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**Establishment of Organic Pig Production at Simeon Suan Vocational and  
Technical College Farm Agribusiness and Tourism School  
(Site development As of July 2020)**

One of the mandates of our Secretary Isidro Lapena is to support the agriculture programs of the Department of Agriculture and one of these is Organic pig production project. SSVTC started to establish the said project on July 1, 2020 under the Dispersal Program of Organic Agriculture. To begin with the project, the Department of Agriculture-RIARC, MIMAROPA, Alcate, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro gave five heads of pigs.

In connection with the Organic Pig Production project, a proposal under horticultural crops production which includes sili, corn, peanut, sweet potato, ginger and cassava is being prepared amounting to 560, 319.50 pesos for 2020-2022.

## Organic Pig Production Project

In line with the directives of TESDA Secretary Isidro S. Lapeña regarding agriculture programs, Mr. Israfel L. Mangui, the Acting Vocational School Administrator, presented the proposal of having an Organic Pig Production in addition to Organic Crops Production at Farm School. Through the collaboration and partnership with the Department of Agriculture – Regional Integrated Agricultural Research Center, MIMAROPA, the Organic Pig Production Project turns into reality.



Receiving the Pigs from Armed Forces of the Philippines 203<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion, Pag-asa, Bansud, Oriental Mindoro on July 1, 2020

**Organic Pig Production** is about raising the pigs in an environment that mimics their natural habits. It uses natural materials from housing, beddings, health care and even feed formulation. One of the sources of feed formulation that makes them organic is using forage crops. Forage is a plant material (mainly plant leaves and stem) eaten by grazing livestock. *Trichanthera gigantea* also known as madre de agua was planted as an animal fodder. Its leaves are relatively rich in protein (en.m.wikipedia.org.)





Forage crops planted at Farm School

## Construction of Pig Pen



SSVTC personnel during the construction of Pig pen



Rice hull was added to the soil to prevent mud and odor



The Organic Pig Production Project of SSVTC is still under its development process. Through the support of the Acting Vocational School Administrator and collaboration of agricultural trainers, the SSVTC will promote an organic farming and this project will continuously progress.