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CSU REMAINS NO. 1 IN RESPIRATORY THERAPY FOR 8TH STRAIGHT YEAR, PRODUCES 18 NATIONAL TOPNOTCHERS

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) officially released on February 11, 2026, the results of the February 2026 Respiratory Therapists Licensure Examination, once again naming Cagayan State University (CSU) – Andrews Campus as the Top 1 Performing School nationwide, marking its eighth consecutive year at the top.

CSU achieved a 100% institutional passing rate, with 131 out of 131 examinees

successfully passing the examination, significantly surpassing the 74.19% national passing rate (776 passers out of 1,046 examinees).

The milestone was further strengthened by the exceptional performance of Batch Hiralaya, which produced 18 national topnotchers, reflecting the University's sustained tradition of academic excellence and rigorous clinical training.

Among the national topnotchers were Jave

Gomez Castro and Dinver Jay Devolgado Pedrosa, who both ranked Top 2 with a rating of 92.25%. Aleczandra Bas-ong De Leon secured Top 3 with 92.00%, followed by Cathrina Nicole Herrera Bangayan at Top 4 with 91.75%, and Jubelyn Mae Caluza Buduan at Top 5 with 91.50%. Ranking Top 6 with 91.25% were Allen Jay Juan Cayetano and Catherine Sanchez Ramos. The Top 7 spot, with a rating of 91.00%, was shared by Elv Jewel Mareeh Cudal Alejon, Cezz

Zarion Vialu Conel, Marijoe Sison Cortizano, Angel Mateo Sera, and Katrina Bristol Vergara. For Top 8 with 90.75%, the achievers were Karyll Mae Uclaray Aguilá, Nicole Yvette Miramonte Irigayen, and Vince Christen Mauvry Lasam Mabalot. Jasmin Mishel Beltran Turingan ranked Top 9 with 90.50%, while Lezahnor Furigay Casibang and Claire Ann Lim Domingo completed the list at Top 10 with a rating of 90.25%. 🏆



This is the official quarterly newsletter of the Cagayan State University-Office of the President, featuring news articles, stories, and updates from across the CSU community.

CSU TO EQUIP STUDENTS, GRADUATES FOR WORKFORCE DEMANDS THROUGH MICRO-CREDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



Cagayan State University (CSU) mobilized its academic community in a results-oriented seminar-workshop aimed at offering micro-credential programs across undergraduate and graduate levels, March 30, 2026.

Conducted face-to-face at the Claude Convention Center, CSU Andrews, and via Zoom, the two-part activity gathered one-hundred seventy-five (175) university and college deans and other university and campus officials, alongside faculty members from various campuses, to design quality-assured micro-credentials that directly respond to industry demands.

In her welcome remarks, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan framed the initiative as a pathway to empower lifelong

learners and expand access to education.

CSU Officer-In-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez highlighted micro-credentialing as a strategic priority, stressing the importance of producing concrete outputs from the workshop that will be implemented across programs.

Dr. Michelle Aguilar-Ong, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Commissioner and lifelong learning oversight chair, noted during the workshop that employability metrics have shifted. Graduates of non-board programs are now tracked six months after graduation, while board program assessments remain within a two-year window, highlighting a shift toward responsive skills development.

Micro-credentials, she explained, provide alternative pathways for students, including

those who may not pass licensure examinations, and dropouts, enabling them to gain employable skills and remain competitive in the job market.

With the theme "Agile Education in Action: Designing Quality-Assured Micro-credentials for Local Impact and International Recognition," the activity aligns with the innovation agenda of CHED, under the leadership of Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, to integrate lifelong learning, micro-credentials, and internationalization into Philippine higher education.

The initiative also supports inclusivity by providing opportunities for non-traditional learners, including dropouts and individuals without formal diplomas, to re-enter the workforce through certified competencies.

Meanwhile, participants

are expected to design micro-credential programs across disciplines such as engineering, agriculture, industrial technology, criminology, information technology, teacher education, the health sciences, business, and public administration, supporting CSU's goal of a lifelong learning model responsive to both local and global labor demands.

The activity is an initiative of the Office of the President led by Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, through the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, headed by Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, the Office of the Director for Instruction, led by Dr. Lirio Gudina C. Mangawil and office of the University Planning and Development Office led by Dr. Ian Roger M. Francisco. 🇵🇭

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A Eucharistic celebration and testimonial program followed the parade, providing a moment of reflection and thanksgiving for the graduates and the CSU community. 

A graphic celebrating Cagayan State University's 2026 Higher Education Rankings. The background is a dark red gradient with faint silhouettes of the university's buildings. At the top center is the university's logo, a shield with a yellow field, a green tree, and a white bird. Below it, the text "CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY" is written in white. In the center, a white box contains the letters "HE" in a large, dark blue serif font, followed by "Higher Education Ranking" in a smaller, dark blue sans-serif font. Below this, the text "2026 HIGHER EDUCATION RANKINGS" is written in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. To the left of the ranking information is a large, circular emblem featuring a laurel wreath. Inside the wreath is a shield with a yellow field, a green tree, and a white bird. The text "CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY" is at the top of the shield, and "HIGHER EDUCATION RANKINGS 2026" is at the bottom. To the right of the emblem, three white rectangular banners with dark blue borders display the rankings: "260TH WORLD", "12TH COUNTRY", and "3RD REGION". At the bottom left, the text "CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY" and "Office of the University President" is written in white. At the bottom right, a white circular icon with a blue "f" is followed by the text "www.facebook.com/cagayanstate" in white.

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CSU LAUNCHES 10-HECTARE ORCHARD ESTABLISHMENT PROJECT IN PIAT CAMPUS

Driven by a vision for sustainability and future resilience, Cagayan State University (CSU), under the leadership of Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, launched its Orchard Establishment Project in Piat Campus on March 25, 2026.

The project, covering 10.07 hectares, brought together the collaborative efforts of the Andrews, Carig, Solana, and Piat campuses. This partnership resulted in the planting of 4,560 fruit-bearing tree seedlings during the launch, including mangosteen, durian, jackfruit, avocado, rambutan, lanzones, Davao pomelo, Bangkok santol, and guayabano.

Serving as Phase 2 of the university's greening program, following the 45,000 Trees Project, the Orchard Establishment Project promotes research-driven fruit production systems under Good Agricultural

Practices (GAP) using climate-resilient species suited to local conditions.

Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension Engr. Audy R. Quebral highlighted that the orchard will serve not only as a production site but also as a research, innovation, and eco-tourism hub, supported by modern technologies such as automated irrigation systems.

Campus Executive Officers Mr. Terence Alfred Roberto A. Tejada (Andrews), Engr. Ma. Haidee A. Mabborang (Solana), Engr. Roger P. Rumpon (Carig) and Dr. Hitler C. Dangatan (Piat), pledged their long-term commitment to the project, framing it as a long-term investment in both the environment and future generations.

Meanwhile, strong support for the initiative was expressed by Piat Vice Mayor Reymundo Villacete III, Regional Assistant

Director for Operations of DENR II Engr. Marcos G. Dacanay, and CSU Board of Regents Member and Alumni Representative Hon. Atty. Carmelo O. Villacete. They collectively stressed the project's role in advancing food security, climate action, and sustainable livelihoods, while highlighting the importance of science-based practices and multi-sector collaboration.

Atty. Villacete detailed his firsthand experience growing various species on his own farm, including Davao's native durian, Batangas pomelo, and the Dizon pomelo from Mindanao, noting that these can thrive in Piat through specific agricultural techniques.

Echoing this, OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, the visionary behind the university's greening initiatives, emphasized that the project aligns with the government's national greening program and carbon credit and sequestration efforts.

Dr. Ibañez noted that the 10-hectare orchard will also serve as a research and learning site, part of a broader university commitment to expand tree planting to nearly 100 hectares by the end of 2026.

The initiative aligns with key Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Zero Hunger, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Climate Action, and Life on Land, strengthening CSU's role in advancing sustainable development in the region.

