



CSUans PARTICIPATE IN THE 2019 AFI FESTIVAL



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In celebration of the prosperous and dynamic culture of Tuguegarao City, Cagayan State University features the Cagayano youth's energy and spirit as CSUans participate in the 2019 Afi Festival. The festivity is held in honor of the 295th Tuguegarao City Patronal Fiesta.

Known as the hottest city in the Philippines, the Afi Festival is composed of a series of activities to showcase what is known and distinct to Tuguegarao. The iconic fire dance is one of the most awaited events among all

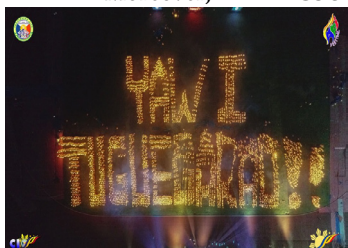
the activities of the fiesta. To fully mobilize this vision, 3,500 students from both CSU Andrews and Carig campus bedazzled the night of August 15, 2019 as they raised their torches to honor the city's humble beginnings and its "afi" or "fire" trademark. Like stars in the sky, the torches were proudly raised as it synchronizes to create a human formation of the words, "Maddulo Kamu", "Yaw I Tuguegarao!!", "Afi Festival 2019", and "I heart Tuguegarao City".

Moreover, CSU

also joined the TugSayaw Competition where the University garnered the 3rd Runner-up spot. For the contest, the production's theme features the unique culture of the north, with a touch of fire.

Mr. Joel A. Daquioag, the University Socio Cultural Director and the over-all director of the performances, in a Facebook post expressed his gratitude for all the people behind the success of both productions. The active agents towards this feat include Production Director Dr. Chita Ramos, Head Choreographer

Mr. Jay-R Bayani, Assistant Musical Director Mr. Joner Batang, and Dance Choreographer Mr. Ferdie Mercado. The same appreciation were also given to the heads and the staff who made the event successful. He also extended his gratitude to President Urdujah A. Tejada, Vice President for Administration and Finance Fr. Ranhilio Aquino and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mariden V. Cauilan for their unending support towards enriching the culture and the arts within the youth. 🇵🇭-UIO



CSU WELCOMES A.Y. 2019-2020

August 5, 2019 marked the first day of classes for the Academic Year 2019-2020 at Cagayan State University as a total of 20,231 students enrolled for the 1st semester. To start the academic year in a good note, the Campus Executive Officers from across all campuses addressed and welcomed the student body, welcoming both the new breed of CSUans together with the returning students. The 9,141 freshmen were warmly greeted to their new academic home.

University President Urdujah A. Tejada, through a

post, also welcomed each of the incoming students of CSU. In her message, President Tejada said that the "start of the new school year entails new possibilities to grow as an institution, to learn holistically as an individual, and to take on new challenges together." She also expressed her commitment to each of the CSUans' utmost development and to make sure that they get the best educational experience by creating opportunities that will lead them to successful and meaningful careers in the future. 🇵🇭-UIO

PRESIDENT TEJADA AWARDS 33 DOST - CESTEEPH PORTASOLS TO CSU APPARRI, PIAT, GONZAGA, AND LALLO

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President Urdujah A. Tejada awarded 33 Portable Solar (PortaSol) Dryers which were granted by the Department of Science and Technology under the Community Empowerment through Science, Technology, Education, Environmental Protection and Health (CESTEAPH) Program: A community-based collaborative project for sustainable conservation, restoration, and utilization of Mangrove

in Gonzaga, Cagayan. The program also aims to upgrade the Agri-Fishery Products in Cagayan.

The recipients of the 33 portable solar dryers are CSU Piat, CSU Gonzaga, CSU Aparri and CSU Lallo. Nine PortaSols, through the Certification of Program Award, were received by Dr. Froilan Pacris, Jr., CEO of CSU Gonzaga and eight PortaSols each were received by Dr. Simeon R. Rabanal, Jr., CEO of Aparri campus; Dr. Vicente S.

Binasoy, Jr., CEO of CSU Piat; and Dr. Ricardo B. Casauay, CEO of CSU Lallo.

President Tejada believes that with the presence of the Portable Solar Dryers, the recipient campuses may strengthen their endeavors in research and product development along their respective campus niche programs, boosting the name of the University. 🇵🇭



The 11th Summer Academic Convocation for the Conferment of Degrees and Titles was held last August 9, 2019. CSU Andrews Gymnasium was the venue for the last stretch of graduation ceremonies for the Academic Year 2018-2019.

