

A. Significant Events (Training, Conferences, Workshops, etc. - Local and International)

No.	Date/Duration	Specific Title	Highlights	Venue	Persons Involved	Unit	Role of Unit/Persons Involved
1	20-21 November 2017	Anti-Sexual Harassment (ASH) Council Workshop		Lima Park Hotel, Lima Technology Center, Malvar, Batangas	aP Annie Liza C. Pintor	DEE	Participant
2	04-08 December 2017	ATI and AMTEC Refresher Training Course on Testing and Evaluation of Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery		Oasis Hotel, Los Baños, Laguna	AMTEC Engineers and Staff	AMTEC	Resource Persons
3	05 December 2017	Regular Meeting of the DA-PCAF Agricultural Mechanization Committee (AFMeC)	Presentation of the Quarterly Accomplishment Report for the FishMI Project	DA-PCAF, Quezon City	Dr. Aurelio A. Delos Reyes Jr., Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo, Dr. Maria Victoria L. Larona, aP Mark Keylord S. Onal, Gherlee Nelle L. Lalap, and Clarissa Ileana L. Ilao	AMTEC and BIOMECH	TWG Members and Presenter/Resource Persons
4		Meeting of the AFMeC Task Force for the Development PAES for Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery and Equipment		DA-PCAF, Quezon City	Dr. Aurelio A. Delos Reyes Jr.	AMTEC	Task Force Member
5	05-06 December 2017	DA-BAFS National Public Consultative Meeting for the Development of Philippine National Standard for Multicrop Pulverizer, Multicrop Grater, and Cassava Granulator		University Hotel, UP Diliman Campus, Quezon City	Engr. Fatima Joy J. Raytana and Dr. Victor A. Rodulfo, Jr.	AMTEC and BIOMECH	Resource Person and TWG member
6	05-09 December 2017	SARAI Enhanced Agricultural Monitoring Systems Training		CEC Lecture Hall	Prof. Moises A. Dorado and aP Vicente G. Ballaran, Jr.	AFSD-IAE	Lecturers
7	07 December 2017	RE vs Coal forum (Organized by College of Economics, UPLB-CEMAFI)		UP BGC, Taguig	aP Karen-Christian C. Agno, aP Rodolfo A. Aguirre, Engr. Athena P. Lavega, and Engr. Kim Jay R. Rosano	DEE	Participants
8	07-08 December 2017	Hands-on exercises for mechanization projects and evaluation of participant's output		ARMRD- PCAARRD	Dr. Jessie C. Elauria	ABPROD-IAE	Facilitator
9	07-09 December 2017	MODECERA / Conduct field Validation and Soil Sampling		Siargao, Surigao del Norte	Prof. Moises A. Dorado	AFSD-IAE	Field Visit
10	08-22 December 2017	Technical visit to Paris, Berlin, Enschede	Technical and consultative meeting with the following: 1. Director Christophe Sodore of the AgroParis Tech-International Relation Office 2. Dr. Marcus Berger, Chairman of Sustainable Engineering, Department of Environmental Engineering, Berlin University of Technology. 3. Dr. Arjen Hoekstra, Chair and Professor of Water Management Engineering, University of Twente	1. Paris: AgroParis Tech-International Relation Office 2. Berlin: Department of Environmental Engineering, Berlin University of Technology. 3. Enschede: University of Twente	Dr. Rex B. Demafelis, Ms. Pamela M. Eleazar, Mr. Anthony B. Obligado, and Engr. Bea T. Magadia	DChE	Visitors
11	09-12 December 2017	2017 China International Conference on Sugarcane Mechanization	Sugarcane machinery exhibits and demonstration, paper presentations and plant visitations	Laibin, China	Dr. Victor A. Rodulfo Jr., Dr. Ronel S. Pangan, Engr. Jose D. De Ramos, and Dr. Myra G. Borines	BIOMECH and DChE	Participants
12	11 December 2017	DOE Public Consultation for Competitive Selection Process (CSP)		Mandaluyong City, Manila	Engr. Athena P. Lavega	DEE	Participant
13	11-16 December 2017	5th Regional Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Asia and the Pacific and Regional Workshop on Integrated Straw Management in Asia and the Pacific	Paper presentation on the Promotion of Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization Strategy in the Philippines Discussion of Rice Straw Management Initiatives from 3 countries as pilot areas: China, India & Vietnam	Kathmandu, Nepal	Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo	BIOMECH	Presenter/ Moderator/ Participant
14	12 December 2017	Field Visit by 15 personnel of the Industry Extension Division, Industry Services Department, National Food Authority		AMTEC, CEAT, UPLB	Dr. Aurelio A. Delos Reyes Jr. and AMTEC Engineers and Staff	AMTEC	Presented about AMTEC, its mandates and activities; tour of facilities
15	12-13 December 2017	UPD Building Administrator Workshop on Building Utilities Retrofits and Management		SEARCA, UPLB	aP Karen-Christian C. Agno, Engr. Athena P. Lavega, and Engr. Kim Jay R. Rosano	DEE	Attendees
16		Key informant interview of stakeholders Re: IA on organic Vegetable		Ilocos and Benguet	aP Rosa B. De Los Reyes	LWRD-IAE	Facilitator
17		GIS Seminar		Cagayan De Oro	aP Vicente G. Ballaran, Jr.	AFSD-IAE	Lecturer