Meanwhile, joining the event were Board of Regents members Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, Hon. Ricardo B. Casauay, and Hon. Dionisio C. Ledres Jr., alongside university and campus officials, faculty, staff, students, partner stakeholders, and guests, all united in support of the project. 🌱



CSU HOLDS ONBOARDING SEMINAR ON ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS AND PUBLIC SERVICE LAWS



As part of its onboarding and capacity-building initiatives, Cagayan State University (CSU) conducted a Seminar on Administrative Operations and Laws Governing Public Officials and Employees on January 15, 2026, at the Claude Andrews Convention Center.

The seminar aimed to enhance participants' understanding of CSU's administrative structure, legal

and ethical obligations in public service, due process in administrative complaints, ease of doing business requirements, and essential financial procedures.

Chief Administrative Officer Ramon Henry Peregrino O. Kanapi discussed the administrative structure of CSU, including the University and Administrative Codes, as well as rules on leaves and leave credits.

Administrative procedures

in administrative complaints, particularly under the Revised Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service (RRACCS) and Committee on Decorum and Investigation (CODI) cases, were presented by Dean April Gayle U. Soller. Atty. Arjay L. Pando provided an overview of R.A. 3019, R.A. 6713, and related jurisprudence governing ethical conduct in public service.

University Consultant Fr. Ranhilio Callangan Aquino

discussed the mandates of the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), relevant provisions of the Administrative Code, and related jurisprudence.

The final session focused on financial operations, with Vice President Theresa B. Dimalanta and Mr. Alvin U. Alisasis discussing the preparation of PRs, PPMPs, and budgeting and budgetary concerns.

CSU, CBSUA SEAL ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP THROUGH MOU SIGNING



Tuguegarao City—Cagayan State University (CSU) and the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA) formalized an academic and research partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on January 23, 2026, at the CSU Central Administration Conference Room.

The agreement, signed by CSU OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and CBSUA President Dr. Alberto N. Naperi, establishes collaboration in student and

faculty mobility, joint research and publications, academic program development, and other scholarly and extension activities.

In his message, Dr. Ibañez emphasized that the partnership comes at an opportune time for CSU to showcase its niche programs across campuses, particularly those based at the Carig Campus.

"Thank you, President Naperi, for visiting Cagayan State University. Now that we have a formal agreement, whatever areas you see where CSU can help, we are ready

to send our faculty members and specialists to support your initiatives," Dr. Ibañez said.

For his part, President Naperi shared that the benchmarking visit was driven by CBSUA's strategic mission to strengthen institutional capacity through collaboration with leading universities.

"We have a mission to benchmark universities that we consider strong resources, and Cagayan State University is one of them," Dr. Naperi said.

As part of the benchmarking activity, the CBSUA delegation

visited key research and innovation facilities at the CSU–Carig Campus, including the Food Innovation Center, the Metals Engineering and Innovation Center (MEIC), and the Electromobility Research and Development Center (EMRDC).

The visit aimed to examine best practices in applied research, technology commercialization, and innovation-driven development, which may be adapted to CBSUA's academic and extension programs.

46 FACULTY, STAFF TAKE OATH AS CSU WELCOMES NEWLY HIRED AND PROMOTED PERSONNEL



Cagayan State University (CSU) welcomed newly hired and promoted faculty members and administrative personnel from across its campuses through an oath-taking ceremony held on January 16, 2025.

The ceremony covered 46 personnel, including 29 faculty members and 17 administrative staff, with four promotional appointments from the Central Administration recently

approved by the CSU Board of Regents, who will take their oath at a later date.

In his message, OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez emphasized that CSU values qualifications, potential, and institutional needs in its appointment process. He called on the honorees to show loyalty to the University, respect leadership, follow lawful directives, and support academic and administrative programs.

Dr. Ibañez emphasized adherence to ethical standards, responsible stewardship of university resources, and unity within the CSU system. He reminded personnel that being part of CSU means moving in one direction as a single organization.

The OIC President also expressed confidence in the University's trajectory, describing 2024 as a good year, 2025 as a better year, and

projecting 2026 as CSU's best year.

Meanwhile, Vice President Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan and Chief Administrative Officer Ramon Henry Peregrino O. Kanapi congratulated the honorees and encouraged them to deliver excellence and professionalism in their respective roles as they live up to the trust reposed in them. 🇵🇭

STRATEGIC DIRECTION IN FOCUS AS CSU BEGINS 2026 TARGET-SETTING WORKSHOP



Santa Ana, Cagayan—Cagayan State University (CSU), led by OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, opened its Strategic Planning Workshop and 2026 Targets Setting and Cascading on January 25, 2026, at the Blue Coast Hotel, Sta. Ana, Cagayan.

The three-day activity gathers university and campus officials, planning officers and coordinators, and stakeholders

to align institutional priorities and performance targets this year.

The first day highlighted discussions on the future of state universities and colleges (SUCs), with Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, CSU Board of Regents Member and Chairperson of the Career Executive Service Board, presenting "The Future of SUCs: Trends and Disruptions," and Dr. Florentina S. Dumlaog,

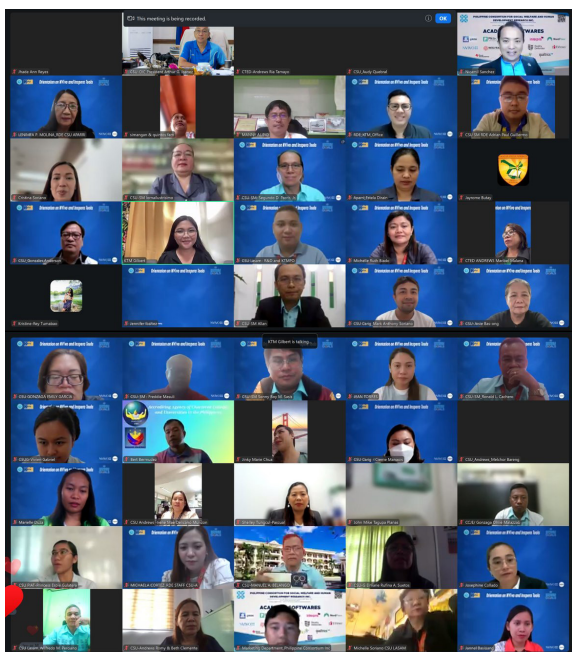
CSU Technical Consultant, sharing reflections in her talk, "Celebrating our Wins: How We Got Here and What We Have Learned."

The succeeding days will feature talks on workforce upskilling and reskilling by Regional Director Dionisio C. Ledres Jr. of the Department of Economy, Planning and Development Region 02 and a Member of the CSU Board

of Regents, and an analysis of threats to higher education by Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino, University Consultant and Dean of the Graduate School of Law of San Beda University.

The workshop culminated on January 27 with a Covenant Signing and Ceremonial Signing of the 2026 Office Performance and Commitment Reviews (OPCRs). 🇵🇭

CSU STRENGTHENS DIGITAL RESEARCH CAPACITY THROUGH NVIVO, INSPIRA ORIENTATION



A total of 528 faculty members and students across the campuses of Cagayan State University (CSU) participated in an online Orientation on NVivo and Inspira Tools on January 28, 2026, aimed at strengthening research competence and digital literacy across the institution.

The program supports CSU's policy framework on research integrity and the ethical use of artificial intelligence, addressing the growing need for the responsible adoption of digital research technologies.

OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez described the orientation as a step toward building a research ecosystem grounded in ethical scholarship

and technological readiness. He emphasized that improved research capability contributes to stronger publications, enhanced collaboration, and increased institutional recognition.

The orientation featured Dr. Nicamil K. Sanchez, CEO of the Philippine Consortium for Social Welfare and Human Development Research, Inc., as the resource speaker.

NVivo, a software designed for qualitative and mixed-methods data analysis, and Inspira, a secure digital platform focused on assessment and academic integrity, serve as key tools in promoting transparent, rigorous, and accountable research practices.