480 new professionals have officially exited the University's hallowed halls as they took on the stage to receive their diplomas. The graduates were from across all eight campuses. 232 of the graduates were from Carig Campus, 145 from Andrews Campus, 32 from Piat Campus, 29 from Aparri Campus, 17 from Sanchez Mira Campus, 13 from Lal-lo Campus, 8 from Gonzaga Campus, and 4 from Lasam Campus. 🇵🇭 -UIO

2019 SUMMER GRADUATION REGISTERS 480 NEW GRADUATES



PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR ROMEO TALOSIG GRACES FBS-UAQTEA SCHOLARS' COMPLETION RITES

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On August 21, 2019, as part of the TESDA's program of activities in celebration of its silver anniversary, Provincial Director, Dr. Romeo O. Talosig, his staff, and the staff of the Cagayan Association of Technical Education Institutions graced CSU-TESDA's completion rites for the fifty (50) Food and Beverage Services National Competency II (FBS NC II) scholars at the CSU-AVB Main Hall.

Made into fruition

through the Memorandum of Agreement signed between the Cagayan State University at Aparri and TESDA through Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña, the completers who passed the National Competency II assessment are the fifty scholars who did not only enjoyed free training for 356 number of hours, but also enjoyed living allowances, free uniforms, toolkits and an insurance policy from GSIS, among other benefits.

During the ceremony

rites, each scholar received a certificate of program completion as proof that they have successfully finished the training and a certificate of scholarship manifesting that they have enjoyed a scholarship under the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act of 2017 (UAQTEA).

With the provision of the scholarship, the Training center gained a net income of 1,584,570.00. According to Prof. Minerva M. Galabay, the

Campus TVET Coordinator of CSU Aparri, Cagayan State University at Aparri is the first State University that is a grantee of the UAQTEA slots, not only in the Cagayan province, but also in the entire Region II. Meanwhile, CSU at Aparri received a certificate of appreciation from TESDA for being the host school and for its support to the Provincial Celebration of the 25th TESDA Anniversary. 🇵🇭



CSU YIELDS TOP 8 NATIONAL TOP-NOTCHER FOR THE AUGUST 2019 VETMED LICENSURE EXAMINATION

The Cagayan State University - College of Veterinary Medicine's Dr. Jaylord P. Carbonell finished at the 8th National Topnotcher Spot during the August 2019 Veterinarian Licensure Examination.

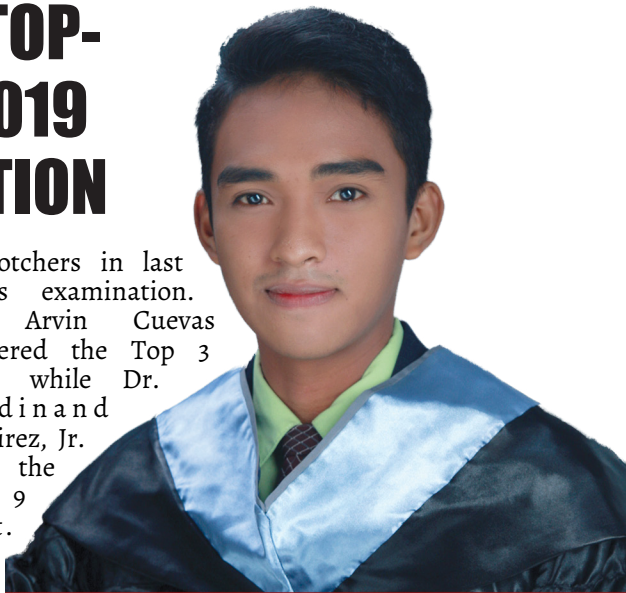
In addition, CSU proudly produces 14 newly licensed veterinarians out of the 19 first time takers.

This rendered the University with a 73.68% Institutional Passing Rate which is significantly higher than the 69.62% National Passing Rate.

Cagayan State University has proven itself to be a cradle of topnotchers in the Veterinarian Licensure Examination as it was also able to produce two national

topnotchers in last year's examination. Dr. Arvin Cuevas garnered the Top 3 spot, while Dr. Ferdinand Ramirez, Jr. took the Top 9 spot.

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DU30 CABINET SPOUSES ASSOCIATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP GRANT TO CSU STUDENTS



University President Urdujah A. Tejada welcomed the DU30 Cabinet Spouses Association Inc. represented by Dr. Elena E. Pernia and Mrs. Jo-ann Camacho-Diokno last August 16, 2019. The two distinguished guests came all the way from Manila to personally hand in the checks to four B.S. Agriculture scholars.