18	13-19 December 2017	Technical visit to BSBIOS, Passo Fundo, Brazil	Tour around BSBIOS soybean processing plant. Technical discussion with Engr. Daniel Begrow and staff on production practices	BSBIOS, Passo Fundo, Brazil	Ms. Lisa Stephanie H. Dizon and Engr. Anna Elaine D. Matanguihan	DChE	Visitor
19	14 December 2017	Technical Committee Meeting for the Development of Standards and "Testing and Evaluation of Machinery Generated PCAARRD- Funded Project"		DA-PCAF, Quezon City	Dr. Aurelio A. Delos Reyes Jr., Engr. Ray D. Alipio, and Ms. Micah A. Almalvez	AMTEC	TC Chair, Science Research Specialist, and Science Aide
20		TWG Meeting for the Development of PNS for Silo		DA-BAFS, Quezon City	Engr. Romulo E. Eusebio	AMTEC	TWG Member
21	15 December 2017	PCAF National Sectoral and Strategic Concerns Committees Policy Agenda Setting Workshop for 2018	Setting priorities of policy directions	BSWM, Quezon City	Dr. Victor A. Rodulfo, Jr. and Dr. Maria Victoria L. Larona	BIOMECH	Participants
22		Team Building Activity and Christmas Party		Juvillee Ville, Bay, Laguna	IAE Faculty and Staff	IAE	Coordinator and Participants
23	18-19 December 2017	Gender Audit (with GC Committee Members)		Lima Park Hotel, Lima Technology Center, Malvar, Batangas	aP Annie Lisa C. Pintor	DEE	Participant
24		9-month progress report workshop/writeshop		Clark, Pampanga	Dr. Victor B. Ella, aP Maurice A. Duka, Engr. Jeffrey A. Gonzales, Dr. Arthur L. Fajardo, Engr. Jeric S. Sadsad, Engr. Marie Jehosa B. Reyes, Engr. Chen Lester Wu, Engr. Romalaine Chrisselle Bonoan, Ms. Kristelle Marie DeLa Cruz, Ms. Maria Cecilia Dela Cruz, Engr. Bernardo T. Calibo III, Engr. Vladimir A. Eusebio, Engr. Camille G. Martinez, and Engr. Allan Tejada		
25	20 December 2017	BIOMECH General Assembly and Team Building Activity	Presentation of Highlights of 2017 Accomplishments and Team Building	Tagaytay International Convention Center	BIOMECH Staff & Faculty-based Project/Study Leaders	BIOMECH	Organizer/ Coordinator/ Participants
26	21 December 2017	PCAF Meeting	Presentation of the progress of activities of the project on Evaluative Project on the Assessment of DA's Mechanization Program for four (rice corn, cassava & coffee) commodities	PCAF, Diliman, Quezon City	Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo, Dr. Victor A. Rodulfo, Jr., Engr. Alexis C. del Rosario, and Dr. Maria Victoria L. Larona	BIOMECH	Presenter/Resource persons
27	27 December 2017	Field Visit by BAC Members of the Technological University of the Philippines (TUP) – Ma. Agnes P. Inosanto, Head, Supply Office; Susana DG. Uy, BAC Member; Elexis Edmond D. Lacson, TWG)		AMTEC, CEAT, UPLB	Dr. Aurelio A. Delos Reyes Jr. and Romulo E. Eusebio	AMTEC	Tour of facilities
28	04 January 2018	BIOMECH Technical Staff Meeting	Updates of BIOMECH projects/activities and setting up of plans and programs	BIOMECH, CEAT, UPLB	Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo, Engr. Alexis C. del Rosario, Dr. Maria Victoria L. Larona, Engr. Jonathan C. Orozco, Dr. Ronel S. Pangan, and Engr. Marife R. Santiago	BIOMECH	Presider/Participants

