CDA-TESDA BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: SKOOPLARSHIP

Building strategic alliances and partnership is undertaken by the CDA, TESDA and other government agencies to bring together institutional capabilities and human resources in the form of skills, experiences and ideas to meet up the common obstacles of cooperative organizations in sustaining their economic and social endeavors.

The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) had forged a Memorandum of Agreement between Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) establishing a close partnership among parties for cooperatives dubbed as "SKOOPLARSHIP" which aimed to strengthen the capacity and competence of the cooperative members, officers and staff of cooperative through access to technical and skill development training.

The SKOOPLARSHIP can be availed while on community quarantine. This is an on-line TESDA program available to cooperative members, officers and staff for free.

CDA Region VI recommended the members of Casa Agrarian Reform Cooperative, Hda. Casa, Brgy. Concepcion, Talisay City, Negros Occidental for a scholarship to TESDA Regional Office.

After a thorough screening and evaluation of the application by the TESDA Regional and Provincial Office, the three (3) members of CASA Agrarian Reform Cooperative passed the qualifying criteria and availed the said scholarship on Culinary Arts.

The following scholars namely: Mr. Paul Medel, a 3rd year college, Ms. Ana Mae Aguilar and Anilou Turbila, both high school graduates from Talisay City, Negros Occidental.

The testimony of Ms. Azucena Medel, Chairperson CASA ARC said that scholarship availed by her members were really a big help for them

especially that they can used the Certificate of Completion when applying for a job. Through this program, they received a cash of P6,000.00 each after the completion of forty (40) days training period.

The best practices being implemented by the CASA ARC in terms of governance and management were institutionalization of cooperative policies and programs for human resource development of their officers, members and staff.

CASA ARC was very thankful and proud to the Regional Office of CDA, TESDA and to Ms. Jona J. Gepilga, the PCDS of Negros Occidental for facilitating their application for SKOOPLARSHIP.

A partnership program - best for the less privileged people who cannot afford to go to school. (MJSL)

