

Philippine's PCA, UPLB Confab to Boost Massive Coconut planting and replanting program's

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The Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), led by Administrator and CEO, Dr. Dexter R. Buted, held a strategic meeting with the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) - College of Agriculture and Food Science (CAFS) Dean, Dr. Amado A. Angeles on January 6, 2025, at the PCA Central Office to discuss potential collaborations aimed at bolstering the agency's massive coconut planting and replanting programs.

UPLB was discussed as the country's national university in promoting initiatives among State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) to support the PCA's mission of revitalizing the coconut industry. Furthermore, UPLB may be designated as a strategic site for planting coconut seedlings, further strengthening its years-long commitment to coconut-related programs.

The UPLB, known for advancing agriculture, has long been a reliable partner of the authority, particularly for coconut projects, such as the development of new coconut hybrids at its experimental farms. Utilizing its expertise in agricultural innovation and research, UPLB has also been at the forefront of efforts to safeguard and revitalize the coconut industry.

UPLB's engagement is part of the PCA's "whole-of-nation" approach, which involves key institutions, stakeholders, and communities in achieving the agency's ambitious goal of planting and replanting millions of coconut trees nationwide. As a result of this renewed partnership, academic institutions are playing a crucial role in driving sustainable agricultural initiatives and expanding the coconut industry.