

Malungon's Kape Festival to focus on agri-practices to increase coffee yield

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Philippines The Sarangani Coffee Industry Development Council (SCIDC) through the Lmag Coffee Farmers Association Inc., in partnership with the local government unit (LGU) of Malungon, conducted the first Kape Malungon to highlight the significance of coffee farmers and the coffee industry itself.

The newly trained coffee mentors of Malungon who underwent Training of Trainers (TOT) also participated in the event. The TOT aimed to train coffee farmers on good agricultural practices to produce better yields and quality coffee beans that can help increase their income. This was also intended to improve the water resources in watershed areas while encouraging participants to become coffee mentors in their respective communities.

The Sarangani Coffee Industry Development Council and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Safe Water conducted a series of Coffee Training Production for coffee mentors.

Coffee farmers and stakeholders participating in the said occasion emphasized the importance of the sector, as they vowed to practice good agricultural practices (GAP) so that they can produce quality coffee beans.

“The activity is one of the ways to promote our coffee farmers and the Malungon coffee. We are thankful that our local government is supportive of this initiative,” SCIDC Chairperson Renny Boy Takyawan said.

The participating coffee associations were Lmag Coffee Farmers Associations Inc., Malalag Cogon Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association (MACARBA), Nagkahiusang Mag-uuma Para sa Kalambuan sa Brgy. Tamban (NAMAKATA) Farmers Association, United Peoples of San Juan, Lamifew IP Farmers Association, Tampal Farmers Association, Kasalngad Upland Farmers Association, Nagkahiusang Kababainan ug Kabatan-onan (sa Brgy. Lutay) Farmers Association, and Abusambal Farmers Association.