripping Machine" by Engr. Feliciano G. Sinon, Engr. Manolo Loreto and Mr. Basilio Madula, Jr.

Acknowledged Expertise

The Nagoya University in Nagoya, Japan appointed Dr. Jose R. Pardales, Jr. as Visiting Scientist in 1994 with the collaborative research entitled "Investigation into the Drought Resistance Mechanism of Sweet Potato and Cassava." In addition, the International Foundation for Science, Stockholm, Sweden appointed him Scientific Adviser.

Manpower Resources

One hundred twelve researchers conducted research projects during the year with assistance from 267 contractual and casual personnel.

Linkages

Research and development linkages with local and foreign agencies continued. During the year, VISCA worked with 10 line government agencies and 12 foreign institutions/organizations. Through these linkages 80 research projects were implemented.

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A total of 14 integrated extension programs/ included implemented. These were projects community participatory farm, demonstration trainings, development projects, organizing, technology exhibits and garden shows, distribution of printed materials, farmers consultation/demonstration, radio programs, and slide shows.

Extension Project Award

VISCA got the **Most Outstanding Extension Award**, Silver Category during the Regional R and D
Symposium in July 1994 through the extension project
entitled, "Soils and Water Conservation Project in
Matalom, Leyte, Philippines" by Edwin A. Balbarino.

Dr. Balbarino of FARMI implemented the project in Matalom, Leyte from 1991 to 1994 to promote the adoption of contour hedgerow and other soil and water conservation technologies in converting highly eroded sloping uplands into a more productive and sustainable hillside/highland farms. After two and a half years of organizing and teaching farmers the different techniques of soil and water conservation, the project with the participation of the farmers through alayon managed to contour 320 farms with a total hedgerow The success of the project length of 81,589 meters. groups to adopt insight for strategies/techniques introduced by the Project in Matalom, Leyte.

Extension Projects and Activities

Barangay Integrated Development For Nutrition Improvement

As of 1994, the project entitled "Sustainability of the Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI)" delivered extension services to 33 barangays in Leyte (25 in Baybay, 3 in Bato, 3 in Hilongos, and 2 in Matalom). The study is jointly implemented by UPLB, VISCA, other cooperating agencies in the region and target municipalities.

Trainings

Centers/Departments (Table 8) provided trainings to almost 4,000 clientele from the different municipalities in Leyte, So. Leyte, Samar, Surigao and Bicol. Training participants included farmers, rural women, technicians from line agencies, local officials, researchers, and students.



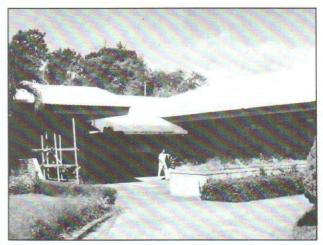
Farm and Resource Management Institute (FARMI)

Table 8. Number of trainings conducted by the different Centers/Departments for CY 1994.

Center/Dept.	Trainings Conducted	No. of Trainees
BIDANI	ANI Nata de coco production, formulating development plan, soap and dress making, value orientation, nutrition rehabilitation, accounting and bookkeeping, bamboo handicrafts, and safety food preparation	
CSR	Indigenous knowledge, environmental advocacy, nata de coco production, swine and ubi production, planning and skills training	370
FARMI	Soil and water conservation, integrated forestry, compost making and sustainable agriculture	399
GTZ	Vegetable gardening, nata de coco production, accounting, entrepreneurial skills development, ubi and swine production, planning and leadership	635
NARC	Abaca production and utilization and handicraft making	387
ODREX	Soil fertility, nata de coco production, coco charcoaling, ornamental and vegetable production	167
PRCRTC	Root crop processing, utilization and marketing, and entrepreneurial development	447
RCRC	Coconut and nata de coco production, cultural management and charcoal-making	127
VISCA-ANEC	Ricehull-fueled cookstove fabrication and windmill technology	52
DAC-FS	Rootcrops and coconut processing, and nata de coco production	
DAEA	Record keeping, cooperatives and feasibility study preparation	
DASS	Technology investment, map reading, planning, soil sampling and analysis, contour hedgerows, peanut production, fertilizer usage, cereal, soybean and rootcrop production, rhizobium and mycorrhizal inoculation	169
DASVM	Animal diseases and management, feedmill operation and feedlot fattening	
DHS	Garment sewing, dressmaking skills, bamboo craft and nutrition rehabilitation	
DOF	Agroforestry and reforestation	
DOH	Ornamental and vegetable production and coop development	170
DPE	First-Aid, dance, swimming and life saving, basketball officiating	
VLHS	Recycling of waste products, utilization of indigenous materials and herbal medicine	

Exhibits and Participation in Agro Fairs

ODREX coordinated VISCA's participation in 10 exhibits/agro fairs showcasing VISCA's developed technologies as operationalized by research centers and departments.