The students are Kevin Agonoy from CSU Gonzaga campus, Denmark Centeno

from CSU Lal-lo campus, and Jerome Buyagawon and Dhanica Vega who are both coming from CSU Sanchez Mira campus. Each of the students expressed their words of gratitude to the DU30 Cabinet Spouses Association Inc. for the financial grant awarded to them.

During the Educational Scholarship Awarding Ceremony, President Tejada expressed her gratitude to the association for helping

CSU in its mission to "educate for the best" by enabling the cause of quality education. On the other end, Dr. Pernia thanked CSU for its warm reception and reminded the scholars to "study well and think of the country". Dr. Pernia also announced that they would be happy to finance 4 more scholars as she states that, "our partnership with CSU is something that we cherish and we do not want it to end."

Furthermore, five

additional students were interviewed by Dr. Pernia and Mrs. Diokno as they applied for a scholarship grant under the Hinabang Association, Inc., an organization headed by Ms. Honeylet Aveceña, President Rodrigo Duterte's common-law wife. The MOA signing between CSU and Hinabang Association Inc. also happened at the Office of the University President to mark the link between the two parties.

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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES SIGNAL NEW BUILDINGS TO RISE SOON IN CSU CAMPUSES

University President Urdujah A. Tejada graced the Groundbreaking Ceremonies of the site for CSU Lal-lo's Balay Alumni, CSU Gonzaga's Nipa Greenhouse, and CSU Lasam's Two-Storey Academic and Laboratory Building that shall rise soon in their respective

campuses.

CSU Lal-lo will be starting the construction of its Balay Alumni as a manifestation of the continuous support of the Alumni to the University's undertakings. CSU Gonzaga, as part of its extension program, broke the ground for the site of

the campus' Nipa Greenhouse as part of the "Establishment, Restoration, Rehabilitation, Protection, and Maintenance of Nipa Stands for Bio-Ethanol Production" Project. This was followed by the Ceremonial Planting of Nipa at Barangay Caroan in Gonzaga, Cagayan which marked the beginning

of the full mobilization of the project. On the other hand, CSU Lasam conducted a groundbreaking ceremony for the Two-Storey Academic and Laboratory Building that shall be constructed soon, as a response to the lack of facility in the campus.

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Balay Alumni



Nipa Greenhouse



Two-Storey Academic and Laboratory Building

CSU HOSTS REGIONAL SCIENCE

Cagayan State University gives home to the 2019 Regional Science and Technology Week (RSTW) as it hosts the affair in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). With the theme "Science for the People: Enabling Technologies for Sustainable Development", the celebration aimed to showcase new scientific technologies that are in support of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations which strives to address current global challenges.

The celebration opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with DOST Secretary Fortunato T. De la Peña together with DOST Region 02 Director Sancho A. Mabborang and CSU University President Urdujah A. Tejada. This is promptly followed by the Opening and Awarding Ceremonies where President Tejada, Director Mabborang, and Engr. Perlita Mabazza, as a representative of Governor Manuel N. Mamba gave their welcome messages.

The different partners of Science and Technology who excelled in product innovation and who are active in its linkages with DOST were duly awarded during the event. Eight awards were given for "Best Adaptors", while 13 awards were given for the "Best Science and Technology Partner" Award.

The ceremony has also become an avenue for the turnover of the Energy Audit Equipment to Cagayan Valley Energy Audit Team and the presentation of the 2019 Ginoo at Binibining Agham at Teknolohiya candidates from the different provinces of the region.

The four-day celebration also featured exhibitors that included state universities, DOST linked agencies, private companies and local government units who gladly shared the products of Science and Technology in their specific field to the public.

Cagayan State University was also part of the exhibit allowing the public to purchase proudly CSU-made products from the different satellite campuses of the University.

In order to advance the cause of Science and Technology to the people and recognizing the fact that the media plays an undeniable role in raising the public's scientific and technological awareness, a press conference for the Celebration of the Regional Science and Technology Week transpired at CSU Hotel's Function Hall. The panel consisted of DOST Secretary Fortunato T. de la Peña, DOST Region 02 Director Sancho A. Mabborang, Filipino Inventors Society Producer Cooperative National President Francisco O. Pagayon, CSU's University President Urdujah A. Tejada, Isabela State University (ISU)'s



University President Ricmar P. Aquino, and ISU's Vice President for Research and Development & Extension and Training William C. Medrano.