CSU PARTNERS WITH VCCI FOR METHANE REDUCTION RESEARCH IN RICE FARMING

Cagayan State University (CSU) and Verde Carbon Capture, Inc. entered into a research partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing on January 27, 2026, at Central Administration Conference Hall, after Japanese investors paid a courtesy meeting to OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez.

The collaboration introduces Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD) technology in Cagayan rice fields to reduce methane emissions and

improve water efficiency. The study will measure greenhouse gas emissions, assess soil and crop performance, and evaluate farmers' readiness to adopt the practice.

Funded initially with ₱1.511 million from VCCI, the project begins in 150 hectares and supports long-term carbon credit validation and climate-resilient agriculture. CSU will manage research implementation and dissemination of findings. The MOA covers a three-year period.



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CSU, BFAR 2, OIST SIGN MOA FOR INTERNATIONAL FISH RESEARCH PROJECT

A new international scientific collaboration was launched this morning as Cagayan State University (CSU), DA-BFAR Region 2, and Japan's Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST) signed a ceremonial Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) during a courtesy call to CSU OIC

President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, January 30, 2026.

The visiting delegation included Dr. Harutaka Hata and Dr. Ken Maeda of OIST, Dr. Midori Iida of Hokkaido University, and Dr. Emma L. Ballard, Agricultural Center Chief II of DA-BFAR Region 2, representing Regional Director Angel B. Encarnacion.

The partnership will implement a joint research project titled "Fauna and Life History of Freshwater and Estuarine Fish of the Philippines: Toward Elucidation of the Larval Dispersal Mechanism of Diadromous Fish Along the Kuroshio Current."

The project, funded by the Nagao Natural Environment

Foundation (NEF) for three years beginning May 2025, aims to generate scientific knowledge on fish biodiversity, life history, and larval dispersal patterns, contributing to fisheries conservation, aquatic resource management, and regional ecological understanding. 🌿



CSU, PCC INK 25-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR LIVESTOCK RESEARCH

Cagayan State University (CSU) and the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) formalized a long-term partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on January 30, 2026, at the CSU Hotel, Andrews Campus, ensuring the continued operation of a PCC Research and Development (R&D) Station at CSU Piat Campus.

The agreement, signed by PCC Executive Director Dr. Liza G. Battad and CSU Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, is anchored on the mandates of Republic Act No. 7307 and Republic Act No. 12308, which position PCC as the livestock R&D arm of the Department of Agriculture and designate CSU as a host institution for one of its R&D

stations.

Under the MOA, PCC will maintain its Center Research and Production Facility at Piat Campus, while CSU will extend institutional support through land use, facilities, academic integration, research collaboration, extension initiatives, and production-related programs. Joint efforts will focus on carabao

development, dairy enterprise, biotechnology, animal health, and forage systems.

Valid for 25 years, the partnership supports national goals of enhancing livestock productivity, strengthening farmer livelihoods, and advancing food security through sustained research and innovation. 🌿



CSU RELAUNCHES ATHENA HOTEL, ENHANCES CAMPUS HOSPITALITY SERVICES

Cagayan State University (CSU) relaunched the improved Athena Hotel at Andrews Campus on February 4, 2026, supporting the university's drive to expand hands-on hospitality education and sustainable enterprise initiatives.

Aside from affordable

lodging, the facility offers meeting venues such as the Hestia Boardroom and Hermes Hall, dining services through Athena Deli and Restaurant, catering packages, and scheduled buffet offerings. It also caters to private events and photoshoots, expanding its service to the wider community.

CSU Andrews CEO Terence A. Tejada noted that the hotel plays a dual role—serving guests while providing students with practical learning experiences in hospitality operations.

Meanwhile, in her message of support and affirmation, Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado expressed her gratitude to OIC President

Arthur G. Ibañez and highlighted the importance of collaboration, strong leadership support, and a culture of integrity and excellence in sustaining university projects such as the Athena Hotel. 🏠



CSU, ISPSC PARTNER TO ADVANCE RESEARCH AND DIGITAL INNOVATION

Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC) and Cagayan State University (CSU) formalized a strategic academic partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement signed on February 6, 2026, at ISPSC, Candon City, Ilocos Sur.

Signed by ISPSC President Dr. Mario P. Obrero and CSU OIC

President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, the agreement establishes a collaborative framework for joint research, faculty development, and instructional innovation in computer science, data science, and information technology.

Under the MOA, CSU, through its College of Information and Computing

Sciences, Carig Campus, and ISPSC will jointly implement research and development initiatives, co-develop instructional materials and academic modules, and conduct faculty capacity-building programs.

The agreement also covers joint extension initiatives,

student internships and on-the-job training opportunities, and the co-creation of instructional materials aligned with national and global academic standards. The MOA is effective until April 2029. 📄



CSU OPENS UNIVERSITY MEET 2026 AT CARIG CAMPUS

With thunderous cheers and dynamic dance performances, Cagayan State University–Carig Campus welcomed the delegates during the opening of the University Meet on February 10, 2026, at the Red Eagle Gymnasium.

The celebration began with a lively parade around the CSU Carig campus, culminating in a festive opening program that gathered university officials, Board of Regents members, coaches, athletes, and performers from CSU's nine campuses.

In his welcome address, CSU Carig CEO Engr. Roger P. Rumpon assured participants

of a safe and comfortable stay, thanking the faculty and staff whose dedication made the event possible. "We welcome you all with open hearts," he said.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mariden V. Cavilan highlighted how the University Meet brings together two equally powerful arenas, the field and the stage, where teamwork, discipline, and character are formed. She reminded participants that while medals matter, the friendships built during the event matter more.

Delivering the inspirational message, CSU Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez emphasized that the

University Meet goes beyond competition. Anchored on the theme "Championing Strength and Unity," he described the event as a celebration of CSU's shared identity, resilience, and commitment to excellence guided by the university's core values.

Ceremonial activities such as the hoisting of banners, oaths of amateurism and technical officials, lighting of the friendship torch, and the presentation of Mr. and Ms. CSU highlighted the opening program.

Delegations representing Carig (537), Andrews (405), Aparri (522), Gonzaga (357), Lasam (246), Lal-lo (355), Piat (307), Sanchez Mira (508), and

Solana (116) are set to compete in a wide range of activities, from athletic to ball games, e-sports, and socio-cultural competitions such as cheer dance, dance sports, music, literary and dramatic arts, and pageantry.

In the cheer dance competition, CSU Carig secured 1st place, followed by CSU Andrews in 2nd place and CSU Aparri in 3rd place, showcasing exceptional energy, synchronization, and school spirit during the opening festivities.

The University Meet brought together students across campuses in the spirit of unity, sportsmanship, and cultural pride. 🇵🇭



CSU HOLDS WORKSHOP TO REFINE FACULTY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS



Cagayan State University (CSU), through the University Planning and Development Office (UPDO) led by Dr. Ian Roger M. Francisco, successfully conducted the workshop on the proposed performance indicators under the core functions of faculty members on February 12, 2026, at Athena Hotel, CSU Andrews.

The workshop aimed to establish a clear and unified framework for evaluating faculty performance across instruction, research, extension, and production, ensuring alignment

with the University's Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS).

Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the University President, highlighted in his message that performance management should serve as a strategic mechanism to advance institutional excellence rather than a mere compliance requirement.

Dr. Regie R. Campano presented the workshop objectives and emphasized its participatory nature, encouraging faculty members to contribute insights grounded

in academic practice. These inputs will guide the refinement of performance indicators and strengthen CSU's SPMS.

Technical Adviser Dr. Florentina S. Dumlaog discussed the proposed indicators alongside the President's Office Performance Commitment and Review (OPCR), highlighting the importance of vertical alignment between university goals and individual faculty performance.

University Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Person Mr. Melvin M. Mora introduced GAD performance indicators to ensure inclusivity

and social responsiveness within the evaluation framework.

Breakout sessions grouped participants according to academic rank to contextualize indicators based on roles and workload realities, followed by group presentations and an open forum that fostered collaborative dialogue and shared governance.