Office of the Director of Research and Extension (ODREX)

Clientele/Technical Consultations with Demonstration

Some 3,000 clientele in the region, mostly from Leyte were attended to during technical consultations. Clientele groups visited the concerned Center/Department, attended seminars and trainings, and invited/requested consultants to visit their areas or fields.

Other Extension Services Delivered

Distribution of Technoguides and Other Printed Materials

Different technoguides and reading materials on root crop, coconut, abaca, vegetable, cultural management practices reached the different clientele.

Radio Program

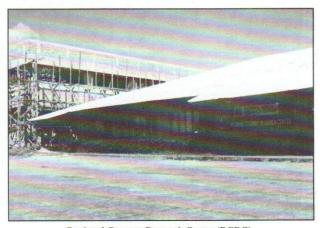
NARC, RCRC, ANEC, BIDANI and DASVM developed extension programs on abaca, coconut, nonconventional energy, nutrition improvement and swine respectively, which Radio Station DYAC aired subsequently.

Slide Shows

From January to December 1994, eighty two (82) VISCA slide story presentations were viewed by different clientele which included farmers, rural women, entrepreneurs, technicians, researchers, students from different institutions and government officials.

Distribution of Planting Materials

The RCRC distributed coconut (9,271), pineapple (7,500) and black pepper (2,000) planting materials to farmers, technicians, entrepreneurs and researchers. The Department of Horticulture (DOH) also distributed 11,000 grams of vegetable seeds to farmers and students. The Department of Plant Breeding and Agricultural Botany (DPBAB) produced and distributed one ton of VM-2 corn seeds. It developed a two-hectare rice seed production area intended to produce foundation seeds of newly recommended rice varieties.



Regional Coconut Research Center (RCRC)



Department of Horticulture (DOH)

Biological Museum, Plant Pest Clinic and Animal Health Clinic

In addition to the collected flora and fauna for instructional use, the Biological Museum also showcased collections of insect and vertebrate pest species, diseased plants and animals and natural enemies for biological control. A total of 916 clientele (156 farmers and private individuals, 25 trainees, 158 teachers and 577 students from other schools) visited the museum.

The Plant Pest Clinic helped farmers solve 27 pest-related problems. The Animal Health Clinic also responded to requests for assistance in solving animal health related problems on campus and the neighboring barangays especially on dogs and swine. It provided vaccination services at minimal cost.



Biological Museum

Farmers' Field Day and Garden Show

In 1994, a total of 700 farmers mostly recipients of BIDANI and VISCA-GTZ Social Action Project voluntarily joined the VISCA anniversary Farmers' Field Day and Garden Show. Most of them displayed their own farm products for sale. In addition to 18 VISCA Centers and Departments, twelve cooperating agencies and thirteen garden associations also participated in the annual exhibits and garden show. During the affair many farmers and technicians took the opportunity to consult with researchers and extension workers regarding farm-related problems.

Demonstration farms

Demonstration farms were maintained to showcase different cultural management techniques for the clientele to observe and learn. These farms included the multistorey cropping system under coconut (RCRC), hilly land intercropping system (FARMI), agroforestry demo farm (DOF) and intercropping system under abaca (NARC).



Intercropping system under abaca.

Publications

Technical departments and research centers aside from producing extension-related materials, also produced technical articles which were published in various proceedings and journals as follows:

Department of Agricultural Chemistry and Food Science

Screening and Permeabilization of Zymomonas mobilis for Serbitol and Gluconate Production. Bull Philip Biochem.

Department of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine

- Microbial Treatment of Weevil-Infested Sweet Potato Meal as Feed to Broilers. Asian-Australian Jour. Animal Science.
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Department of Development Communication

- Bangga Sa Awit. Significant Experiences of the RACOs in the Philippines. PCARRD.
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Department of Plant Protection

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Farm and Resource Management Institute

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Linkages

In 1994, VISCA maintained and strengthened its linkages with line agencies of the government, foreign institutions and non-government organizations. These agencies/organizations gave the College either funds or technical assistance to support its programs and projects.

A. International

- 1. Asian Vegetable Research Development Center (AVRDC)
- 2. Association of Farming Systems in Asia (AFSA)
- 3. Association of Farming Systems Research and Extension (AFSRE)
- 4. Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)
- 5. Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB)
- 6. Australian National University and International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (ANU-IITA)
- 7. Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT)
- 8. Centro Internacional de la Papa (CIP)
- Centro International de Mejoramiento de Maiz y Trigo (CIMMYT)
- 10. China Academy of Science (CAS)
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO)
- 12. Conservation Farming for Tropical Uplands (CFTU) Program
- Cornell International Institute for Food, Agriculture and Development (CIIFAD)
- 14. Cornell University (CU)
- 15. Deutsche Gessellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)
- 16. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- 17. Forestry/Fuelwood Research and Development (F/FRED)
- Integrated Root Crops Development Project (IRCDP)
- International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (IBPGR)
- 20. International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC)
- 21. International Foundation for Science (IFS)
- International Institute for Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)
- 23. International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
- 24. International Network on Soil Fertility and Sustainable Rice Farming (INSURF)
- 25. International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)