Friends from the media directly asked questions to the members of the panel as the group had a dialogue on the present projects, possible ventures, and benefits of Science and Technology for the region in terms of

transportation, governance, and health among other public concerns. The local media outlets that were present were the Northern Forum, DWPE 729 Radyo Pilipinas, DZDA 105.3 Radyo Pangkauran, DZGR 891 Bombo Radyo Tuguegarao, Philippine Information Agency, DZYR 765 Sunshine Radio Tuguegarao, and RBC Cable Master System. -UIO



Ako ay parating natutuwa dahil yung mga assistance na binibigay natin sa mga institusyon dito at sa mga enterprises, kitang kita naman namin ang resulta na maganda, kaya hindi kami nanghihinayang na tumulong dito, basta ang isaisip lang natin na basta tuloy-tuloy ang ating pag-usad...kaya namin nirerecommend na magkaroon ng niche areas, nang sa ganon kayo na ang makapagconcentrate sa isang area, at mas mabilis tayong madedevelop sa ganung paraan. Ang hangad ko ay tulad ng Region 2, na parang isang modelo sa akin, ay mangyari ito sa ibang rehiyon na makabenefit directly ang mga kababayan sa ating programs.

-Secretary Fortunato De la Peña

Maraming salamat po sa DOST sa lahat ng mga tulong. Alam naman natin na ang unang tinututukan ngayon ng CSU ay ang magpalago ng dairy production natin dahil ang laki ng demand ng gatas. Hindi lang dito sa Cagayan, kung hindi sa buong Pilipinas. Kaya binibigyan kami ng DOST ng research fund kung paano namin sasaliksikin yung pinaka magandang feed formula at anong variety ng grass feed ang para sa mga baka. Sa ngayon napakalakas ng pagbebenta ng gatas sa CSU Piat at dahil sa Food Innovation Center na ipinamahagi ng DOST marami na tayong natulungan na mga small and medium enterprises at tuloy-tuloy pa po ito sa pamamagitan ng pag transfer natin sakanila ng technology at tuloy-tuloy po ang serbisyo namin sainyo.

-President Urdujah A. Tejada



Isa sa ating adhikain, gusto po nating makita na ang Pilipinas ay hindi na laging kulelat, kung hindi tayo naman din ay tumaas ang antas, kumpara doon sa ating mga kapitbahay na bansa, kahit sa Southeast Asia muna. Ang adhikain po ng DOST ay patungo doon. Yung bansa natin, ang ating mamayan na maka-ahon sa kahirapan hindi po namin kaya na gawin ito mag-isa, kaya kami ay nakikipag network at tayo ay nakikipag link sa CSU at ISU dahil kailangan nating ng kakampi at maraming kamay upang yung adhikain natin ay unti-unti nating matupad.

-Director Sancho A. Mabborang



AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK 2019

CSU CARIG MOBILIZES THE E-TRIKE PROGRAM

As part of the celebration of the 2019 Regional Science and Technology Week, CSU Carig launched its E-Trike Project last August 27, 2019. The 12 new units of e-trike that were deployed in the campus are now ready to be fully operationalized.

Engineer Arthur Ibañez, CSU Carig's Campus Executive Officer, said that the E-trike Program is meant to create a leverage to the Science, Technology, and Innovation sector which envisions CSU to be the e-Vehicle Research and Development Center of the Region for the Niche Center in the Regions for the R&D Program. In this program, CEO Ibañez emphasized that CSU intends to play a great role in the total e-Vehicle industry network that

will contribute to health solutions, transportation agenda, industry initiation, and economic reforms.

University President Urdujah A. Tejada, during her launching message, thanked the National and Regional DOST Team for their generous support in the project. She further said that the project is multifaceted as it does not only seek to reduce carbon dioxide emissions but will also serve as a laboratory for engineering students to further develop the E-trike prototype as part of the "Fabrication of e-Trike in Region 02" project that aims to fabricate electric tricycles based on blue prints available in the local market so it can be mass produced. This is hand-in-hand with the "E-Trike Deployment and Utilization Study" that strives to

test and evaluate the comparative performance of the electric vehicle in terms of mileage battery performance and acceptability and to provide for an e-trike's comparative gas fuel consumption rate.

The demonstration ride was led by DOST Secretary Fortunato T. De la Peña together with DOST Region 02 Director Sancho A.

Mabborang, CSU University President Urdujah A. Tejada and CSU Carig's CEO Arthur G. Ibañez. This innovative technology will benefit commuters working or visiting within the government center. The projects will run until September 2020. -UIO



NEW RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS LAUNCHED



Cagayan State University's Research department, as one of the four mandates of the University, remains to be an active agent in creating impact to the community as it launches two new research projects.

