



## CropLife holds stewardship program for elementary school students, aggie stakeholders

CropLife Philippines and the Department of Education district in Victoria, Laguna recently conducted the Gabay Tungo sa Maunlad na Pagsasaka ng Pamilya at the Victoria Central Elementary School in the province. The school and community based stewardship program on the responsible use of crop protection products aimed to educate students, teachers, farmers and other stakeholders on the proper use of crop protection products.

According to CLP Executive Director Edilberto de Luna, they came up with the program to dispel misconceptions about the effectiveness of the use of crop protection products against pests. The event also sought to discourage the misuse of these products that also cause more harm than good for farmers whose crops are plagued with pests.

“We wanted to educate our future our young ones, as well as those who are in the fields all day how to effectively use these farm protection products so that they may fully serve their purpose which is protecting crops from pests and protecting the farms from pests,” he said. The event focused on topics like preparation, spraying, cleaning, triple rinse and storage. Experts also shared their insights on the proper handling of chemicals. Later on, the organizers held an obstacle course game wherein they tested how well the participants were able to imbibe the lessons of the workshop.

“We are always excited and inspired to teach our young participants about farming techniques and hope that they can be able to adopt these information into their own farms when they help their parents, or even embark in a career in agriculture later on. As for our frontliners, the farmers, we want them to maximize their harvests so that their hard work will yield more fruit,” de Luna concluded.