The activity concluded with action planning, evaluation, and feedback, marking a significant step toward a more responsive, equitable, and developmental performance management system for CSU faculty. 🍀

CSU CONDUCTS FULBRIGHT ORIENTATION



Cagayan State University, through the Office of the Vice President for Internationalization, Partnership and Resource Mobilization, conducted a Fulbright Orientation Session in partnership with the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF), positioning the program as a strategic gateway to stronger U.S. academic linkages. The session was attended by select

Faculty members endorsed by their Campus Executive Officer, all having the potential to be Fulbright scholars.

PAEF Executive Director Mr. Julio S. Amador III and Program Assistant Ms. Dominique Rupido presented Fulbright scholarship opportunities for CSU faculty across campuses, including grants for graduate study, research and teaching in the United States. They also discussed programs for inbound

Fulbright visiting professors and specialists who may teach, conduct research and provide technical expertise in host institutions.

The OVPIPRM emphasized that Fulbright is not only an individual scholarship opportunity but a strategic internationalization platform. Upon returning, they bring back global networks, advanced methodologies and new perspectives that strengthen

CSU's mandates in instruction, research, extension, and production—an example of "brain gain" in action.

Likewise, hosting Fulbright visiting scholars and specialists can support CSU's niche programs, enhance the curriculum, mentor faculty, enrich student learning and introduce new expertise that benefits communities and university-based production initiatives. 🍀

CROWN DEFENDED

ANDREWS SECURES BACK-TO-BACK MR. AND MS. CSU - PASUC TITLES

Andrews Campus solidified its reign after capturing both crowns in the Mr. and Ms. CSU-PASUC 2026 pageant during the University Meet held at Cagayan State University – Carig Campus on February 12.

Trixie Diane Maza and Gregorio Jose Maliwat outshone representatives from nine campuses of Cagayan State University, sealing a back-to-back championship for Andrews following its 2024 sweep led by Kyle Aron Tan and Maria Isabela Caliguiran.

In the decisive question-and-answer round, Maza emphasized unity as the defining value of a CSUan. “Even though we are from different campuses with diverse voices, we are still under one CSU, united in mission and excellence,” she said, highlighting “unifying presence” as the core value she upholds.

Maliwat, meanwhile, highlighted excellence as the foundation of his reign. “Joining this pageant and the preparation it required taught me to value excellence—not just in education, but in discipline and character. Excellence is being a CSUan,” he stated during the final round.

In a post-pageant interview,

Maza described the win as both an honor and a responsibility. “I’m very proud and honored to represent our campus and secure the back-to-back crown for Andrews,” she said, acknowledging the pressure that comes with sustaining the legacy.

Maliwat reflected on the demands of preparation and the significance of the victory. “The preparation was really hard, but it was worth it,” he said, thanking supporters who witnessed their journey onstage and online.

Both titleholders also committed to concrete action beyond the pageant spotlight. Maza shared plans to pursue tangible campus-based projects in coordination with student leaders to advance their advocacy.

Maliwat, who champions education, expressed his intent to promote symposiums and fundraising initiatives that would benefit students across CSU campuses.

Meanwhile, Charlyn Charles and James Laurence Guzman of Carig placed first runners-up, while Aprille-anne Camarao of Lal-lo and Simon Kent Leonido of Gonzaga finished as second runners-up. 🏆



CSU HOSTS APR CONFERENCE TO REVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ALIGN BUDGETS WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES

Cagayan State University (CSU) hosted the Agency Annual Performance Review (APR) Conference on March 4, 2026, at the Central Administration Conference Room, Andrews Campus.

The conference featured

the presentation of Agency Performance Review reports from the Commission on Higher Education Region 02, Cagayan State University, Batanes State College, Isabela State University, Nueva Vizcaya State University, and Quirino State University, alongside a

discussion on National Budget Circular No. 599.

The APR Conference of the Department of Budget and Management, CHED, and the SUCs in the region aims to assess financial and physical accomplishments, align programs and budgets with

national and regional priorities, promote transparency and accountability in public fund utilization, and collectively enhance instruction, research, and extension services across the region. 🏆



CSU, UNISMA STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH LECTURE AND INCEPTION MEETING



Febuary 16, 2026 – Cagayan State University (CSU) met with a representative of Universitas Islam 45 (UNISMA) to explore potential areas of collaboration in support of its internationalization efforts, alongside the conduct of an academic lecture on sustainable research and innovation culture.

In his welcome message, CSU Andrews Campus Chief Executive Officer Terence A. Tejada emphasized that forging global partnerships is essential to fostering innovation and enhancing institutional competitiveness. This was echoed by Dr. Chita C. Ramos, Dean of the College of Teacher

Education (CTED), who noted that the engagement provides a platform for both universities to exchange expertise, explore collaborative opportunities, and design initiatives that strengthen instruction, research, and student outcomes.

During the first part of the event, UNISMA representative Dr. Dila Novita delivered a lecture titled "Fostering a Sustainable Research and Innovation Culture in the College of Teacher Education." She shared international perspectives on building sustainable research and innovation ecosystems, enriching academic discourse, and providing students with

valuable global insights.

Following the lecture, the Office of the Vice President for Internationalization, Partnership, and Resource Mobilization (OVPIPRM) led a separate inception meeting with faculty members and campus internationalization officials.

During the meeting, Dr. Ana Marie Cristina C. Cavilan, Vice President for IPRM, discussed the University's Internationalization Program under the Board-approved ATHENA Internationalization Roadmap 2024–2027, followed by Director Kristinne A. Lara, who presented the Board-approved short-term faculty mobility initiatives, such as the

Global Immerse Program and the English Program for Faculty Members.

Both universities identified priority areas for collaboration, including joint research, academic exchanges, and faculty development. A formal partnership is expected to be finalized in April, pending endorsement from CHED–IAS and approval by the CSU Board of Regents.

The event was organized by the CSU Andrews Campus – College of Teacher Education, in coordination with Mr. Edmer R. Sibbaluca, Coordinator of Campus Domestic and International Partnership. 🇵🇭

CSU INITIATIVE PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS THROUGH CACAO FARMING PROGRAM



A new agricultural development initiative focused on cacao production and processing is now underway to help build a sustainable agricultural ecosystem that benefits farmers, consumers, and local enterprises.

Launched on February 16, 2026, in Silagan, Allacapan, Cagayan, the cacao production and processing program aims to strengthen community

capacity through education, technical training, and value-added processing. Participants are guided through the entire cacao value chain, from planting and cultivation to processing and marketing, equipping them with practical knowledge and entrepreneurial skills.

Program activities include hands-on workshops, product demonstrations, and interactive discussions with industry practitioners,

providing participants with both theoretical foundations and real-world insights.

Designed as both a research and extension initiative, the program also promotes environmental sustainability through tree-growing activities and responsible farming practices. It seeks to foster stronger collaboration among academic institutions, local government units, and community organizations to

ensure long-term impact.

The initiative is spearheaded by Cagayan State University (CSU)–Lasam Campus under the leadership of Campus Executive Officer Dr. Florante Victor M. Balatico, in partnership with the Local Government Unit of Allacapan, headed by Municipal Mayor Yvonne Kathrina S. Florida. 🇵🇭



CSU SUPPORTS MOVE APAYAO PROGRAM THROUGH TRIPARTITE E-TRIKE DEPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

The implementation of the Smart Mobility for Viable, Efficient, and Cleaner Mode of Transportation in Apayao (MOVE APAYAO) program received a major boost through a tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed among Cagayan State University, Department of Science and Technology – Cordillera Administrative Region, and the Local Government Unit of Santa Marcela during the 31st Apayao Founding Anniversary celebration at the Apayao Ecotourism Sports Complex,

Apayao Province, February 25, 2026.

The agreement operationalizes a key component of the MOVE APAYAO initiative by tasking CSU to design, fabricate, test, and deploy two electric tricycles (e-Trikes) and five C-Trike conversion kits that will be utilized for sustainable transport demonstration in Santa Marcela.