Dr. Jane Calagui, Project Management Team Member for the Tuklas Lunas Development Center and Dr. Jose Guzman, TBI Manager for BIZNEST: Business Incubation Zone for Novel and Sustainable Enterprises presented the accomplishments, current projects, and services of their respective projects to DOST Secretary Fortunato T. De la Peña, DOST Region 02 Director

Sancho A. Mabborang and CSU University President Urdujah A. Tejada as part of the Research and Development Project Launching last August 27, 2019.

The Tuklas Lunas Development Center which seeks to develop anti-infective, anti-pain and anti-tuberculosis herbal drug preparations that can be pursued further for pre-clinical and clinical development. The center pursues safer and effective remedies to minor ailments by concocting herbal or traditional products.

On the other hand, the Business Incubation Zone for Novel and Sustainable Enterprises or otherwise known as BIZNEST

provides business support services and generate technology to accelerate commercialization of generated technology. The services of the incubation center includes FDA Licensing and Registration Assistance, Laboratory and Food Testing Services, Research and Development Facilities Provision, Services to Access Investment or Financing, and Technical Consultancy and Advisory Services.

The two research programs are joint ventures of DOST and CSU with the primary aim to further the Research and Development initiatives of the region. -UIO



CSU GONZAGA'S CEO PACRIS RECEIVES RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD FROM DOST

DOST RO2 recognized Campus Executive Officer Froilan A. Pacris, Jr. of CSU Gonzaga for his outstanding performance as the project leader of the CESTEPPH Program during the Opening and Awarding Ceremonies of the 2019 Regional Science and Technology Week on August 27, 2019.

The Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology, Education, Environmental Protection, and Health: A Collaborative Community-Based Program for Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Utilization of Mangrove Ecosystem in Gonzaga, Cagayan is a four-year program that focuses on ecological development and empowerment of mangrove communities.

As the project leader, Dr. Pacris and his team have continuously worked on restoring mangroves in the barangays of Caroan, Tapel, and San Jose in Gonzaga. Presently, the CESTEPPH team has led the community in planting 65,000 mangrove seedlings within the 2.5 hectare restoration areas. He and his team have also created the "Gulayan sa Bawat

Tahanan", a backyard gardening occupation to 30 household beneficiaries as an alternative livelihood to fishing. His team's Aquasilviculture of mangrove crab provided a livelihood program to 30 household beneficiaries in Caroan and Tapel through the transfer of mudcrab pen culture technology. To empower the children beneficiaries of CESTEPPH, the program welcomed the installation of 3 units of STARBOOKS from DOST. These are stand alone information kiosks that make research work easier for the schoolchildren even without the internet. Just recently, the CESTEPPH team also distributed school supplies donated by National Bookstore to all the schoolchildren of Caroan Elementary School.

Further, the CESTEPPH team helps fisherfolks increase their production of hygienic and quality dried fish, grains, fruits, and vegetables through distribution of Portable Solar Dryers or PORTASOL granted by DOST RO2. Dr. Pacris, through the support of Cagayan State University President and CESTEPPH Program Manager Urdujah Alvarado-Tejada and

Program Coordinator Janice Sistoza, incessantly works towards the execution of the program's other components to include establishment, restoration, maintenance and protection of nipa stands in mangrove areas to partner with other agencies in their bioethanol production and climate change mitigation, beach forest development, hydrological restoration and installation of bioengineering materials, free range layer chicken dispersal, capacity building, advocacy, education and awareness building and research and development.

A total of nine researches are listed under the CESTEPPH program. One has already been published in an international refereed journal, 2 are awaiting publication, and 6 are ongoing researches.

Dr. Pacris is thankful to President Tejada, his competent CESTEPPH team members, and to the CSU Gonzaga Campus community whom he shares his award with. He mentions particularly Dr. Romar Banadero, Dr. Claribel Gaspar, Mr. Marvin Baloloy and Ms. Girlie Bayani who compose his team and are his active workforce behind the

activities. He is also grateful to the program's partner agencies to include Department of Science and Technology, Local Government Unit of Gonzaga, Goodfellow Pharma, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and SEAMEO-BIOTROP. -UIO



CSU RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION AS NEW ASSESSMENT CENTER

By: Christina T. Alfiler
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Cagayan State University receives its certificate of accreditation in the different field of qualification during the 25th Anniversary of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) at the Lyceum of Aparri last August 20, 2019.

The CSU Andrews campus received the certificate of accreditation as assessment center in Housekeeping NC II; Front Office NC II; Food and Beverages Services NC II; and Bookkeeping NC III. CSU Sanchez Mira Campus, on the other hand, received a certificate of accreditation in Program registration in Organic Agriculture Production NC II

while CSU Gonzaga is now an Assessment Center for Agri-Crops Production NC I, II & III.

