Farmers get free fruit trees seedlings, plastic mulch

The Department of Agriculture-Central Visayas (DA7) recently distributed free fruit seedlings and plastic mulch to the local government unit (LGU) of Duero, Bohol for its farmer-constituents.

DA7 Regional Executive Director Atty. Salvador D. Diputado personally handed over the said agricultural interventions composed of 500 pieces of guyabano seedlings and 1 roll plastic mulch to Duero Mayor Conrada C. Amparo, Vice Mayor Jillian Achacoso and SB Member, Commitee on Agriculture Mansueto Castino.

Duero Municipal Agriculturist Ronie Casenas on behalf of the farmers, expressed his word of thanks to the DA7 for the seedlings and the plastic mulch received.

"This intervention is part of the plant, plant, plant program of Agriculture Secretary William Dar," Diputado said.

Diputado also encouraged all farmers to enrol their fruits and other crops with the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) and insured them with the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) so that in case of damage caused by natural calamities, a reimbursement from the PCIC can be availed of.

On the same event, the DA's Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) through Fishery Bohol Provincial Officer Didoy Samijon also turned over 57 bags of fish feeds and 4,500 pcs. tilapia fingerlings, while Dodong Rebayla of PCIC distributed earlier crop insurance reimbursement checks to LGU- Duero.

Emi Romero of the Philippine Coconut Authority also turned over an initial batch of 50 hybrid coconut seedlings and banana plantlets good for 50 hectares for intercropping with coconuts.

Diputado also announced that by next year 2021, DA7 will be conducting a program in Duero called 4Ks Kabuhayan, Kaunlaran, Kababayan ng Katutubo (KKKK) for the Indigenous People (IP). The program package with an estimated amount of 4 million pesos contains highland vegetables seeds & inputs, and farm machinery for vegetable production while the LGU will provide a technician to focus and devote on the said program.