- 26. International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR)
- 27. Kasetsart University (KU)
- Natural Resources Institute Southeast Asian Program for Potato Research and Development (NRI-SAPPRAD)
- 29. New Zealand Embassy (NZE)
- 30. Nitrogen-Fixing Trees Association (NFTA)
- 31. PLAN International
- 32. Rice IPM Network, IRRI
- 33. Southeast Asean Research Center for Agriculture and Graduate Studies (SEARCA)
- 34. Tissue Culture for Crops Project-Colorado State University (TCCP-CSU)
- 35. United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- 36. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- 37. Universiti of Pertanian Malaysia (UPM)
- 38. University of Reading (UR)
- 39. University of Georgia (UG)
- 40. User's Perspective with Agricultural Research and Development (UPWARD)
- 41. Winrock International (WINROCK)
- 42. World Neighbors (WN)

B. National/Local

Government

- 1. Abuyog Research Station (ARS)
- 2. Department of Agriculture (DA)
- Department Coordinating Council for Leyte and Samar (DCCLS)
- 4. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
- 5. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)
- 6. Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
- 7. Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)
- 8. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
- 9. Department of Health (DOH)
- 10. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- 11. Department of Science and Technology (DOST)

- 12. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- 13. Educational Development Program Implementing Task Force (EDPITAF)
- 14. Fiber Development Authority (FIDA)
- Institute of Development Communication at UP Los Baños (IDC-UPLB)
- 16. Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB)
- 17. Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP)
- 18. Local government units of Baybay, Inopacan, Caridad, Abuyog, Matalom, Leyte and Ormoc.
- National Agricultural Resources Research and Development Network (NARRDN)
- 20. National Crop Protection Council (NCPC)
- National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- 22. National Irrigation Authority (NIA)
- 23. National Manpower Youth Council (NMYC)
- 24. National Nutrition Council (NNC)
- National Research Center of the Philippines (NRCP)
- 26. National Seedboard Industry Council (NSIC)
- 27. Office of Energy Affairs- Non-Conventional Research Division (OEA-NCRD)
- Office of the Provincial Agriculturist Leyte (OPAL)
- 29. Oxford Forest Institute (OFI)
- 30. Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)
- Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources and Development (PCARRD)
- 32. Philippine Council for Industry and Energy Research and Development (PCIERD)
- 33. Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC)
- 34. Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (PHILDHRRA)
- 35. Philippine Upland Resource Center (PURC)
- 36. PhilRice
- 37. Rainfed Resource Development Project (RRDP)
- 38. University of the Philippines at Los Baños (UPLB)

Non-government

- 1. Baybay Barangayanon Jaycees (BBJ)
- KAISAHAN Tungo sa Tunay na Repormang Pansakahan
- 3. FORWARD
- 4. LABRADOR
- 5. Mag-uugmad Foundation Inc. (MFI)
- Western Leyte Foundation for Agro-Rural Entities, Inc. (WELFARE)
- 7. Women Association of the Philippines (WAP)

C. Others

- Ateneo Center for Social Policy and Public Affairs
- 2. Forest, Trees, and People Network (FTPN)
- Franciscan College of Immaculate Conception (FCIC)
- 4. Knights of Columbus (KC)
- Matling Industrial and Commercial Corporation (MICC)
- National Federation of Administrative Personnel of State Colleges and Universities (NFAPSCU)
- 7. Rural Development Forestry Network (RDFN)
- 8. San Miguel Corporation
- Soil and Water Conservation Foundation, Inc. (SWCFI)
- 10. VISCA Elementary Foundation Inc. (VEFI)
- VISCA Foundation for Agricultural and Rural Development (VIFARD)

Auxiliary Services

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS (OSA)

The OSA has continuously worked towards providing better services to students in terms of guidance and counseling, scholarship, placement, student housing and co-curricular activities.

OSA put up "Job Fair '94" during the job-seeking seminar-workshop it conducted. Ten government and non-government participated in the fair: the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), Economic Development Foundation (EDF), Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), Republic Flour Mills (RFM), Infomaster Service (IS), and Department of Tourism (DOT).

The Office also coordinated the Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES) with DOLE, Region VIII. Sixty three students availed themselves of the program.

To enhance the career guidance and personality development program for the students, the Office purchased new psychological test materials worth P11.000,00

The following donors reinforced the scholarship and grants-in-aid program: Dona K.T. Tanyu Internationale (KTTI), Office of Southern Cultural Community, and the VISCA-GTZ Ecology Program. Twenty-three beneficiaries have enjoyed scholarships and grants from the foregoing agencies. Aside from the VISCA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., the Ormoc Rotary Club Scholarship renewed its educational assistance to VISCA students.

