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INTERNATIONALIZATION IN ACTION BASC Expands Global Footprint Across Asia



Under the Student Internship Abroad Program (SIAP), BASC deployed 13 Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) students on February 5, 2026, to Actron Technology Corporation in Taoyuan City, Taiwan for a three- to six-month industry training. The deployment was facilitated by Dr. Cecilia S. Santiago, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Myrtil S. Bernardo, SIAP Coordinator and Associate Dean of the Institute of Computer Studies.

The initiative was led by Dr. Meriam F. Sulit, Director of the International Relations Office, and Dr. Nerilyn J. Victoria, Dean of the College of Management. During the visit, BASC officials also engaged with I-Shou University to pursue long-term collaboration and formalize partnerships through a Memorandum of Understanding.

Meanwhile, BASC expanded its academic engagement in Cambodia through an exchange program with the University of Kratie on March 16, 2026.



The delegation, composed of three (3) BSIT students and five (5) education students, participated in a one-month cross-cultural teaching immersion. They were accompanied by Ms. Eiffel Marcelo, Associate Dean of the Institute of Arts and Sciences, who also served as Adjunct Faculty under the Exchange Visiting Faculty Program.



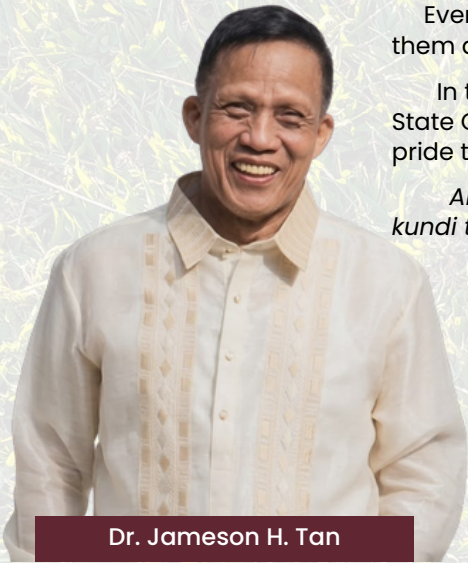
Dr. Santiago and Dr. Bernardo also met with officials of National Chung Hsing University to explore expanded collaboration in student and faculty exchange, research, and academic development.

BASC further advanced its mobility initiatives with the deployment of its first batch of Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management (BSHM) students on March 18, 2026, for internships in partner hotels in Taiwan, with a total of 37 students expected to participate.

Through these initiatives, BASC, under the leadership of President Jameson H. Tan, takes significant step in positioning the College as a globally engaged higher education institution. (Princess White W. Mananguit)

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Dr. Jameson H. Tan

Every institution is shaped not only by its milestones, but by the people who quietly build them day by day.

In this maiden issue of *Kintal*, we gather stories that reflect the heart of Bulacan Agricultural State College. From undertakings that reach beyond our campus, to achievements that bring pride to our community, these pages capture a shared commitment to excellence and service.

Ang bawat kwento ay patunay na ang BASC ay hindi lamang lugar ng pagkatuto, kundi tahanan ng pagkakaisa at malasakit. Dito, ang kaalaman ay hindi lamang iniipon, kundi ibinabahagi upang makapaglingkod sa mas nakararami.

May this issue serve as both a reflection of what we have achieved together, and a call to move forward with purpose, as we continue shaping a future grounded in knowledge, integrity, and community, and as we take meaningful steps toward becoming a full-fledged Bulacan Agricultural State University.

As we continue to strengthen our presence in the academic community, both locally and globally, we remain guided by a simple truth: progress is meaningful only when it uplifts others.

Maraming salamat sa inyong patuloy na pakikiisa sa adhikain ng BASC.

Editor's Note

This maiden issue of *Kintal* is, in many ways, a reflection of who we are becoming as an institution.

In these pages, we bring together stories that may seem diverse. Yet taken together, they embody a shared direction. BASC is steadily growing into a community that values both excellence and meaning, where achievement is not only measured by results, but by the purpose behind them.

From students gaining international exposure, to an old structure becoming a historical landmark, to athletes finding strength in discipline and resilience, to faculty members reaping international recognition, to voices that speak with clarity and conviction in the arts, this issue captures an institution in motion. After all, we are to officially become Bulacan State Agricultural University soon.

As *Kintal's* Editor-in-Chief, I invite you to read beyond the headlines. Each story carries a deeper narrative of effort, growth, and possibility, one that belongs to all of us.

