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Bolzano, Italy reps visit Oton

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In line with the required onsite visits of granting institutions to beneficiary organizations, Oton was visited by two representatives from the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Italy last March 8, 2007.

They were Mr. Rudy Dalvai, Chairperson of the International Fair Trade Association (IFAT) of Italy and consultant of Economic Cooperation and Mr. Biagio Calcavecchia, Director of the Food Department.

It is to be noted that the Municipality of Oton recently became a recipient of a 2.2 million pesos grant from the said institution for its organic fertilizer production project as a component of its Integrated Solid Waste Management Program (ISWAMP).

They were warmly received by the acting mayor, Vice Mayor Vicente Flores and a short presentation was made to inform them of the initiatives of the municipality to ensure the



MENRO Designate Jose Rito Palmes briefs the visitors of the status of Oton ISWAMP. From L to R: Prof. Ang Lopez, Ruth from PFTC, Vice Mayor Flores, Mr. Rudy Dalvai, Mr. Biagio Calcavecchia, Mr. Capalla, and Mr. Palmes

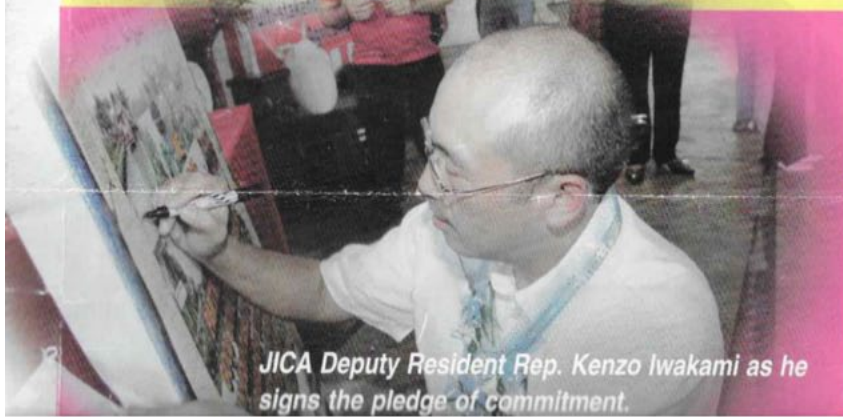
successful implementation of the project. They also asked about the solid waste management program and was informed of the status by the designated MENRO, Mr. Rito Palmes.

The team also visited another important partner in the municipality, the Panay Fair Trade Center (PFTC) at Barangay Tagbac Sur, the same organization which gave the idea to the LGU to link with Bolzano.

PYAP Oton Chapter tops encampment

by: **Anna Marie S. Delgado**

Being an out-of-school youth is not a reason to lose confidence in yourself. Being a disadvantage youth gives you no reason not to excel and become an inspiration to others.



JICA Deputy Resident Rep. Kenzo Iwakami as he signs the pledge of commitment.