Of the total 2,480 enrollees (undergraduate and non-degree programs) for the first semester of SY 1994-1995, 24 percent (602) of the student populace qualified as scholars (Table 9). OSA continued to serve the students in the form of financial assistance through the Work-Study Grant Program or Student Assistantship. An average of 27 students availed of the program with 2,118.41 hours of work amounting to P8,714.023. The rate per hour for student assistantship is P3.85/hr.

Of the 2,480 enrolled students in the first semester, only 44 percent could not be accommodated in dormitories and cottages. Some of the students sought accommodation in staff houses and in the neighboring barangays of the College.

During the year, the different dormitories and cottages underwent various repair and maintenance activities. The morale of dormitory advisers received a boost with the approval of the Board of Trustees to increase the dorm advisers' honoraria by 50 percent effective January 1995 and another 50 percent to be implemented in 1996. The increase will be taken from dormitory funds.

OSA has recognized a total of 33 student organizations and approved a total of 316 student activities throughout the year, ranging from co-curricular to extra-curricular activities.

The Campus Ministry with affiliate priests and ministers from various religious denominations has been actively involved in the spiritual nurture of students.

The VISCA Recreation Center continuously served the studentry as well as the faculty, staff and the public. As of December 31, 1994 the Center had served a total of 3,128.53 games like bowling, billiard, table tennis, dart and chess/checker.

LIBRARY

As of December 1994, the library's collection reached more than 48,000 of books and pamphlets, unpublished materials (theses), terminal reports and conference/seminar proceedings. The library acquired 849 volumes of books to add to its collection during the preserved of the second second

To update users, the Library issued a list of "New Acquisitions" with 753 titles listed. It also continued to update its Catalo database and the root crops database of the Philippine Root Crops Information Service (PRIS) which had been integrated into the Readers and Information Services of the Library.

Readers Services expanded by the availability of the Compact Disk Read-Only-Memory (CD-ROM) equipment. Exactly 58 graduate and undergraduate students availed of it for literature search. The use of speeded up card production at the Technical Services Section. As part of the Library's program of resource sharing, 43 students from nearby colleges and universities received the necessary assistance.

The Library continued to receive donations from various donors as follows:

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Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N.	23 items
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(inmulA ADSIV)	10 vols. of agriculture books
Fernandez Brothers	Orchidiana Filipiniana (2 vols.) &
	plastic pamphlet filers
Foundation, New Zealand	2 black binders & 14 red
William Barry Thompson	121 titles of marketing books,
Donor/Agency	Items/Particulars

One of the international donors, Mr. Thompson came to visit the library and promised to send additional donations. Other donations came from the international research centers, other government and non-government agencies, and some benefactors of VISCA.

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Table 9. Scholarships and Grants-In-Aid for

General Administration

The general administration compliments VISCA's trilogy of functions in instruction, research and extension for agricultural and rural development.

During the year, the offices under the general administration and support services continued to perform their specific functions to meet the goals set by the College.

Although the College suffered a major disaster when the administration building got burned on 24 September 1994, VISCA managed to normalize college operations by relocating strategically the affected offices. The Office of the President strengthened VISCA's linkages with public and private agencies. In 1994, VISCA continued to receive various visitors from different local and international agencies. The Public Information and Community Relations Office helped facilitate campus tours and field trips objectives of various groups on campus.

VISCA's visitors were accommodated in either the Guest House or Hostel. The Hostel accommodated 2,213 individuals from the different regions either as guests or participants in various seminar/conferences and other gatherings held in VISCA. It generated a net income of P155,234.01. From its revenue, P120,000.00 was allocated for the repair or renovation of the VISCA Pavilion and P35,000.00 for the purchase of air conditioner, electric fans and bedsheets for the VISCA Manila Office.



VISCA Hostel houses college guests and visitors.



The unoccupied Administration Building awaits its rise from the ashes.

Planning and Development

The Management Office collected and provided the needed data for various institutional surveys and information requested by national and international agencies which include the: Department of Budget and Management, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), House of Representatives, Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), International Development Research Center (IDRC) and other agencies.

Through the Planning and Development Office, VISCA prepared and submitted documents needed to support its bid for university status to the House of Representatives. It also updated the VISCA Student and Faculty Profiles and Development Plans, and likewise prepared the 1993 annual report of the College.