— EIC, *Kintal*

ABOUT KINTAL

KINTAL is the official e-newsletter of Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC), soon to become the Bulacan State Agricultural University, marking a significant step in the institution's continuing journey toward stronger communication and deeper community engagement.

The name **Kintal**, a Filipino word meaning "*pagtimo sa isip*" or imprint, embodies the purpose of the publication: to leave a meaningful and lasting mark. Each issue is designed not only to inform, but also to inspire, connect, and give meaning to the shared experiences of students, faculty, alumni, and partners.

Through every page, **Kintal** aspires to document milestones, amplify voices, and preserve the stories that shape the BASC experience, ensuring that each narrative leaves an imprint that endures, hence the ethos "*Shaping Minds, Transforming Lives*".

BASC 2025: A Year of Excellence

- UI GreenMetric World University Rankings: 515th globally, 17th in the Philippines
- QS Stars University Rating (2025): 3-Star Rating achieved
- UniRank: 156th in the Philippines, 11th in Central Luzon
- EduRank: 11,542nd Globally, 4,755th in Asia, 141st in the Philippines; 7th in Region III
- Maintained ISO 9001:2015 Certification
- WURI Ranking: 398th Overall Ranking, 92nd in Industrial Application (A3), 34th in Student Mobility and Openness (A2), 35th in Visionary Leadership (B1)
- Licensure Examination for Agriculturists (ALE) Passing Rate: 79.41% Overall Ranking, 68.56% National Passing Rate
- Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) Passing Rate: BSED: 96.99% First Takers, 92.00% Overall, 72.62% National Passing Rate
- Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) Passing Rate: BEED: 92.77% First Takers, 87.91% Overall, 51.04% National Passing Rate

From the White House to a Living Archive: *The Birth of Bulacan Center for Social History*

A Structure That Refuses to Be Forgotten

Amid the steady rise of modern buildings within the main campus of Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC), one structure quietly holds its ground, dignified, enduring, and deeply rooted in memory. Known to many as the Executive House or the “White House,” it stands not merely as a relic of the past, but as a witness to the evolving story of the institution and the community it serves.

Today, this historic structure is at the heart of a transformative initiative, its ongoing renovation marking the beginning of its new life as the Bulacan Center for Social History (BCSH), a space envisioned to preserve, study, and celebrate the lived experiences of Bulakeños.

A House with a Past, A Future in the Making

Long before its planned transformation, the White House had already lived many lives.

Built in 1939 as the residence of the Chief Administrator of the Rural Progress Administration (RPA), it was part of a national effort to uplift rural communities through land reform and social development. It also served as a temporary residence for national figures, including President Manuel L. Quezon, earning it the moniker “Little Malacañang.”

Over the decades, the structure adapted to the changing needs of the institution, serving as the residence of school superintendents, and later college presidents, a classroom for Home Economics, and even a storage space for farm tools.

From Restoration to Reimagination

Recognizing its historical and cultural value, BASC secured funding support from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) in 2024 for the conservation of the Executive House.

Led by BASC President Dr. Jameson H. Tan and key proponents, namely, Dr. Ma. Leonora C. Sta. Ana, Center Director, Dr. Yosef Eric C. Hipolito, Museum Curator, and Prof. Jennifer I. Guevarra, Project Associate, the project officially commenced in 2025 with the clear objective of restoring the structure to its original architectural integrity while redefining its purpose for future generations.

It is, at its core, a reimagination of space—from a place of residence and administration into a center of learning, memory, and cultural engagement.

The Birth of the Bulacan Center for Social History

The Bulacan Center for Social History is envisioned as a research hub, museum, and study center, dedicated to documenting the everyday lives, institutions, and social movements that have shaped Bulacan’s past.

Unlike traditional historical narratives that focus on prominent figures and political events, social history shifts attention to the lived experiences of ordinary people—farmers, workers, women, youth, and communities whose stories often remain unheard.

Through this lens, the Center seeks to provide access to archives, oral histories, and research materials; showcase artifacts and cultural objects that reflect local

traditions and struggles; and create a space for dialogue, learning, and community engagement.

In doing so, it affirms that history is not only about the past, but about understanding who we are as a people.

A Work in Progress, A Vision in Motion

While renovation began in 2025, the Bulacan Center for Social History remains a work in progress.

Physical restoration continues, alongside the parallel work of conceptual development, collection-building, and partnership strengthening. Challenges remain, as with any heritage initiative, but the direction is clear and the commitment steadfast.