The TVET Office is grateful to the Administration especially to President Urdujah A. Tejada, Vice President for Academic Affairs Mariden Ventura, and the Campus Executive Officers of the different campuses for the support to the programs. The CSU family is also grateful to TESDA for the assistance and strong partnership it continues to foster with the University. The TVET office is hoping for the continuous support in the programs and for more program accreditations in the future. 🍀



UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS PRESENT SUC LEVELLING-BASED ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORTS

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Aimed towards better university performance and attainment of higher SUC Levelling Status for a more credible and highly famed university system, sixty University key officials which is composed of Vice Presidents, Campus Executive Officers, University Deans, and other university officials met for the 15th Management Committee

(MANCOM) Meeting on August 30, 2019, at the Audio Visual Building of CSU Aparri campus. The meeting was led by President Urdujah A. Tejada.

The MANCOM Meeting served as an avenue for campus executive officers to present their respective highlights of accomplishments for the first and second quarter based on the university targets

and performance indicators set in the Cagayan State University Development Plan and SUC Levelling Metrics. The key result areas that were focused are Quality and Relevance of Instruction, Research Capability and Output, Services to the Community, and Management of Resources.

University deans also presented their

accomplishments and initiatives for information. Meanwhile, the University Vice President Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino, Dr. Junel B. Guzman and Dr. Lina M. Garan likewise presented their operational activities across the four mandates of the University. 🍀

INFRA PROJECTS CONTINUE AT CSU PIAT

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Dreams unfold at CSU Piat as constructions of infrastructure projects continue to happen.

Road Construction

The construction of the remaining almost 700-meter farm-to-market road that surrounds the oval of Piat campus is nearing completion and is paving for a short-cut road from Our Lady of Piat Church leading to CSU Piat Integrated Agri-Ecotourism Park.

Paving the road network within the campus is part of the convergence program between Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) while the 14M construction of a short-cut route going to the town center is a project of the Department of Tourism and Local Government

Unit of Piat through the initiative of Mayor Carmelo O. Villacete, an alumnus of CSU Piat and the CSU Alumni regent.

Both projects aimed to increase agricultural productivity and provide an alternative route for pilgrims and tourists who would want to visit the campus and its Integrated Farm.

Physical Plant and Facilities

CSU Piat also welcomed the first semester with the ongoing construction of the 20 M two-storey College of Agriculture building which is funded by the national government through the initiative and strong support of CSU President Urdujah A. Tejada and Vice President for Administration and Finance Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino.

The construction has started in May and is expected to

be finished in December of this year.

Also, after having been destroyed by Typhoon Lawin in 2016, the CSU-Piat gymnasium is now rehabilitated owing to the Provincial Government fund through Governor Manuel N. Mamba.

CEO Vicente S. Binasoy Jr. has negotiated with the governor for the possible funding of the gym's second phase of rehabilitation which includes the construction of the stage and bleachers.

Moreover, a Tourism Office and Pasalubong Center are being constructed at the Integrated Agri-Ecotourism site. The said facilities were made as another effort to provide more efficient service to the growing number of tourists who visit the campus. 🍀





CSU PIAT WELCOMES CESO VOLUNTEER ANEW

By: Joselina A. Azucena

Campus Information Officer, CSU Piat

Dr. Paul B.A. Mbatya, a CESO volunteer since 2001, arrived in Piat last August 12, 2019 to provide technical assistance in the dairy production, particularly, in pasture production and management, farm record keeping, packaging, promotion, and marketing of milk at the Dairy Center of the campus.

Dr. Mbatya's activities during his stay in the campus include a tour on the site to have an in-depth understanding of the management and operations of the dairy center, gave lectures to Animal Science major students and dairy center personnel, and trained the dairy personnel on milk production, processing and handling management, packaging development and promotional strategies.

In an interview, he said the academic and support staff of CSU Piat are very enthusiastic about the performance and the development of the dairy farm and it is very much anticipated that the dairy center will perform to its potential in the future.

Moreover, he said that the dairy center, as a

teaching, demonstration, and tourism facility, requires every financial assistance possible. Its "bottleneck" is getting the necessary and adequate financial assistance to achieve its maximum potential.

In addition, he strongly suggested that pasture improvement should be the priority of the Dairy Center as nutrition is the major production limiting factor and this accounts for about 70-75% of the production costs.

"This may address, but not limited to, machinery, paddocking, water distribution, better forage species, forage harvesting, processing and conservation facilities," he stated.