MOVE APAYAO is a multi-institutional collaboration among DOST-CAR, the Provincial Government of Apayao, the Local Government Unit of Luna, and Apayao State College, aimed at introducing

smart, low-carbon transport systems, including e-jeepneys, e-trikes, charging infrastructure, and digital mobility solutions.

CSU, spearheaded by OIC-President Arthur G. Ibañez, will lead the technology development and fabrication through its Electromobility Research and Development Center. DOST-CAR, headed by Regional Director Nancy A. Bantog, will provide project funding amounting to ₱1.6 million under the Grants-in-Aid Program, while Mayor Evelyn B. Martinez will oversee local implementation and adoption.

The collaboration ensures

that locally developed electromobility technologies are integrated into MOVE APAYAO's broader framework, which includes route simulation, charging systems, mobile application development, and capacity-building for operators and LGU personnel.

The MOVE APAYAO program is scheduled for implementation from January to December 2026, with continued monitoring to evaluate performance, sustainability, and scalability of electric mobility solutions across the province. 🚲

PSA RSSO II, CSU LEAD REGIONAL TRAINING ON DATA MANAGEMENT AND STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING



The Regional Statistics Committee Region II, through the Philippine Statistics Authority Regional Statistical Services Office II, in partnership with Cagayan State University, conducted the First Quarter 2026 RSC2 Statistical Capacity Building Program: Training on Data Management, Encoding, and Cleaning using MS Excel and Google Sheets, March 10–11, 2026.

The activity opened with

welcome remarks from Engr. Girmo M. Bayucan, RSC2 Vice-Chairperson and PSA-RSSO II Regional Director, followed by the opening message of Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, Vice President for Academic Affairs of Cagayan State University.

The training gathered representatives from government agencies and academic institutions across Region II to enhance competencies in data management and spreadsheet-

based analysis.

Resource speakers from the University Management Information System Office, Mr. Johanness Paolo B. Roy and Mr. Rowbie B. Lopez, led lectures and interactive workshops covering data management fundamentals, proper data encoding practices, data organization techniques, and essential spreadsheet functions.

Participants were also introduced to data cleaning procedures, conditional

formatting, pivot tables for summarizing datasets, AI tools for spreadsheet work, and data querying methods.

The two-day training aimed to improve the participants' ability to convert raw information into accurate, consistent, and reliable datasets, contributing to stronger data analysis, reporting, and evidence-based governance. 📊

CSU EXPANDS ACADEMIC COLLABORATION NETWORK WITH SLSU AND ASCOT

Cagayan State University (CSU) formalized partnerships with Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) and Aurora State College of Technology (ASCOT) through simultaneous Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) signed on March 11, 2026, in Clark, Pampanga.

Signed by CSU OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, SLSU President Dr. Frederick T. Villa, and ASCOT President Dr. Renato G. Reyes, the agreements establish a five-year framework for cooperation in student and faculty exchanges, joint academic programs, research collaboration, and community engagement.

The MOUs also provide guidelines on intellectual

property, data privacy, confidentiality, and dispute resolution, ensuring compliance with national laws and institutional policies.

The partnerships are expected to enhance academic exchange, strengthen research productivity, and support sustainable development initiatives across participating institutions.

Joining Dr. Ibañez as official witnesses were Engr. Audy R. Quebral, Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension; Dr. Generino P. Siddayao, Dean of the College of Information and Computing Sciences; and Bryan T. Lacambra, Dean of the College of Industrial Technology. 🇵🇭



CSU LAL-LO HOSTS REGIONAL SUMMIT TO LOCALIZE CLIMATE POLICIES AND DRIVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN CAGAYAN VALLEY

Held at Cagayan State University (CSU) Lallo Campus, stakeholders across governance, education, and industry sectors gathered for a summit aimed at operationalizing climate policies at the local level and accelerating sustainable development initiatives in Region II, February 24, 2026.

The Gattaran–Cagayan Sustainable Development, Climate Action, and Investment Summit serves as a strategic platform to align national mandates with grassroots realities by promoting collaboration among agencies,

local governments, and the academe.

During the opening program, CSU Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez highlighted the need for urgent, research-driven solutions to mitigate climate risks and build resilient communities. He noted that universities play a critical role in bridging science, innovation, and community engagement.

He also expressed gratitude to the Climate Change Commission, through the Office of Commissioner Albert P. Dela Cruz Sr., for selecting CSU Lallo Campus as host,

recognizing the University's role in advancing sustainable development, climate resilience, and innovation-led investments tailored to Cagayan Valley.

The summit recognizes climate action as a pathway to inclusive growth and durable peace, particularly by supporting reintegration initiatives that provide sustainable livelihoods and reduce the risk of conflict recurrence.

Participating agencies included the Department of Agriculture, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Department of Environment and Natural

Resources, Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Science and Technology, Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, and the Citizen's Information and Assistance as an assisting organization during the event, alongside Provincial Local Government of Cagayan, local government units and private-sector partners. 🇵🇭



CSU COMPLETES 2025 MANDATORY SUC LEVELLING VALIDATION, SETS STRATEGIC BASELINE FOR INSTITUTIONAL GROWTH

Cagayan State University (CSU) successfully completed the 2025 SUC Levelling Validation and Points Generation on February 26, 2026, signaling a major step in strengthening its quality assurance and performance evaluation systems.

Organized by the University Planning and Development Office, led by Dr. Ian Roger M. Francisco, the validation represents the university's participation in the First Cycle of the Mandatory SUC Levelling Application, a historic nationwide initiative that shifts

State Universities and Colleges assessment from voluntary participation to a unified evaluation of performance, impact, and institutional maturity.

University Technical Consultant Dr. Florentina S. Dumlao provided the essential framework for the day by discussing the guidelines for the evaluation of documents across all Key Result Areas (KRAs).

The validation of KRA 2, focusing on the Quality and Relevance of Instruction, was led by Dr. Ana Marie C. Cauilan, Vice-President for Internationalization,

Partnership, and Resource Mobilization. Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, spearheaded the evaluation for KRA 1 regarding Access and Equity, as well as the continuation of KRA 2.

The afternoon sessions transitioned to KRA 5, focusing on Governance and Management Resources, under the direction of Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, Vice-President for Administration and Finance. The final technical validation for KRA 3, Excellence in Research and Creative Works, and KRA 4, Extension Services, was

managed by Engr. Audy R. Quebral, Vice-President for Research, Development, and Extension.

During the Post-Evaluation Conference, OIC-University President Arthur G. Ibañez emphasized that the validation marks only the beginning of sustained institutional advancement.

The successful completion of the mandatory cycle now serves as a strategic baseline for future growth, quality enhancement, and organizational development. 🌟



CSU OIC PRESIDENT IBAÑEZ: 'BABAYLAN SPIRIT LIVES ON IN TODAY'S FILIPINA LEADERS'

The enduring spirit of the Babaylan continues to guide modern Filipina leadership, said Cagayan State University Officer-in-Charge President Arthur G. Ibañez during the university's 2026 National Women's Month Kick-off Ceremony on March 9 at the CSU Andrews Gymnasium.

With the theme "Lead Like the Babaylans, Filipinas!", the event highlighted the legacy of the Babaylan as a healer, mediator, and visionary in pre-colonial Philippine society, roles that resonate with the

leadership contributions of women in the academic community today.

Organized by the Office of the University Gender and Development (GAD), the kickoff ceremony gathered university officials, faculty members, personnel and staff, and students to highlight the continuing role of women in leadership, education, research, and community development.

The activity forms part of the nationwide celebration led by the Philippine Commission on Women to advance gender equality and recognize the role

of women in development.

In his message, the OIC President Ibañez emphasized that the Babaylan spirit is evident in CSU's four institutional thrusts. He noted that women educators nurture critical thinking and moral leadership among students, while women researchers and administrators continue to drive innovation, scholarship, and institutional development.

The ZONTA Club of Tuguegarao, led by President Liza Mora-Arroyo, also expressed support for the university's gender and

development initiatives.

