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Brewing Sustainability: Benguet Coffee Project's Harvest Season Tours Continues

The Benguet Coffee Project (BCP) of Saint Louis University continues to strengthen its advocacy for sustainability, local empowerment, and community partnership, embodying SLU's mission to form competent, creative, and socially involved persons guided by CICM values of charity, justice, integrity, and peace.

What began as a three-year extension project of the School of Accountancy, Management, Computing and Information Studies under the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management has now evolved into a cross-disciplinary research endeavor, engaging students and faculty from Information Technology, Biology, and other academic units and schools and reaching as far as Japan. The BCP has become a living laboratory and experiential learning platform, where theory meets practice and where education directly contributes to community well-being.

In collaboration with the Domolpos Ansipsip Ancestral Domain Indigenous Peoples Organization, the project's efforts have paved the way for the community to recognize and accept coffee tourism as an emerging form of sustainable livelihood in Benguet.

Through its immersive Harvest Season Tours, the project invites travelers, students, and coffee lovers to experience the heart of local farming while directly contributing to the sustainability of the community's coffee heritage. Each tour is a hands-on exploration of the coffee lifecycle—from cherry picking and pulping to drying and cupping. Visitors walk alongside farmers, learn traditional methods, and witness the care that goes into every bean. For mountain hikers, the trail can continue all the way to the summit of Mt. Ugo.

The tour will start at the pick-up point in Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya. After a scenic ride through the mountains of Benguet, you will be greeted by community guides to explore backyard farms and indulge in snacks prepared by the locals themselves. Since its harvest season, you will likewise experience picking coffee berries. Roasting and coffee tasting will be part of the journey as well. A coffee experience that is slow and mindful while immersing yourself in this cultural landscape. Travelers can choose between an overnight trip or a day trip. Tours are available anytime and shall be coordinated through the Benguet Coffee Project's facebook page. Harvest season starts this November through February.

More than just a drink, coffee becomes a symbol of shared responsibility and transformative education. Each cup tells a story — of local farmers, of academic collaboration, and of the CICM spirit in action.
Let the Benguet Coffee Project stand as a testament to how education can brew hope, sustainability, and empowerment — one cup at a time.



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Saint Louis University Scholars: One Scholar, One Tree Project

In celebration of ***Scholars Week*** 2026, the Baguio Association of Government Grantees and Scholars SLU Chapter, together with the International Students' Association and partner student organizations of Saint Louis University, conducted the **One Scholar, One Tree Project** on February 28, 2026, from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM at ***Busol Watershed*** .

After previously planting trees as part of this initiative, this year's activity focused on **tree maintenance and environmental cleanup**. Scholars cleared overgrown grass, removed weeds, collected litter, and cared for the seedlings planted in the past . This continuation effort underscores a crucial truth: sustainability does not end with planting; it requires **ongoing care**, **responsibility**, **and long-term commitment**.

The activity was implemented in partnership with the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office, Baguio City, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Cordillera Administrative Region, strengthening collaboration in protecting one of Baguio City's vital watersheds. More than an environmental initiative, the project reflects the deeper purpose of scholarship. It represents ***leadership through service***, ***stewardship of creation***, ***and shared responsibility for our common home***. Scholars and international students worked hand in hand, nurturing not only the trees they planted before, but also ***the spirit of unity and cooperation within the Louisian community***.

Aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 13 Climate Action, SDG 15 Life on Land, and SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals, **this initiative demonstrates that true scholarship goes beyond academics**. **It is about sustaining impact**, **honoring commitments**, **and caring for the environment long after the planting ends**







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SLU partners with DA to empower Itogon Farmers

Saint Louis University's (SLU) commitment to community empowerment and technology transfer recently culminated in a significant achievement for local agriculture, as the SLU Department of Trade and Industry Fabrication Laboratory (SLU DTI FABLAB) provided crucial design support that enabled Itogon farmers to showcase their products nationally.

The partnership with the Department of Agriculture – CAR, which focused on improving product marketability, resulted in organic produce from the Itogon Integrated Organic Farmers Association (IIOFA) being professionally packaged and displayed at the 18th National Organic Agriculture Congress (NOAC) held in Bacolod City on 17-21 November 2025. This success highlights the university's mission to leverage its state-of-the-art facilities for tangible socioeconomic development in the Cordillera region.

The core of this initiative was a comprehensive Training on Organic Product Packaging and Labelling held from 29-30 October 2025, in Itogon, Benguet, with the theme: "Protecting Quality and Extending Shelf Life through Proper Packaging and Labelling." With the direct participation of Engr. Caroline M. Bautista of the SLU DTI FABLAB, and technical experts, the training equipped IIOFA members and other farmers with Virac with essential skills, focusing on Packaging Design and Functionality and, most critically, adherence to Labelling and PGS (Participatory Guarantee System) Organic Compliance.

The FABLAB's involvement provided the necessary technical design and prototyping services, transforming the farmers' high-quality raw organic produce into market-ready products with compliant, eye-catching branding. This impactful partnership directly supports SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) by promoting sustainable agriculture, and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) by generating economic opportunities for small-scale producers.



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Armed with their new and enhanced product identities, the IIOFA successfully participated in the 18th NOAC in Bacolod, a premier national event for the organic agriculture sector. This platform allowed the local farmers to connect with a wider market, validating the effectiveness of the SLU DTI FABLAB's intervention in enhancing the value and reach of their organic harvest. The project is a direct demonstration of how SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) between the academe and government (DTI and DA), when channeled through community extension, can create significant economic opportunities, ensuring that quality organic produce from the Cordillera can compete and thrive on the national stage.





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