Administrative Affairs and Support Services

The Offices under the Vice President for Administration continued its task in providing support to VISCA's programs. During the year it accomplished the following:

- Evaluated the existing accounting and operating procedures of ERHS and DAEAM rice farm projects.
- Traced and crosschecked all sources of documents, records, reports, minutes of Board Meetings involving VISCA funds transferred to VIFARD.
- Delivered mail and official documents speedily to various offices concerned through its Records Division.
- Continued in maintaining peace and order situation on campus and in protecting the properties of the institution through its Security Force.
- Improved recording and monitoring of supplies, materials and equipment based on the procurement program of the College through the computerization of data in Supply/Property and Management Division.
- Facilitated resolutions and dismissal of the following cases through the Office of Administrative Affairs:
 - Malicious mischief case against Victoria Fernandez.
 - Indirect contempt case against 49 staff and students.
 - Motion for reconsideration filed by Mrs. Hermogina Bulilan in Civil Case B-1140 against VISCA.
- Facilitated approval by the Board of Trustees of the Compromise Agreement to settle Civil Case B-1117 filed by VISCA against staff and students.
- Created ad hoc committees which completed and submitted reports and findings on the following:
 - a. Review of Bulilan's case
 - b. Fire incident

 Preventive measures like environmental sanitation and immunization by the VISCA Infirmary to avoid occurrence and spread of communicable diseases.

Physical Facilities Development

The Physical Plant Office undertook repair and improvement of some physical facilities and buildings. This including the improvement of the water system on campus.

The following projects were implemented through the Physical Plant Office and some private contractors:

Construction projects by private contractors

- a. Girl's Dormitory Phase I
- b. Crop Processing Building
- c. GTZ Marine Laboratory Building

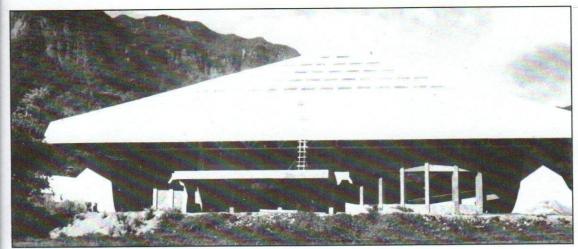


GTZ Marine Laboratory Building

Repair and improvement/renovation projects by private contractors and VISCA

- a. VISCA Manila Office
- b. 2 units of Waiting Sheds
- c. Forestry Building
- d. Ceiling and roof of Forestry Building
- e. Apartment 89
- f. SPMD Office
- g. Roofing and flooring of Guest House
- h. Quirol's Cottage
- i. Carcallas' Cottage
- j. Piad's Cottage
- Ampatin's Cottage to Graduate School Dormitory
- GTZ 2nd half duplex house.

Completion of the VISCA Gymnatorium started. The Physical Plant Office also maintained in good running condition 46 vehicles used for project activities and official trips of VISCA employees and students to various parts of the country.



VISCA Gymnatorium

Land Use and Development

The Land Use and Agribusiness Project Unit (LUAPO) facilitated Board of Trustees approval of VISCA's Land Zoning and Land Utilization Program and its implementation on April 15, 1994. It also pursued the implementation of the centralized selling of agricultural products produced by the college. During the year, the Board of Trustees approved the proposal to convert a portion of VISCA's land into a student village measuring about 4,000 sq. meters.

Financial Management

The creation of a Finance Committee improved VISCA's financial management system by assisting in the financial operation of the College. During the year, the Cash Division disbursed cash and checks in the amount of P70,928,645.83 and P132,906,968.74, respectively. It also received collections that amounted to P26,959,934.09.

According to the Accounting Division, VISCA's total allotment for CY 1994 was P 101,057,046.00 with a total expenditure amounting to P94,175,096.74. Out of the total allotment received P 34.9 million went to instruction, P 20 million for research and P 3.2 million for the extension program of the College (Figure 5).

Allotment in 1994 increased by P8.8 million or 9.5 percent while expenditures increased by P11.2 million or 13.5 percent. Table 10 provides the details of allotment expenditures and balances.

During the year, the VISCA administration started to explore solutions to critical financial problems related to NCC 69 implementation and the employment of casual workers without adequate funds.

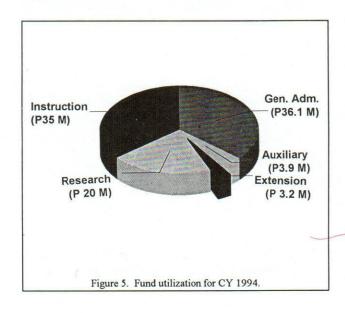


Table 10. Comparative Data of VISCA's Allotments, Expenditures and Balances for CY 1993 and 1994.

Function Allotment 1993		ment 1994				ce 1994
A. Instruction Services						
1. Advanced Education	4,946,984.00	6,099,044.00	4,946,984.00	6,099,044.00	0.00	0.00
2. Higher Education	19,767,441.00	26,156,692.00	19,767,441.00	26,155,353.36	0.00	1,338.6
3. Secondary Education	2,338,000.00	2,739,328.00	2,338,000.00	2,739,328.00	0.00	0.00
B. Research Services	16,041,000.00	20,055,908.00	14,289,061.24	16,215,183.87	1,751,938.76	3,840,724.13
C. Extension Services	3,762,000.00	3,216,196.00	3,007,954.18	2,470,505.51	754,045.82	745,690.49
D. Auxiliary Services	2,667,000.00	3,993,944.00	2,667,000.00	3,993,944.00		
E. Gen. Adm. & Support Services	25,865,820.00	36,148,176.00	24,587,863.34	36,147,906.17	1,277,956.66	269.8
F. Adm. of Personnel Benefits	8,991,000.00		8,968,000.00		23,000.00	
G. Faculty and Staff Dev. Fund		207,400.00		114,988.50		92,411.5
H. Equipment/Capital Outlay	5,331,000.00	2,010,358.00	2,421,383.61	224,343.33	2,909,616.39	1,786,014.6
I. Foreign Assisted Projects	2,510,000.00	430,000.00	66,970.85	14,500.00	2,443,029.15	415,500.0
Total P	92,220,245.00	101,057,046.00	83,060,658.22	94,175,096,74	9,159,586.78	6,881,949.2