Legend:

Departments:

IAE – Institute of Agricultural Engineering
DChE – Department of Chemical Engineering
DCE – Department of Civil Engineering
DEE – Department of Electrical Engineering
DES – Department of Engineering Science
DIE – Department of Industrial Engineering

Units in IAE:

ABPROD – Agricultural and Bio-Processing Division
AFSD – Agrometeorology and Farm Structures Division
AMD – Agricultural Machinery Division
LWRD – Land and Water Resources Division

Research and Extension

BIOMECH – Center of Agri-Fisheries and Biosystems Mechanization
AMTEC – Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center

Support Units:

DO – Dean's Office
CSO – College Secretary's Office
CEAT Library
CSC – CEAT Student Council

B. New, Ongoing, and Completed RDE Projects

No.	Date/Duration	Unit	Specific Title	Status	Expected Output	Leader and Staff	Source of Funding
1	01 April 2017 to 31 March 2019	LWRD-IAE	Development of Wireless Sensor Network-based Water Information System for Efficient Water Management in the Philippines	On-Going	Research	Dr. Victor B. Ella, Dr. Arthur L. Fajardo, aP Maurice A. Duka, Engr. Jeffrey A. Gonzales, Ms. Mary Anne T. Labrador, Mr. Roy L. Mariñas, Engr. Jeric S. Sadsad, Ms. Kristelle Marie DeLa Cruz, Engr. John Russel Galoso, Engr. Camille G. Martinez, Engr. Romalaine Chrisselle Bonoan, and Engr. Allan Tejada	CHED-PCARI
2	01 May 2017 to 30 April 2021	IPB, IAE (AMD and ABPROD)	Project 5. Assessment of Sugarcane Varieties and Germplasm Collection for Drought and Waterlogging Tolerance; Component 1: Screening of Sugarcane for Drought Tolerance	On-Going	Research	EF Delfin, Dr. Kevin F. Yaptenco, aP Erwin P. Quilloy	Sugar Regulatory Administration
3	01 June 2017 to 30 November 2018	LWRD-IAE	Analysis of Irrigation Structures Sensitivity and Perturbations in Support for the Development of Improved Operation and Management (O & M) of UPRIS	On-Going	Research	Dr. Mona Lisa De Los Reyes, aP Maurice A. Duka, and Engr. Jeffrey A. Gonzales	OVPAA-ECWRG
4	16 October 2015 to 15 January 2018	AFSD-IAE	Monitoring and Detection of Ecosystems Changes for Enhancing Resilience and Adaptation in the Philippines	On-Going	Research/Publication	Prof. Moises A. Dorado and aP Vicente G. Ballaran, Jr.	PCAARRD