As part of the celebration, the University conducted a series of health, wellness, and advocacy activities throughout March, including seminars on Men Opposed to Violence Everywhere (MOVE) and Peace Education; mental health awareness; cervical cancer and HIV screening; wellness programs; medical services; the NutriSerbisyo Para kay Juan at Juana initiative; as well as dermatology consultations and the distribution of free medicines. 🌿



CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY JOINS CaVRASUC 2026 AT NVSU

Officer-in-Charge University President Arthur G. Ibañez formally presented the 678 delegates of Cagayan State University during the opening program of the Cagayan Valley Regional Association of State Universities and Colleges (CaVRASUC) 2026 held at the Nueva Vizcaya Sports Complex on March 3.

CSU joins fellow State Universities and Colleges across Region II for the four-day regional meet hosted by Nueva Vizcaya State University

from March 3 to 6, 2026. The 678-strong delegation will compete in various socio-cultural and sporting events.

The program commenced with a parade of delegates, followed by opening remarks from NVSU President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. Batanes State College President Dr. Djovi R. Durante, Isabela State University President Dr. Boyet L. Batang, Quirino State University OIC President Engr. Alfonso R. Simon, and Philippine Normal University Executive Director and Provost Dr. Agnes S. Reyes

also presented their respective delegations.

Ceremonial highlights included the hoisting of the CaVRASUC and team banners, the oath of amateurism and sportsmanship led by national medalist Rowen-Jay C. Ballesteros, the oath-taking of officiating officials and coaches, the friendship run, and the lighting of the CaVRASUC cauldron.

The formal declaration of the opening of CaVRASUC 2026 was delivered by Dr. Ricmar P. Aquino, President

of the Regional Association of State Universities and Colleges (RASUC).

The celebration concluded with a solidarity dance and the presentation of Mr. and Ms. PASUC candidates. In the cheer dance competition, Isabela State University claimed the championship title, Cagayan State University placed first runner-up, and Quirino State University finished second runner-up. 🏆



CSU RECEIVES LEVEL III INSTITUTIONAL RE-ACCREDITATION, 47 PROGRAM CERTIFICATES FROM NNQAA

Cagayan State University (CSU), led by OIC President Arthur G. Ibañez, turned over two (2) certificates of Level III Institutional Re-Accreditation for the Andrews and Carig campuses, alongside 47 certificates of program accreditation to the different campuses at various levels during the expanded Executive

and Management Committee Meeting.

The certificates were conferred by the National Network of Quality Assurance Agencies (NNQAA), Inc., upon the recommendation of the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP), following a comprehensive technical review based on national

accreditation standards.

NNQAA awarded the certificates during its 2nd Annual Summit held at the Heritage Hotel, Manila, from March 5–7, 2026. Receiving the recognition on behalf of the university were Quality Assurance Director Dr. Maridy Calanoga and Andrews Campus QA Coordinator Dr. Shelly Pascual.

Established by the Commission on Higher Education, NNQAA Inc. serves as the Philippines' primary umbrella organization for certifying that government educational institutions and professional associations meet rigorous accreditation and quality assurance standards. 🏆



CSU BACKS LAUNCH OF CAGAYAN INNOVATION HUB, STRENGTHENS SCIENCE AND INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM IN REGION II

Cagayan State University (CSU) expressed its full support for the newly launched Cagayan Innovation Hub, Cagayan Data and Knowledge Management Center, and the SARAI Provincial Hub, highlighting the importance of collaboration among government, academia, and industry in advancing science-driven development in Region II.

In his message of support during the launching ceremony on March 16, Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, CSU OIC President, emphasized that innovation must move beyond laboratories and translate into practical solutions that directly benefit communities.

"Through our collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology and the Provincial Government of Cagayan, we envision the Innovation Hub as a dynamic center where ideas are transformed into solutions addressing real-world challenges

in agriculture, energy, transportation, and climate resilience," Dr. Ibañez said.

The Cagayan Innovation Hub (iHUB) serves as a platform for research commercialization, technology incubation, and collaboration between researchers, entrepreneurs, and industry stakeholders, fostering a culture of innovation that can drive regional economic growth.

Complementing the iHUB is the Cagayan Data and Knowledge Management Center, which will support data-driven governance by integrating analytics, research outputs, and digital information systems that aid policymakers in evidence-based decision-making and development planning.

Meanwhile, the Smart Approaches to Reinvigorate Agriculture as an Industry in the Philippines (SARAI) Provincial Hub, a localized implementation of the national Smarter Approaches to Reinvigorate Agriculture as an Industry program, will provide

science-based advisories for farmers, including climate risk assessments, crop suitability mapping, and agricultural planning tools to strengthen food security and climate resilience in the province.

As a key partner institution, CSU reaffirmed its commitment to contribute research expertise, scientific knowledge, and technological innovations that will strengthen the province's emerging innovation ecosystem.

Meanwhile, among the technologies showcased during the event were electric mobility innovations developed by CSU's Electromobility Research and Development Center, including converted electric tricycles, eTrike, eBuggy, and other battery-powered vehicles designed to support sustainable and low-carbon transportation systems.

The launching ceremony, held at the Provincial Government of Cagayan, was attended by officials from the Department of Science and

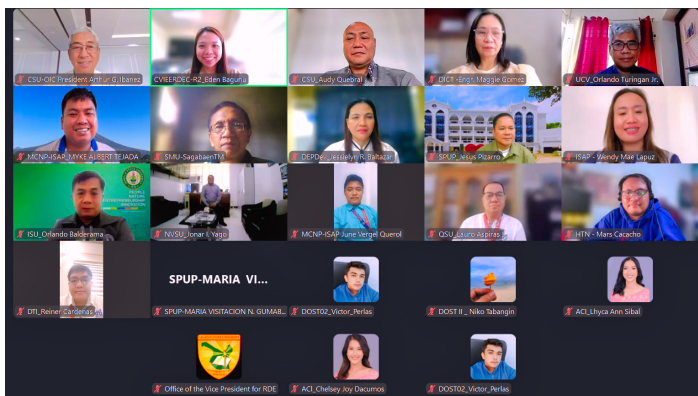
Technology, led by Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. and Undersecretary for Regional Operations Sancho A. Mabborang, along with Hon. Edgar B. Aglipay, Governor of Cagayan, and other regional leaders.

Through this partnership, CSU expressed optimism that the integrated innovation platforms will accelerate the demonstration, adoption, and commercialization of technologies developed by Filipino researchers while strengthening governance systems and climate-resilient agriculture across the province.

The initiatives are expected to cultivate a robust regional innovation ecosystem, one that empowers communities, supports sustainable industries, and positions Cagayan as a hub for science, technology, and data-driven development in Northern Luzon. 🇵🇭



CVIEERDEC STRENGTHENS REGIONAL R&D COLLABORATION IN FIRST QUARTER MEETING



The Cagayan Valley Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development Consortium (CVIEERDEC) conducted its first-quarter meeting on March 30, 2026, via Zoom, bringing together member institutions to align priorities and strengthen regional collaboration.

Chaired by Cagayan State University (CSU) Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, emphasized that research initiatives must extend beyond institutions to deliver measurable

benefits to local communities, particularly at the barangay level.

Dr. Ibañez highlighted the importance of transferring technologies, strengthening soft skills, and integrating ICT solutions to improve community engagement and development outcomes.

Supporting this direction, Engr. Audy R. Quebral, Consortium Director and CSU Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension, encouraged continued collaboration among member institutions, stressing that the

consortium serves as a vital platform for sharing expertise and resources.

Engr. Quebral likewise expressed gratitude to the members for the 23 proposals recently evaluated and submitted under the 2026 calls for capability development and concept proposals, expressing optimism for funding support.

The meeting prioritized strengthening consortium operations and R&D capacity by crafting a regional S&T agenda, recommending policies to PCIEERD and regional councils,

and expanding resource-sharing mechanisms. To support these goals, the consortium established Technical Working Groups for Research and Development, Capability Building, Intellectual Property Protection and Utilization, and Linkages and Networks.

CVIEERDEC, composed of higher education institutions, government agencies, and the private sectors, continues to serve as a cornerstone for advancing research innovation in industry, energy, and emerging technology in Cagayan Valley.