New Acquisitions and Donations Received

In 1994, VISCA received donations from various donors and acquired some equipment from its regular appropriation. The following list gives new acquisitions by department/center, donations received and donors.

Department/Center	Qty.	Unit	Particular	Donor (s)/Funding Agency (ies)
Graduate School	1	unit	Mini-Bus	ATEP/EDPITAF
	1	unit	Philips CPU	
	2	sets	Windows Softwares (Adobe Illustrator and Aldus	
	2	5015	Pagemaker)	
	1	set	Xerox Formbase	
	2	units	Laser Printer, Laserjet 4, Hewett Packard and HP-	
			IV series	
	1	unit	JVC Color Video Camera	
	2	units	PC/AT 80486 CPU System DX-33	
	1	unit	Overhead Projector	
	1	unit	Photo Color Enlarger	
	1	unit	Slide Projector	
	1	unit	Condura Airconditioner	
	1	unit	Whiteboard	
	1	unit	Ampli-tuner	
	1	unit	JVC Double Casette Deck	
	1	unit	JVC Turn-table	
	2	pairs	JVC Speaker system	
	1	unit	JVC Dynamic unidirectionnal microphone	
	1	unit	Open Reel Tape Deck, Stereo	
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	2	units	JVC Color Video Monitor	
VISCA Laboratory	1	unit	OPTRON Karaoke	FAHP and FFP
High School	1	set	4 in. 1 Concorde Tape	
	1	pc	Battery, 12 plates	
	1	unit	IBM Computer with Printer	
National Abaca	4	cps.	Books on Word Processing and Data	VISCA
Research Center		•	Management	
	1	copy	Book on Plant and Soil Interaction at Low pH	USDA
	6	cps.	Proceedings on Sustainable Agriculture	FAO, Netherlands
	375	cps.	Reprints on Abaca and Soil Related Topics	VISCA
	1	unit	Aircon	VISCA

				Donor (s)/Funding
Department/Center	Qty.	Unit	Particular	Agency (ies)
Dept. of Plant Protection			Distilling Apparatus	GTZ
Dept. of Plant Breeding			P 25,000 grant for rice research	PhilRice
& Agricultural Botany			Curtains Overhead Projector and Screen	VISCA VISCA
Dept. of Animal Science & Veterinary Medicine	6	cps.	Books (various fields), brochures and drug samples for animals	Drug Companies
Dept. of Agronomy	1	unit	Digester	ACIAR
& Soil Science	3	units	Digital balance (top loading)	TO THE
	1	unit	Emergency lamp Solar top roofing	
	2	units	Stand Fan	
Hostel			P 186,016.35 worth of materials	Hostel
Phil. Root Crop Research & Training Center	9	titles	Various journals	Panay State Polytechnic College, IRRI, CMU, Genetic Resources Communications Systems, Inc,
	5	titles	Technical Bulletins	Bethesda, USA AVRDC, IRRI, ACIAR
	35	titles	Newsletters	SAPPRAD, IFS, IPGRI, DRC, SPC,
				CIAT, ACIAR, USAID, PCARRD,
				ISNAR, IDRC, AIT, IBSRAM, PROSEA,
				UNISIST, PCC, CIP, CENTER POINT, AVRC
	4	titles	Paper Series	IRRI, CIP
	2	titles	Annual Reports	ACIAR, IRRI
Office of Student Affairs			New psychological test materials (worth P11,000)	VISCA
Library	121	titles	Books (mostly in marketing)	William Barry Thompson
	2	pcs.	Black binders	Foundation, New
	14	pcs.	Red plastic pamphlet filers	Zealand
	2	vols.	Books (Orchidiana Filipiniana)	Fernandez Brothers
A S	10	vols.	Books (agriculture)	(VISCA Alumni)
	2	vols.	Audiovisual materials in Math (worth P5,680)	VISCA
	12	pcs.	Various items	FAO
	28	vols.	Books	VISCA-GTZ