5	05 December 2017	BIOMECH	Policy Formulation of the Standard Procedure for Fishery Mechanization Index Integrating the Best Practices on the Utilization of Fisheries Mechanization Technologies (FMTs)	Presentation of the Quarterly accomplishment report to AFMeC, DA-PCAF	Policy on the calculation of FishMI	Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo, Dr. Maria Victoria L. Larona, aP Mark Keylord S. Onal, Ms. Gherlee Nelle L. Lalap, and Engr. Clarissa Ileana L. Ilao	PCAF-DA
6	December 2017	BIOMECH	Development of a Comprehensive Mechanization Resource Mapping, Monitoring and Data Analysis System (M3DAS) for Planning, Implementation and Policy Data Generation for Government Departments and LGUs	Presentation of mid-term report to ARMRD of PCAARRD	Presented current status of data gathering, app development, data base development and sample analysis using GIS, Google fusion and other open source programs	Engr. Alexis C. del Rosario, Engr. Jose D. de Ramos, Engr. Marife R. Santiago, Engr. Kristina K. Relleve, Engr. Danica C. Calanoga, Ms. Arlene M. Tolentino, Mr. Evan R. Reblora, and Ms. Alethea Colleen B. Escandor	PCAARRD-DOST
7	21 December 2017	BIOMECH	Evaluative Project on the Assessment of DA's Mechanization Program for Various Commodities	Submission of more detailed progress report and finalization of questionnaires; presented initial progress report to PCAF for further comments and suggestions	Policy Recommendation based on assessment of the past DA Mechanization Program (2011-2016)	Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo, Dr. Victor A. Rodolfo, Jr., Engr. Alexis C. del Rosario, and Dr. Maria Victoria L. Larona	PCAF-DA
8	22 December 2017	BIOMECH	The UPLB Un-Energized Community-Based Sustainable Energy Research Program	Submission of the Needs and Design Assessment (NADA) Report	Bases for the adoption of e-vehicle, e-tractor for transport, and e-charging station for the pilot site	Dr. Marish S. Madlangbayan, Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo, Dr. Marloe B. Sundo, Dr. Fernando O. Paras, Jr., Dr. Maria Victoria L. Larona, Dr. Arthur L. Fajardo, aP Mark Keylord S. Onal, aP Erwin P. Quilloy, Engr. Crisaulo M. Reynoso, Engr. Mark Angelo F. Ranchez, Engr. Hakeem D. Canonio, Engr. Gil P. Bustilla, and Engr. Christian Dominic Q. Alfonso	NGCP
9		IAE and DCE	The UPLB Off-Grid Community Based Sustainable Energy Research	On-Going	Action Research and Green community	Dr. Marish S. Madlangbayan, Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo, Dr. Marloe B. Sundoe, Dr. Fernando O. Paras Jr., and Dr. Arthur L. Fajardo	NGCP