CSU AND SHERLOCK INSTITUTE INDIA EMPOWERS CRIMINOLOGY STUDENTS, FACULTY AND PRACTITIONERS THROUGH GLOBAL FORENSIC TRAINING

Cagayan—Around one hundred ninety-five (195) students, faculty and practitioners from various institutions participated in an immersive learning experience during the first day of the Training on Forensic Sciences, Artificial Intelligence, and Crime Scene Investigation, held at the Claude Andrews Convention Center on March 18, 2026.

The training was collaboratively organized and hosted by Cagayan State University (CSU) and the Sherlock Institute of Forensic Science, India, as an offshoot of a partnership forged in 2025. This internationalization initiative featured a co-designed training program,

enabling students and faculty to gain global exposure through lectures, demonstrations, case studies, and hands-on forensic exercises.

The activity featured PBGEN Antonio P. Marallag Jr., PNP Regional Director, as keynote speaker, alongside international experts Dr. Ranjeet Singh, Director of the Sherlock Institute, and Prof. Robert Green, Professor from the University of Kent, Canterbury.

In his message, CSU OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez emphasized that the collaboration reflects CSU's strong commitment to global engagement.

"In working together, CSU and the Sherlock Institute of Forensic Science demonstrate

that true progress in criminal justice is achieved when institutions unite, when expertise is shared, and when knowledge transcends geography," he said.

Anchored on the theme "Advancing Criminal Justice through Responsible AI and Global Collaboration," the two-day training gathered participants from CSU campuses in Carig, Solana, Sanchez Mira, Piat, and Gonzaga, as well as from Isabela State University, University of Cagayan Valley, International School of Asia and the Pacific, and Saint Ferdinand College.

The initiative was spearheaded by CSU-CCJE under University Dean Dr. Maita P. Guadamor and Dr. Ranjeet

Singh, Director of Sherlock Institute with the support of the Office of the Vice President for Internationalization, Partnership and Resource Mobilization (OVPIPRM) led by Dr. Ana Marie Cristina C. Cauilan, and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs under Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan.

Through this initiative, CSU continues to demonstrate how internationalization at home can provide meaningful global learning experiences, empowering criminology students and practitioners with internationally aligned competencies without leaving the country.



EMRDC AT CSU: POWERING SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

The Electromobility Research and Development Center (EMRDC) is a program under the Department of Science and Technology through its NICHE Centers in the Regions for R&D (NICER). More than just a technological hub, EMRDC is a symbol of the Philippines' drive toward greener, smarter, and more inclusive transportation.

Established in 2021 at Cagayan State University – Carig Campus, the center was created to address climate change, congestion, and rising fuel costs. Aligned with Republic Act 11697 (Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act) and guided by the Comprehensive Roadmap for the Electric Vehicle Industry (CREVI), EMRDC sets

out to redefine mobility in the archipelago.

From the beginning, EMRDC did not just envision electric vehicles; it built them. Early projects included electric tricycle (eTrike) components and conversion studies for traditional tricycles. These led to a growing range of technologies: C-Trike, eBuggy, eBike, eGolfCart, electric buses, 18-seater and 10-seater tranvias, battery-swapping technologies, and the 3+1 eTrike, designed for greater efficiency, affordability, and cleaner urban transit.

EMRDC's work has begun to ripple across the nation. Through partnerships with local government units (LGUs), provincial governments, micro, small, and medium

enterprises (MSMEs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), and organizations such as Tricycle Operators and Drivers Associations (TODAs), the center is turning prototypes into production models and research into real-world applications. Technology Licensing Agreements (TLAs) now enable local manufacturing of eTrikes and converted electric vehicles. This means that soon, streets in both urban and rural areas could be populated by homegrown electric vehicles, built by Filipinos, for Filipinos.

Yet, beyond policies and prototypes, the real heart of EMRDC lies in the communities it touches. Tricycle drivers who once struggled with the burden of fuel expenses

now pilot eTrikes that cut operational costs and protect the environment. Farmers envision machinery that enhances productivity without adding to pollution. Students, our next generation of engineers and environmental advocates, are learning firsthand how innovation can power change.

As the world races toward sustainability, EMRDC stands as a beacon of what's possible when science, policy, and community come together. It is more than just a research center; it is a movement—one that dares to dream of electric roads, cleaner cities, empowered workers, and a truly green economy. 🌱



GPPB-TSO, CSU CONDUCT NGPA TRAINING CARAVAN TO STRENGTHEN PROCUREMENT REFORMS IN REGION II

The Government Procurement Policy Board–Technical Support Office (GPPB-TSO), in partnership with Cagayan State University (CSU), conducted the New Government Procurement Act (NGPA) Training Caravan from March 24 to 26, 2026, at the CSU Claude Convention Center, Andrews Campus.

Ms. Ludivina Potot, Chief Budget and Management Specialist, and Mr. Reynaldo Villon, Supervising Budget and Management Specialist, shared their expertise on the key provisions of RA 12009, also known as the New Government Procurement Act. Their sessions equipped participants with practical strategies for effective procurement management,

from initial planning to final contract implementation.

The three-day capacity-building initiative gathered 188 procurement practitioners and officials from State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), National Government Agencies (NGAs), and Local Government Units (LGUs) across Region II.

RA 12009, an act revising

RA 9184, provides a framework anchored on transparency, efficiency, accountability, sustainability, and innovation, introducing flexible procurement modes, strategic planning, digitalization, and value-for-money approaches to ensure more effective and inclusive use of public funds. 🌱



CSU PUSHES WASTE-FREE CAMPUSES THROUGH SMART SANITATION SEMINAR

To strengthen its strategies toward sustainable and waste-free operations, Cagayan State University (CSU) convened campus personnel and stakeholders for the seminar "Smart Sanitation, Green Innovation: Building a Waste-Free Future" on March 23, 2026, at the Claude Andrews Convention Center.

In his message, CSU Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez highlighted that leadership plays a crucial

role in translating sustainability frameworks into institutional practices, calling on participants to become active stewards of change. "Let us remember: innovation is meaningful only when it improves lives. Sustainability is powerful only when it is shared. And leadership is genuine only when it uplifts others," Dr. Ibañez said.

The program featured resource speakers who discussed ecological solid waste management, sustainability-driven campus planning, and

leadership roles in advancing green initiatives. The speakers included Mr. George C. Canapi, Forester and Chief of Ecological Solid Waste Management – DENR Region II; Dr. Florentina Dumlao, University Technical Adviser; Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, CSU Board of Regents Member and CESB Chairperson; and Dr. Francis N. Baleta, Science and Technology Fellow and Balik Scientist of DOST.

Initiated by the CSU Andrews Campus led by CEO and Auxiliary Director Terence

A. Tejada, in collaboration with the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance, headed by Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, the seminar was attended by various administrative directors and coordinators, general services officers, environmental representatives, pollution control officers, and food service and sanitation officers from across the university's campuses. 🏆



CSU JOINS 39TH AACUP NATIONAL CONFERENCE, EARNS MAJOR RECOGNITIONS

Cagayan State University (CSU), led by Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, participated in the 39th Annual National Conference and General Assembly of the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP), held at the Century Park Hotel on March 24.

The event, anchored on the theme "Advancing QA: Research, Science, and Technology for Transformative Education and Sustainable Development", brought together State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) from across the country to address key priorities,

including strengthening quality assurance systems, integrating science and technology into instruction, fostering innovation, and developing policy recommendations for national education reforms.

During the conference, AACUP President and Chairman Dr. Anthony M. Penaso and Executive Director Milabel Enriquez-Ho conferred Plaques of Appreciation and awards upon various SUCs. These honors included Institutional Accreditation, recognition for Top-Performing SUCs in Program Accreditation, the Manuel T. Corpus awards, and other special distinctions.

CSU was recognized as Top 2

Performing State University with the highest number of Level II accredited programs and Top 3 Performing State University with the highest number of Level III accredited programs.