Miscellaneous

- VISCA hosted the First National Convention on the Agricultural Technology Education Association of the Philippines (ATEAP) on January 21-22, 1994 with the theme: "Agricultural Technology and Entrepreneurship Education Towards Philippines 2000." During this activity, Senator Santanina Rasul spoke on the topic "Policies and Issues on Agricultural Technology and Entrepreneurship- Filipino style. Dr. Cecilio Arboleda, Dean of the UPLB College of Agriculture gave the closing message.
- The VISCA Administration and VISCA Personnel Association jointly sponsored the Faculty and Staff Sportsfest on January 27-29, 1994.
- A VISCA team helped Governor Wayne Jaro launch the Biliran Cassava-based feedmill on January 28, 1994. VIFARD also assisted in providing ingredients during the feedmill test-run.
- Director Remigio A. Tabones, of the Department of Agrarian Reform, Region 8 gave an inspiring message to the honors and awardees of VISCA during its 15th Honors and Awards Convocation.
- On 4 February 1994, Director Vicente Escarian of the Civil Service Commission, Region 8 gave VISCA faculty and staff a briefing on the role of the College in acting on appointments of employees. Director Escarian revealed that only VISCA in Region 8 became accredited to take final action on appointments.
- A VITASAT (Volunteer in Technical Assistance Satellite) groundstation for Electronic Mail (Email) was installed at the Farm and Resource Management in VISCA by Edward Bade, a network specialist from Cornell University in New York, USA. E-Mail support came from the Conservation Farming for Tropical Uplands (CFTU) Program, a collaborative research program based at FARMI with its main research site in Matalom, Leyte. Cornell International Institute for Food, Agriculture and Development (CIIFAD) of Cornell University and several government and nongovernment organizations in the Philippines participate in this research program.



E-Mail Station at VISCA operated by Ms. Bibian Balbarino

- A food processing Center in Barangay Guadalupe, VISCA's adjacent barangay opened on February 19, 1994. This is a project of the Guadalupe Women's Association with assistance from the VISCA-GTZ Ecology Program and the Mt. Pangasugan Social Action Project. The processing center commercializes food products from root crops as an alternative livelihood venture for upland farmers and shifting cultivators. Staff of the Food Technology Section of VISCA's Department of Agricultural Chemistry and Food Science demonstrated food processing technologies and provided technical assistance.
- Eight scientists from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) headed by Dr. Miyato Higaki, Director of the NODAI Center for International Programs at the Tokyo University of Agriculture, visited VISCA on March 8, 1994 as part of their familiarization visit to selected agricultural institutions in the country to determine possible collaborative research/development work with Japan.



VISCA President Go receives a JSPS brochure from Dr. Miyato Higaki

VISCA Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) maintained its honor as second best ROTC Unit in Region 8, next to Saint Peter's College ROTCU in Ormoc City out of the 10 ROTCU evaluated by the Administrative and Tactical Inspection Team.

Commissioner Patricia Sto. Tomas of the Civil Service spoke during the Closing Program and Convocation of the Seminar on the Foundations of Education and Values Development sponsored by the Center for Research and Communication of the Southeast Asian Science Foundation, Inc. on March 22-24, 1994. During the occasion, Hon. Sto. Tomas received VISCA's highest award of distinction called "Mt. Pangasugan Award" for "her invaluable contribution to the staff development program of VISCA, in her capacity as chairman of the Civil Service Commission, by encouraging the formulation of implementation of the Merit System for the Faculty and Administrative Staff of VISCA; for granting VISCA the autonomy in the processing and approval of appointments; for formulating progressive civil service policies and guidelines suited to the conditions and needs of state colleges and universities; and for exemplifying and campaigning strongly for dedicated, honest and efficient public service."



Hon. Patricia Sto. Tomas, CSC Commissioner receives the "Mt. Pangasugan Award."

The VISCA Administrative Personnel Association (VAPA) was formed on April 13, 1994 in response to the invitation of the National Federation of Administrative Personnel of State Colleges and Universities (NFAPSCU) for VISCA to send 2 representatives to a conference-workshop on May 22-24, 1994 at the Benguet State University in La Trinidad, Benguet. Ma. Christina Ramirez and Bonita Montes as official delegates attended the conference-workshop. Elected VAPA Officers were: Mr. Juan Labra, President; Miss Christina Ramirez, Vice President for regular employees; Ms. Bonita T. Montes, Vice President for casual employees; Ms. Zenaida Gerona, Secretary; Ms.

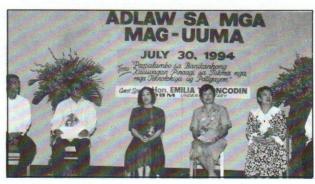
Catalina Pascual, Treasurer; Ms. Adelina Carreno, Press Relations Officer; Mr. Sergio Abenio, Auditor and Mr. Teodolfo Bacalso and Mr. Joel Ancheta, Sgt. at Arms.