10	31 December 2017	BIOMECH	Seaweed Drying Project	Completed	Terminal Report	Dr. Ronel S. Pangan, Engr. Ampy Paulo K. Roxas, and Mr. Eric C. Repoldo	PCAARRD-DOST
11	31 December 2017	BIOMECH	Design, Testing & Installation of a Micro-Hydro System	Completed		Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo Project Leader and Dr. Arthur L. Fajardo, Study Leader	BIOMECH
12	31 December 2017	BIOMECH	Automation and Design Improvements for SINAG (Solar Incubator for Agriculture) System	Completed		Dr. Fernando O. Paras, Jr., Project Leader and aP Erwin P. Quillooy, Study Leader	BIOMECH
13	31 December 2017	BIOMECH	Mechanization of Heat Treatment of 'Carabao' Mango for Quarantine Disinfestation and Disease Control	Completed		Dr. Kevin F. Yaptenco, Project Leader	BIOMECH
14	31 December 2017	BIOMECH	Hydroponic Green Forage Production for Crossbred Dairy Buffaloes	Completed		Dr. Ronaldo B. Saludes, Project Leader and aP Keynty Boy Magtoto, Study Leader	BIOMECH
15	31 December 2017	BIOMECH	Evaluation and Pilot-testing of Shallow Tubewells (STWs) as Recharge Wells	Completed		Dr. Roger A. Luyun, Jr., Project Leader and Dr. Arthur L. Fajardo, Study Leader	BIOMECH
16	01 April 2015 to 02 December 2017	DChE	Adaptability Trial of Super Sweet Sorghum	Completed	1. Performance of super hybrid 2. Recommended fertilizer rate 3. Recommended planting distance	Dr. Rex B. Demafelis and Dr. Domingo E. Angeles	DA-BAR
17	27 May 2015 to 27 November 2017	DChE	Saccharine Feedstocks for the Production of High Value Products	Completed	a. Growth profile rate and sugar consumption rate of selected microorganism during fermentation. b. Effects of fermentation parameters such as substrate concentration, reaction temperature, pH and agitation rate on butanol-ethanol yields and on omega-3 oil concentration. c. Optimized fermentation conditions of simultaneous butanol-ethanol production from sugar syrup. d. Feed to desired products conversion rates influenced by presence or absence of nutrient supplement. e. Economic viability of simultaneous butanol-ethanol and omega-3 oil production using various saccharine feedstocks such as sweet sorghum, molasses and sugarcane.	Dr. Rex B. Demafelis, Engr. Kristel M. Gatdula, Ms. Lisa Stephanie H. Dizon, Engr. Amabelle A. Pector, Dr. Jovita L. Movillon, and Dr. Francisco B. Elegado	DA-BAR
18	10 December 2014 to 09 December 2017	DChE	Production of Quality Grade Ethanol from Sweet Sorghum	Completed	1. Characterized juice in term of pigments, starch, sugar profile, pH, etc. 2. Technical study on the effect of temperature, lime concentration and polyanionic flocculants on the clarification of sweet sorghum juice in terms of changes in pH, sugar content and turbidity. 3. Optimized values for process parameters such as temperature, lime concentration and polyanionic flocculants. 4. Determination of the sugar profile of sweet sorghum syrup in terms of changes in pH, concentration (^o Brix) and the amount of reducing and total sugars and how the storage conditions interact and affect the stability of sweet sorghum. 5. Ethanol yield and fermentation efficiency of sweet sorghum by varying the sugar concentration in brix and inoculum loading under sterile and unsterile conditions using <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> . 6. Optimized values for process parameters such as initial concentration, storage temperature and type of storage container used. 7. Data on the interaction of the different conditions from clarification, concentration, storage age and fermentation. 8. Optimized process condition for ethanol production	Dr. Rex B. Demafelis, Engr. Kristel M. Gatdula, and Ms. Lisa Stephanie H. Dizon	DA-BAR
19		LWRD-IAE	Development of a Climate Responsive Integrated River Basin Master Plan for Cagayan, Agno, Mindanao and Bauayan-Malunqon River Basins	Completed	Research/Publication, River Basin, and Master Plans	Dr. Roger A. Luyun, Jr. and Dr. Aurelio A. Delos Reyes, Jr.	RBCO, DENR