The Exit Conference was conducted for the (CESO) Volunteer at CSU Piat's Conference Room last August 28, 2019. During the Exit Conference, Dr. Mbatya gave his report and recommendations to improve the operations of the Dairy Cattle Research and Development Center at CSU Piat as it is currently being developed as a center for milk

production and innovation after having identified that one of the priority needs of the campus is to intensify its flagship program in Milk Research and Production.

Present during the affair were Piat's Municipal Mayor Carmello O. Villacete, University President Urdujah A. Tejada, Vice President for Partnership and Resource Mobilization Dr. Lina M. Garan, and CSU Piat's CEO Dr. Vicente Binasoy who also expressed their gratitude to the CESO Volunteer for the opportunity to learn from his expertise in dairy.

In her message during the exit conference, President Tejada expressed the timeliness of Dr. Mbatya's visit in the campus as she states that Dr. Mbatya's seven years of experience in teaching dairy cattle production, nutrition, selection and breeding, pasture production, management, conservation and utilization befit the Piat Campus with its niche program as the center needed more insights and more practical experiences on these areas. Meanwhile, Mayor Villacete also thanked Dr.

Mbatya for his educational visit to the campus as it will surely help in the LGU's goal which is to "develop Piat as the milk hub of Cagayan".

Dr. Mbatya received Certificates of Recognition from both Cagayan State University and the Local Government Unit of Piat for sharing his knowledge and expertise in the field of dairy cattle production, nutrition, selection, breeding, and general management. Tokens were also exchanged to mark the end of the visit.

Dr. Hitler C. Dangatan CSU Piat's Dean for the College of Agriculture and Dr. Juan Daquioag CSU Piat Campus' Director for Partnership and Resource Mobilization also gave their impressions to Dr. Mbatya as they worked closely with Dr. Mbatya during his 17-day stay in the campus.

Dr. Paul Mbatya who is a Ugandan Canadian, is a master's and doctorate degree holder in Animal Production, major in Ruminant Nutrition and had published numerous papers on Animal Production.

CSU GONZAGA PARTICIPATES IN THE ORGANIZATION OF CAGAYAN BAMBOO INDUSTRY CLUSTER

By: Calixto B. Alicay

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The Cagayan Bamboo Industry Cluster (CBIC) was organized during a meeting at the Negosyo Center Provincial Office of the Department of Trade and Industry in the Regional Government Center, Carig, Tuguegarao City on July 18, 2019. The meeting was attended by Dr. Froilan A. Pacris Jr., Campus Executive Officer of CSU Gonzaga Campus; Dr. Calixto B. Alicay, Campus Research Coordinator; and Dr. Romar R. Banadero, Campus Extension Coordinator, all from CSU Gonzaga campus. The three attended the meeting as representatives of the academe which plays a major role in terms of research and development for advancement of the bamboo industry.

The organizational meeting was initiated by the Department of Trade and Industry and was attended by multi-sectoral representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, City Government of Tuguegarao City, Local Government Units, non-government organizations and cooperatives from different municipalities of Cagayan.

The CBIC was formed in consonance with Executive Order 879, series of 2010 that creates the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council. To attain the objectives of EO 879, there is a need to organize bamboo industry councils in the regional and provincial levels. The Cagayan Valley Bamboo Industry Council is already organized with Dr. Samuel Garcia as interim president. So far, the CBIC is the second provincial council organized in the Cagayan Valley Region, the first was Quirino Bamboo Industry Council (QBIC). Rev. Dr. Garcia was chosen as the chairperson of the CBIC. The members are representatives of bamboo traders according to the value chain of the bamboo commodity which were identified as Academe (for Research and Development), Input/Suppliers, Growers/Producers, Processors/Manufacturers, and Market Promoters.

The officers of the newly organized cluster are the following: Chairperson - Rev. Dr. Samuel Garcia; Vice chair - Dr. Artemio Antolin. The representatives include Dr. Calixto B. Alicay for the Academe/

Research and Development; Mr. Mauricio Casauay Sr (Input/Suppliers); Mr. Virgilio Ramirez and Mr. Romeo Pagalilauan (Growers/Producers); Mr. Melecio Baggay (Processors/Manufacturers); and Mr. Pascual Matote (Market Promoters).

The multi-agency Advisory Board of the organization consists of the Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Provincial Government, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Cagayan State University Gonzaga, Department of Science and Technology, City Government of Tuguegarao, Local Government Units of Enrile, Tuao, Rizal, and Penablanca, Department of Labor and Employment, Cooperatives Development Authority, Department of Agriculture, Department of Tourism, National Economic Development Authority, and Department of Interior and Local Government. The non-government organizations included in the advisory board are the Philippine Chamber of

Commerce and Industry and Phil Export.