Looking Ahead

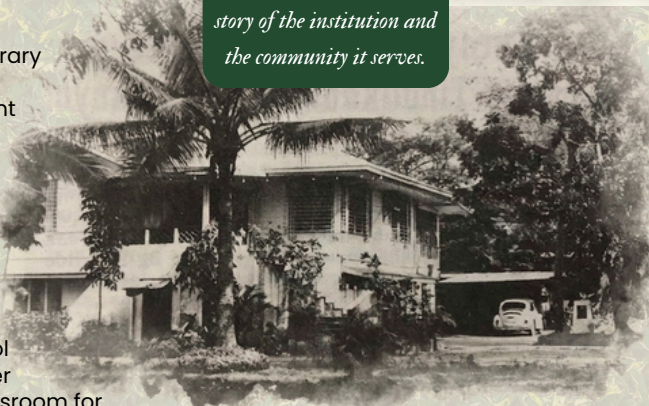
When completed, the Bulacan Center for Social History is envisioned to become a hub for interdisciplinary research, a venue for exhibitions and cultural programs, and a platform for community storytelling and engagement.

But even now, in its unfinished state, it already serves a purpose.

It stands as a symbol of commitment—a declaration that the stories of Bulacan, in all their depth and diversity, shall be preserved. (*Maria Arjie T. Domingo and Geraldine A. Cruz*)



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Beyond the Rankings: What the SCUAA III 2026 Results Reveal About BASC Athletics

At first glance, the BASC Raging Buffalos' 11th place finish out of 13 state universities and colleges in the SCUAA III Regional Meet 2026, may appear as a modest outcome. Yet this final ranking speaks not of limitation, but of emerging specialization, strategic potential, and uneven but promising athletic development.

The question is not simply where BASC ranked, but where BASC is strongest, and where it can grow.

A closer look at the medal distribution reveals a clear pattern: BASC excels in combat and precision-based sports, particularly Arnis and Taekwondo. In Arnis alone, the College secured multiple medals across both men's and women's divisions, including gold, silver, and several bronze finishes. This consistency suggests more than individual talent. It points to a sustained culture of training, coaching continuity, and technical mastery in a sport deeply rooted in Filipino heritage.

Taekwondo further reinforces this strength. With a gold medal in the men's heavyweight division and additional podium finishes, BASC demonstrates competitiveness in disciplines that demand discipline and tactical intelligence.

In contrast, team sports present a more nuanced picture. The women's softball team's silver medal finish stands out as a major achievement, highlighting BASC's capacity for collective coordination and sustained gameplay under pressure. However, beyond this, team-based results appear less dominant, suggesting an area where institutional investment, recruitment, and longer training cycles could significantly improve outcomes.



Meanwhile, tennis, badminton, and chess yielded podium finishes, but not at the same level of consistency seen in combat sports. This distribution underscores an important insight: BASC's athletic program is diverse, but not yet uniformly competitive across all fronts.

What emerges, therefore, is a profile of an institution in transition. BASC is not without strength. On the contrary, it possesses strengths, particularly in sports where individual performance, technical skill, and coaching precision are decisive.

VOICE, THOUGHT, AND EXPRESSION: What BASC's Performance Reveals at the National Culture and the Arts Festival 2026

At the National Culture and the Arts Festival 2026/CAASUC III Regional Competition 2026 held at Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU) in Magalang, Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC) did not simply participate – it articulated its presence through voice, thought, and creative expression.

With podium finishes in Persuasive Oratory and Dagliang Talumpati, and a notable placement in Song Writing, BASC's student delegates demonstrated a pattern that is both subtle and significant: the College is steadily cultivating strength in discursive and expressive forms of art, where intellect, language, and cultural sensitivity converge.

Andrei Raphael S. Samaniego (3rd Place, Persuasive Oratory), under the guidance of Ms. Geraldine A. Cruz, and John Michael N. Dalisay (3rd Place, Dagliang Talumpati), coached by Ms. Evelyn Q. Alera, both excelled in categories that demand more than performance. These are arenas where success depends on clarity of thought, command of language, and the ability to engage audiences in real time.

Meanwhile, Steven M. Dantes' 5th place finish in Song Writing, mentored by Mr. Herdison Laurence V. Roberto, highlights BASC's emerging engagement with creative composition, a domain where storytelling, cultural memory, and artistic interpretation intersect.

Taken together, these results point to an important institutional insight: BASC's cultural strengths are not anchored primarily in spectacle, but in substance. The College is building capacity in forms of expression that require critical thinking, cultural awareness, and intellectual discipline, rather than purely performative execution.