C. Scientific Productivity

No.	Unit	Type of Publication	Title	Author (s)	Publisher	Date Published
1	BIOMECH	CSAM Regional Forum Proceedings	Promotion of Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization Strategy in the Philippines	Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo, Dr. Maria Victoria L. Larona, and Engr. Ariodear C. Rico	CSAM- UNESCAP	December 2017
2	BIOMECH	Refereed Journal	Optimization of Parameters in the Production of Turmeric Powder Using a Hammer-Mill-Type Pulverizer	Engr. Jose D. De Ramos, Dr. Engelbert K. Peralta, Dr. Kevin F. Yaptenco, Dr. Delfin C. Suministrado, and Engr. Marife R. Santiago	PJABE, BIOMECH	December 2017
3	BIOMECH	Refereed Journal	Development of an Alternative Technology Package for Processing Sea Cucumber	Dr. Ronel S. Pangan, Dr. Kevin F. Yaptenco, Engr. Sharmaine N. Pardu, and Engr. Jonnel Andrew C. Duque	PJABE, BIOMECH	December 2017
4	ABPROD-IAE-CEAT and DO-CEAT	Refereed Journal	Passive Modified Atmosphere Packaging for Low Temperature Storage of White Flesh Variety Dragon Fruit (<i>Hylocereus undatus</i> (Haw.) Britton & Rose)	Engr. Mary Louise P. Pascual, Dr. Engelbert K. Peralta, Dr. Kevin F. Yaptenco, Dr. Jessie C. Elauria, and Dr. Elda B. Esguerra	PJABE, BIOMECH	December 2017
5	ABPROD-IAE-CEAT	Refereed Journal	Fabrication, Calibration and Testing of a Transient Hot-Wire Thermal Conductivity Apparatus for Nanosilica-in-Fluid Dispersion (Nanofluids)	Engr. Sheryl Lynn B. Flores, aP Adrian Augusto M. Sumalde, aP Ma. Cristine Concepcion D. Ignacio, aP John Paolo A. Ramoso, and Engr. Aryan Paula A. Manalo	PJABE, BIOMECH	December 2017

6	BIOMECH	Refereed Journal	Diffusion and Utilization of UPLB Corn Mechanization Technologies in Masbate Province	Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo, Dr. Kevin F. Yaptenco, Dr. Ronaldo B. Saludes, Dr. Maria Victoria L. Larona, Dr. Fernando O. Paras, Jr., aP Rosa B. De los Reyes, aP Marion Lux Y. Castro, aP Erwin P. Quillooy, Engr. Jose D. De Ramos, Dr. Ronel S. Pangan, Dr. Victor A. Rodulfo, Jr., Engr. Mark Daniel G. Estrada, and Engr. Ronnie C. Valencia	PJABE, BIOMECH	December 2017
7	DChE	ISI-Refereed journal	Knowledge, Attitude and Perception and Willingness to Pay Survey for Imposing Carbon Tax in the Philippines	Ms. Pamela Joyce M. Eleazar, Dr. Rex B. Demafelis, Engr. Anna Elaine D. Matanguihan, Ms. Bernadette D. Tongko–Magadia, Engr. Kristel M. Gatdula, and Mr. Canesio D. Predo	Philippine Journal of Crop Science	December 2017
8	DIE	Research Article	Inventory Control Heuristic for a Perishable Item under Stochastic Demand and Restricted Batch Size	aP Angelo Anj; Iris Ann Martinez; Claro Arriola III	Philippine Engineering Journal	December 2017

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D. New Appointments/Resignations/Retirements

No.	Date	Unit	Name	Position
1	24 December 2017	DCE	Dr. Richelle G. Zafra	Officer-in-Charge of DCE

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E. Local and Foreign Visitors

No.	Date	Unit	Name	Organization	Place of Origin	Purpose of Visit
1	NONE					
2						

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F. Visiting Exchange Students

No.	Date	Name	School	Place of Origin	Field of Interest
1	NONE				
2					

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G. New MOU/MOA

No.	Unit	Duration	Parties Involved	Purpose of Agreement
1	DChE		University of the Philippines Los Baños and Department of Energy	Life Cycle Assessment in terms of Carbon Debt and Payback Analyses, Carbon Savings and Energetics Studies of Biodiesel Production from Coconut Oil in the Philippines
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H. Awards and Recognition (Faculty, REPS, Administrative Personnel, Students)