The set of officers were inducted into office by Dr. Froilan A. Pacris Jr., CEO of CSU Gonzaga, as inducting officer. Before the organizational meeting for the CBIC, Rev. Dr. Samuel Garcia came to CSU Gonzaga on July 9, 2019 on information that the banner program of the campus in Research for Development and Extension (RDE) is bamboo-based agroforestry. He explained about the plans for the organization and invited the RDE personnel of the campus to take part in the development of the bamboo industry for local and global markets.

On the first activities for this year, the newly organized CBIC will prepare and update bamboo data base in the province; identify proposed areas for bamboo plantation; benchmark survey in CSU Gonzaga bamboo projects and in the 300-hectare CS First Green Agri-Industrial Farm in Bayambang, Pangasinan and Aguilar, Pangasinan; prepare CBIC strategic plans; and conduct an inter-agency consultative meeting.

CSU LASAM STAGES 3-IN-1 CELEBRATION

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CSU-Lasam staged a 3-in-1 celebration composed of the Freshmen Orientation Program, MOA Signing, and Groundbreaking Ceremony last August 13, 2019 with University President Urdujah A. Tejada and other university officials and LGU officials in attendance.

The orientation program was highlighted with the introduction of the university and designated campus officials. The

administrative staff were also presented by CEO Florante Victor M. Balatico and the college deans also presented the faculty members of their respective colleges. Prof. Dominador A. Agatep Jr., CSC-Adviser also presented the CSC Officers.

The faculty and staff also displayed their dancing prowess led by the CEO during an intermission number which brought delight to the President and other officials and wowed

the students for it was a once-in-a-blue-moon performance.

MOA signing also took place between CSU which was represented by President Tejada and the Local Government Unit of Lasam represented by Mayor Dante Dexter A. Agatep which solidified the Implementation of the Research, Development and Extension Programs for the Community.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony of the two-storey academic and laboratory

building preceded said events.

President Tejada, in her message, encouraged CSU-Lasam to keep soaring and promised to be in support with its journey while she is still in service. Mayor Agatep, on the other hand, also expressed his gratitude to CSU for forging ties with the LGU and also vowed to collaborate with CSU whenever possible. CEO Balatico thanked the administration and the LGU for the support extended.



CESTEETH PROGRAM SHARES GIFTS TO CAROAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The bright eyes and wide smiles of the children greeted CSU officials last August 12, 2019 for the Gift Giving Activity at Caroan Elementary School in Gonzaga, Cagayan.



a beneficiary of the Community Empowerment thru Science, Technology, Education, Environmental Protection, and Health (CESTEETH) Program's mangrove restoration project.

With the theme, "KINDLE THE HOPE, SHARE THE LOVE", 168 pupils from kinder to Grade 6 were recipients

of school supplies to aid in their learning, snacks to nourish their health, and toys to bring out the child in them.

The activity is part of CSU's CESTEETH Program and is made possible through the Office of the University President, in partnership with National Bookstore and some CSU donor officials who want

to remain anonymous. A little girl, amused with mangroves, also shared her pre-loved books, toys, and clothes to the children of Caroan.

At CSU, we don't wait for Christmas to share happiness, hope, and love to the less privileged. -UIO



CSU GONZAGA KICKS-OFF NIPA PROJECT IN SANTA ANA, CAGAYAN

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Cagayan State University – Gonzaga campus formally kicked-off its project on the Establishment, Restoration, Maintenance, and Protection of Nipa Strands for Bio-Ethanol Production at its project site in San Vicente, Sta. Ana, Cagayan on July 4, 2019.

In support to the project, CSU-Gonzaga's faculty and staff through the leadership of the Campus Executive Officer, Dr. Froilan A. Pacris Jr. and together with the representatives from the San Vicente Fisherfolks Association, one of CSU's partner in the implementation of the project, participated in the ceremonial nipa planting at the

restoration site in Sitio Gutan, San Vicente, Sta. Ana, Cagayan.

In a short meeting with the officers of the Association and the representatives from the Local Government Unit of Sta. Ana, CEO Pacris laid down the plan for the rehabilitation and establishment of a nipa plantation in the area. He also explained how the community will benefit from the project given its sustainability projects and the tourism potential of the area.

According to CEO Pacris, the project could be a source of livelihood for the fisherfolks because they will be properly remunerated for every

seed that they plant, for every seedling grown, and for the maintenance of the restoration site.

To formally bind the partnership, the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement

between Cagayan State University through President Urdujah A. Tejada and the officers of the San Vicente Fisherfolks Association was immediately held after the ceremonial planting.



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