GAD in Action: *BASC Marks Women's Month with Institutional Programs*



The Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC), through its Gender and Development (GAD) Office, conducted a series of activities throughout March 2026 in celebration of National Women's Month, carrying the theme: "Lead like the Babaylans, Filipinas!"

The month-long observance aimed to honor the strength, leadership, and contributions of women while promoting gender equality and inclusivity within the academic community. Spearheaded by GAD Director Edna Mae D. Cruz, the initiative also saw employees and staff wearing purple every Wednesday as a symbol of solidarity for women's empowerment.

The celebration officially opened with BASC's participation in the national kick-off program held at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum on March 6, 2026, where the institution joined various agencies in recognizing the role of women in nation-building. As part of its capacity-building efforts, the college also encouraged participation in the GAD Webinar Series organized by the Philippine Commission on Women, providing faculty and staff with access to learning sessions on gender mainstreaming and corresponding training credits.

On March 10, BASC conducted an extension training on the Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGdG) for research and extension project leaders. The session was facilitated by Assistant Professor King David J. Agreda of Cavite State University and a member of the National GAD Resource Pool of the Philippine Commission on Women. This was followed by a two-day Training of Trainers under the Strategic Institutionalization of Gender and Development (SIGAD) program on March 11-12, which aimed to establish a local pool of GAD resource persons among faculty and staff and strengthen gender integration in institutional programs.

To highlight creativity and student engagement, BASC also launched the "Reel HerStory II 2026: Cinematic Narratives of the Modern Babaylan" filmmaking contest, featuring student-produced films that depict women's experiences, leadership, and cultural identity. Through these initiatives, BASC reaffirmed its commitment to advancing gender and development by equipping its community with the knowledge and skills necessary to foster a more inclusive, gender-responsive, and equitable society.

A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

Leah V. Indon

*Rolling pastures and plains,
Open grasslands, farms and terrains.
Surrounded by this beauty,
We are nourished by this nature's bounty.*

*As we plow through the gardens of thought,
Unfettered questions foster wit and growth.
Planting seeds of wisdom among the tender minds,
Where imaginations are tilled, visions will rise.*

*Pillars of change, with hands outstretched,
The community thrives, toiled hands on the soil etched.
As the earth ripens the bloom and the coop's chorus uprising,
A bountiful harvest indeed, come sunrise.*



BASC Researchers Earn Global Recognition in AD Scientific Index

Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC) continues to strengthen its presence in the global academic community as several of its faculty members are recognized in the Alper-Doger (AD) Scientific Index, a respected international ranking system that evaluates the scientific productivity and impact of researchers across disciplines.

This recognition affirms BASC's growing contribution to knowledge generation, research excellence, and innovation, reflecting the institution's commitment to advancing science in service of society.

Leading the roster of BASC researchers is Dr. Honeylet J. Nicolas, who secured the top position among the College's ranked scientists. She is followed by Dr. Myrtel S. Bernardo in second place and Dr. Ma. Melanie A. Cruz in third, forming a distinguished group of scholars whose work continues to elevate the academic standing of the institution.

Also included in the rankings are:

- Dr. Imee D. Esguerra (Rank 4)
- Dr. Amerigo B. Ramos (Rank 5)
- Dr. Cecilia S. Santiago (Rank 6)
- Prof. Michelle M. Cortez (Rank 6)
- Rodelio T. Alejo, Jr., RAgR (Rank 7)
- Dr. Meriam F. Sulit (Rank 8)
- Dr. Joselito D. Tucit (Rank 9)
- Karen C. Wagan, MBA (Rank 10)

The AD Scientific Index measures academic performance based on a researcher's h-index, i10-index, and citation scores, providing a comprehensive view of both productivity and influence in the global research landscape. Inclusion in this index signals not only individual excellence but also the strength of an institution's research culture.

For BASC, these achievements represent more than rankings. They embody years of dedication to inquiry, mentorship, and community-oriented research. The work of these faculty members contributes to addressing real-world challenges, particularly in areas aligned with the College's core strengths such as agriculture, environmental sustainability, and rural development.

This milestone also reflects the collective efforts of the institution to foster a research environment that supports faculty development, collaboration, and knowledge dissemination. As BASC continues its journey toward universityhood and global recognition, such accomplishments reinforce its role as a center of academic and scientific advancement in the region. (Geraldine A. Cruz)

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