- A memorandum of Agreement was signed on May 27, 1994 between VISCA and Land Bank of the Philippines to support the educational pursuits of the immediate families of landowners affected by the government's Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). VISCA accepted the 10-year LB Bonds of original bondholders as payment of tuition fees of said family members enrolled in the College.
- Senator Letecia Ramos Shahani addressed VISCAns and guests during VISCA's 70th Anniversary Convocation on July 31, 1994 at the VISCA Gymnatorium. She emphasized moral recovery and national renewal as prerequisites to national transformation and economic growth.



Senator Letecia Ramos Shahani, VISCA's Anniversary Convocation Speaker, receives a Plaque of Appreciation from Pres. Go.

 Undersecretary Emilia T. Boncodin of the Department of Budget and Management gave the message during the Farmers' Field Day Convocation on July 30, 1994. She appreciated VISCA's efforts in uplifting the life of the small farmers whom VISCA honored. She expressed gratitude for being given the opportunity to see the tangible utilization of VISCA's budget allocation.



Hon. Emilia T. Boncodin (center) responds to VISCA's invitation as guest speaker of the Farmers' Field Day Celebration.

 Recipients of awards during the VISCA Anniversary:

Sandigan Awards:

1. Secretary Ricardo T. Gloria - Sandigan Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership as Secretary of Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in promoting relevant agricultural research and extension in the country, providing financial assistance to VISCA for science and technology promotions and accelerating the staff development program of the College by providing DOST scholarship and training to VISCA faculty and scientists.



DOST Regional Director Redia Atienza receives the "Sandigan Award" in behalf of DOST Secretary Ricardo T. Gloria.

International Foundation of Science (IFS)
 Sweden for the financial support it has given
 to many budding young scientists of VISCA in
 the conduct of research. The acquisition of
 vital equipment through IFS grant facilitated
 the research work not only of the grantees but
 also of other scientists.

Mt. Pangasugan Awards:

VISCA retirees were given this award "for their commitment, steadfastness, loyalty and devotion to duty as public servants until their retirement." Lilia Duatin, Felisa Flores, Avelina Floresca, Teodulo Milleza, Flotilda Torrefranca, Wilfredo Valenzona, Zosimo-Valenzona and Camilo Villanueva, Sr.

One of the highlights of the anniversary celebration was the booth-making competition sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs. Various organizations constructed a total of 23 booths. "The Builders" won The Booth of the Year Award.

- The third invitational Rodeo was participated in by: Silliman University, Xavier University, Department of Agricultural Education and Extension of VISCA and the VISCA Society of Animal Science Students. The VISAS got the overall Champion of Rodeo '94.
- VISCA hosted an international training through the Philippine Root Crop Research and Training Center's potato program "User's Perspective with Agricultural Research and Development (UPWARD) on International Training on Farm Household Diagnostic Skills on October 24-30, 1994. It was participated in by some 30 scientists from the U.S, China, Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines.
- The Affiliated Nonconventional Energy Center for Region VIII based at VISCA's Department of Agricultural Engineering and Applied Mathematics (DAEAM) conducted an Artisans' Training on Ricehull-fueled Cookstove Fabrication on June 21, 1994 at the Crop Processing of DAEAM. This was co-sponsored by DAEAM.
- Fire razed the 11-year-old VISCA Administration building on September 24, 1994 and destroyed the third floor of the building. Fire trucks from Baybay, Ormoc, Abuyog, Hilongos and Sogod responded to the SOS call through REACT.
- Col. Consolacion G. Saavedra, Chief Nurse of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, served as the guest speaker during the VISCA ROTC Annual Presentation of Sponsors and Escorts on September 14, 1994.



Col. Consolacion G. Saavedra - guest speaker during the Annual Presentation of Sponsors and Escorts.

- VISCA employees received Service Awards in consonance with the celebration of the Civil Service Week. VISCA identified 85 awardees for the length of Service Award. Director Dalisay C. Sevilla led the distribution of awards on September 19, 1994 as follows: 20-24 years - Bronze medal, 25-30 years - Silver medal, 31 years and above -Gold medal.
- College President Samuel S. Go together with Dr. Dominador Garin, Head of the Agricultural Education Department of Benguet State University, participated in the Agricultural Productivity Organization (APO) Study Meeting on Agricultural Education Systems in Korea on September 6-10, 1994. Dr. Go served as conference chairman and read a paper on Refocusing Agricultural Education Systems.
- VISCA BOT approved the services of a volunteer worker from the Netherlands, Ms. Sara Meeder. Having started her 6-month term in December, she assists in developing and evaluating instructional materials for extension.
- Along with Chancellor Ruben Villareal, Dr. Salcedo Eduardo and Dr. Cristino Collado of UPLB, College President Samuel S. Go participated in a Coordinator's Meeting in Japan on September 26-October 5, 1994 for exchange programs in the field of agricultural sciences between DOST and JSPS.



VISCA President Samuel S. Go, together with Chancellor Ruben Villareal and Dr. Salcedo Eduado of UPLB, poses with JSPS host in Japan.

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