Furthermore, both CSU Andrews Campus and CSU Carig Campus achieved Level III Institutional Accreditation Status. In a significant individual milestone, Dr. Ibañez was conferred the Manuel T. Corpus Outstanding Quality Champion Award, recognizing his leadership in advancing accreditation, institutional certification, and quality assurance systems in higher education.

CSU officials in attendance included Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, Vice President for Administration and Finance Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, Quality Assurance Director Dr. Marie Claudette C. Calanoga, OIC University Secretary Ms. Rio Averil Pamittan, Quality Assurance Coordinator of CSU-Gonzaga, Dr. Glyzelda H. Gonzales, Quality Assurance Coordinator of CSU-Piat, Dr. Babylyn P. Canceran, Quality Assurance Coordinator Ms. Shelley Pascual and University Registrar, Mr. Abraham C. Bangayan. 🏆



CSU INTRODUCES PRUTAS AS RESEARCH-DRIVEN ORCHARD MODEL FOR AGROFORESTRY INNOVATION



Cagayan State University (CSU) Aparri Campus led by Engr. Policarpio L. Mabborang Jr., formally launched its Orchard Project PRUTAS, or the Patchy Resource Utilization Trials to Augment Sea-based Systems”, a research-based initiative designed to test and optimize fruit tree adaptability across diverse ecological conditions, March 31, 2026.

The initiative is designed to test and optimize the adaptability of fruit-bearing trees across diverse ecological conditions, addressing gaps in localized agricultural research while contributing to food security and climate resilience.

Initiated under the leadership of Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, the orchard establishment project builds on CSU’s earlier 45,000 Trees Project into a more integrated agroforestry model combining research, production,

and extension.

Dr. Ibañez expressed gratitude to stakeholders and emphasized the need for sustained commitment, including monitoring the survival rate of previously planted trees and expanding orchard development across campuses.

He also shared that the Philippine Coconut Authority has committed to providing not only Macapuno but also aromatic coconut seedlings. These seedlings, which are more valuable than regular varieties, are expected to arrive next month.

Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension Dr. Audy R. Quebral emphasized that the project is a long-term institutional vision initiated by OIC President Arthur G. Ibañez: from the 45,000 Trees Project to a university-wide orchard system targeting at least 50 hectares of fruit-bearing plantations, with the

goal of supplying Cagayan’s fruit requirements within five years.

Campus Executive Officer Engr. Policarpio L. Mabborang Jr. noted that despite challenging site conditions, the campus strategically identified suitable locations for orchard development, with phased implementation planned across multiple sites.

In his message of support, LGU Aparri, headed by Municipal Mayor Hon. Dominador J. Dayag, highlighted two key principles: resiliency, and sustainability. “As a coastal municipality, climate change is not theoretical, it is experienced through changing seasons,” he stressed, that progress becomes sustainable when governance and knowledge work together.

The launching concluded with the ceremonial planting of 640 seedlings, including jackfruit, rambutan, and dwarf coconut

within the compound of the CSU Aparri campus.

Comprising the 45,000 Trees and Orchard Establishment initiatives, the two-phase Sustainable Greening Program of CSU is designed to restore ecological balance and transform institutional lands into productive, climate-resilient sites.

The initiative is supported by the Local Government Unit of Aparri, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and various partner agencies, including the Philippine National Police, Landbank of the Philippines, Development Bank of the Philippines, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Philippine Coconut Authority, Department of Education, Philippine Coast Guard, Bureau of Fire Protection, Civil Service Commission, and Department of Social Welfare and Development.

CSU LAUNCHES CLIMATE-RESILIENT INTEGRATED FARMING SYSTEM IN SANCHEZ MIRA

In response to growing environmental challenges, Cagayan State University (CSU), under the leadership of OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, inaugurated a Coconut-Pomelo-Sheep-Cow Integrated Production System in CSU-Sanchez Mira on March 26, 2026.

Campus Executive Officer Prof. Dr. Rodel Francisco T. Alegado led the initiative, which aligns with the university's

broader agenda to promote climate-resilient, innovation-driven agricultural systems.

A total of more than 1,500 seedlings were prepared for the project, 80 of which were ceremonially planted in designated orchard areas by invited guests from various regional and local agencies.

The activity gathered key stakeholders, including Board of Regents Members Hon. Urdujah G. Alvarado and Hon. Dionisio

C. Ledres Jr.; Sanchez Mira Municipal Mayor Hon. Abraham B. Bagasin; Department of Agriculture Regional Executive Director Hon. Rose Mary Q. Aquino, represented by Dr. Bryan S. Sibayan; Department of Environment and Natural Resources Regional Executive Director Atty. Ismael T. Manaligod, represented by Sanchez Mira CENR Officer Ms. Aida S. Adap; and TESDA Assistant Regional Director and

Cagayan Provincial Director Genaro Ronald C. Ibay.

Also in attendance were university and campus officials, faculty, staff, students, partner stakeholders, and guests, all demonstrating strong inter-agency collaboration in advancing sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural development initiatives in the region. 🌱



CSU HOLDS UNIVERSITY-WIDE CHM SKILLS OLYMPICS 2026

College of Hospitality Management (CHM) delegates, faculty members, and staff from five campuses of Cagayan State University, Aparri, Gonzaga, Sanchez Mira, Lal-Lo, and Andrews, gathered at Sitio Nagbaranganan on March 26, 2026, for the University-Wide CHM Skills Olympics.

During the opening program, Campus Executive Officer Dr. Rodel Francisco T. Alegado welcomed the participants and emphasized the values of excellence, sustainability, and service. "Let us celebrate not only the fruits that will one day grow in this orchard, but also the wisdom,

skills, and character that will be cultivated in every student who walks through its roles," he said.

In his message, OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, highlighted the significance of skills and cultural appreciation. "We gather not only to compete, but to celebrate the richness of Filipino culture, the excellence of our students, and the shared vision that unites us as one university," he stated.

Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, member of the CSU Board of Regents and CESB chairperson, underscored the importance of such events in enhancing global competitiveness, noting that they foster innovation, vision, and continuous learning among

students.

Meanwhile, Sanchez Mira Mayor Hon. Abraham B. Bagasin expressed his appreciation to the participating campuses, describing the event as a celebration of talent and a platform for promoting sustainability through innovation and communication services.

The oath-taking ceremony was led by Ms. Ivy Caole, followed by the formal opening declaration by CHM University Dean Dr. Lianne T. Abuan. The ceremony concluded with the lighting of the torch, symbolizing unity, sportsmanship, and the enduring spirit of competition.

The Skills Olympics featured various competitions, including Festival Dance, Flight Attendant Showmanship, Events Proposal, Bed Make-Up with Towel Folding, Events Set-Up 3-in-1, Cake Decoration, Lagablaba sa Pugon (Market Basket), Flairtending (Double), Coffee Concoction, and Hari ng Pistang Bayan.

The CHM Skills Olympics showcased the talents and competencies of students across campuses while promoting excellence and preparing them to become future professionals in the hospitality and management industry. 🌟





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TOP 3 | 92.80%
TUDDAO, MARC IAN BUNAGAN
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FIRST-TIME TAKERS	78.72% (37/47)
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE	70% (42/60)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE	61.62% (1,692/2,746)

TOP 10 | 91.90%
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to the 46 PASSERS OF MARCH 2026 ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

FIRST TIME TAKERS	87.50% (42/48)
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE	83.64% (46/55)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE	78.16% (1,907/2,440)

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OVERALL PERFORMANCE

CARIG CAMPUS	100% (1/1)
SANCHEZ MIRA CAMPUS	79.27% (65/82)
PIAT CAMPUS	69.52% (73/105)
APARRI CAMPUS	69.80% (104/143)
GONZAGA CAMPUS	89.83% (53/59)

INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE	75.90% (296/390)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE	66% (30,320/45,936)

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TO THE 49 PASSERS OF SEPTEMBER 2025 BAR EXAMINATION

FIRST TIME TAKERS	69.44% (25/36)
BATCH 2025	74.19% (23/31)
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE	62.03% (49/79)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE	48.98% (5,594/11,420)

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