No.	Unit	Name of Awardee/Recipient	Position	Title of Award	Granting Organization	Date of Award
1	DCE	UPLB (DCE, CEAT)		November 2017 CE Licensure Exam Top Performing School - Second Place	PRC	16 December 2017
2	BIOMECH	Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo, Dr. Maria Victoria L. Larona, aP Mark Keylord S. Onal, Ms. Gherlee Nelle L. Lalap, Engr. Clarissa Ileana L. Ilao, LMOguis, and Engr. Peachie Melendes		Modified Agricultural Mechanization Index (MAMI) Protocol adopted as a National Policy from the project: Operational Policy for the Development of the Philippine Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization Index	Department of Agriculture	27 December 2017

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I. Other Announcements (Renewal of Appointments with Promotion)

No.	Effectivity	Name	Unit	Previous Designation	New Designation
1	NONE				
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AMTEC Announcements:

A total of 48 agricultural machinery (recirculating gran dryers, seed sowing machine, interrow cultivator, rotary tillers, mounted disc plows, furrower, 4WD tractors, sprayers, self-priming pump, gasoline engines, rotavator, mounted harrows, mounted bedformer, centrifugal pumps, coconut husk decorticators, rice threshers, corn sheller, hammer mill, cassava granulator, corn mill, roaster, dehydrator, and cassava grater) were tested last September and December 2017.

BIOMECH Announcements:

- (1) Report for Duty of Engr. Mark Ferdie V. Eusebio. BIOMECH UES 1 on December 11, 2017
- (2) Approval of the BIOMECH AO 4 position: Ms. Aileen M. Eusebio. Completion of documents before reporting to BIOMECH
- (3) Recommendation of Engr. Adrian A. Borja for the BIOMECH Engineer II position endorsed by the BIOMECH AdPC to CEAT AdPC
- (4) BIOMECH Technopreneurship and Innovationeering Building with Php 6Million budget. For procurement/bidding
- (5) Approval of the BIOMECH Request for 2 vehicles by the Office of the President of the Philippines on 12 December 2017. Procurement documents are on process
- (6) Procurement documents for the BIOMECH Tractor and Forklift equipment: documents are ready for submission to DBM

DEE Announcements:

- (1) Resignation of Engr. Jenny Rose V. Repollo, Instructor 2, effective January 4, 2018
- (2) Implementation of service rates of Instrumentation Section effective January 8, 2018. A letter to inform each office of the University has been forwarded.

DIE Announcements:

- (1) The department organized a christmas party last 08 December 2017 with the theme "wIEnter Wonderland" which served as a venue for IE students to celebrate the christmas season with their IE Department family and to rejoice the end of the semester. It was attended by around 90 students and special guests like Dr. Elepano, Dr. Delos Reyes, Dr. Vic and Engr. Paras. The event was a success due to the extended support of sponsors like Unilever, San Miguel Purefoods, IE alumni and others.
- (2) UPLB IE Department posted 100% passing rate in the recently-conducted Certificate in IE Exam held last 26 November in UP Diliman and Cebu. Also, two UPLB graduates landed in Top 10: Renzo Robert Manalo (Top 1) and Connie Rose Baltazar (Top 7).

IAE Announcements

- (1) Study leave with pay of aP Joan Cecilia C. Casila, Asst. Prof. 2 of LWRD-IAE, to pursue PhD in Tokyo Metropolitan University (TMU) effective 24 September 2017 to 23 September 2018
- (2) Dr. Kevin F. Yaptenco reported back for duty upon the completion of his study visit to the Sutardja Center for Entrepreneurship & Technology (SCET), University of California Berkeley lasy 16 August to 15 December 2017
- (3) The LWRD/AFSD Building is already 90% completed. The variation order was already approved.
- (4) The IAE Training Rooms/Director's Office is already 80% completed. The variation order was already approved.

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J. Concerns (Students, Faculty, REPS, and Administrative Staff)

No.	Concerns and Issues	Status	Unit
1	45th Convention of the General Assembly of Student Councils Funds	APPROVED	CSC
2			