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National SCUAA 2015 Olympics opens

By SCUAA 'Updates' Team

Known for its pancit batil patong and its Cagayan River, the longest and the largest river in the archipelago, Tuguegarao City has once more been put in the national map as it hosts the National State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SCUAA) 2015 Olympic Games, which formally opened yesterday at the newly refurbished Cagayan Sports Complex with Cagayan State University as host.

At 6:30 a.m., a parade around the city closely secured by the members of the Philippine National Police started the week-long Olympic Games, which is co-hosted by the Provincial Government of Cagayan and the local government unit of Tuguegarao City, with participants from 112 SUCs sporting their colorful uniforms and banners and ushered by 9 drum and lyre bands coming from the Department of Education schools.

Although the weather was a bit on the cold side, and it was drizzling at the early part of the morning, the sportsfest was formally opened by the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) President Dr. Ricardo E. Rotoras.

Rep. Roman Romulo, chair of the house committee on higher and technical education, graced the opening ceremony of the sportsfest with around 5,000 athletes and officials who will vie for top honors led by the perennial champion, National Capital Region, and who the congressman described as the future sports



Local and national media picked up these historic moments that placed Tuguegarao City in the online and offline space. (Photos courtesy of Ferdinand Soriano)

superstars of the Asian Games, or possibly, Olympic Games. (See related story on column 1).

Aside from Romulo, the other notable personalities present at the ceremony covered live by local and national media were Cagayan Governor Alvaro Antonio, Cagayan Third District Rep. Randolph Ting, Tuguegarao Mayor Engelbert Caronan, COO-NATTCO Rep. Anthony Bravo, Commission on Higher Education Commissioner Alex Brillantes and CSU President Dr. Romeo R. Quilang, who, on behalf of the other four SUCs in Region 2, welcomed the delegations in his opening remarks.

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9,000 CSU dancers wow SCUAA audience

By Melou Darilag and Aldrin Bitamog

Some 9,000 dancers of the Cagayan State University wowed the audience at the opening of the National State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SCUAA) 2015 Olympics yesterday at the Cagayan Sports Complex.

The group made up of basic physical education students enrolled in Carig and Andrews campuses performed after several rehearsals organized by Mr. Kier Vincent Dammay, the artistic director, and Dr. Chita Ramos, dean of the College of Human Kinetics.

Dressed in blue, orange, yellow, and green, they put in awe the audience with their 20-minute presentation which earned several eruptions of cheers among the spectators.

The amazement even became intense when a shower of confetti fell from a hovering single-engine plane which flew over the performers six times.

Damay said the performance, a matrix dance style and a result of the solid support of the teachers and advisers of the students, was CSU's best way to welcome the delegates of the Olympics.

The group's success, he said, was due to the active participation of the students and the assistance they got from the administration led by President Romeo R. Quilang.

This is the second time CSU staged such a performance before a large audience. The first happened in 2014 when CSU Carig campus

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Romulo leads 2015 Olympics opening rites

By SCUAA 'Updates' Team

Pasig City Lone District Rep. Roman Romulo led yesterday the opening rites of the week-long National State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SCUAA) 2015 Olympic Games jointly staged by the Cagayan State University, provincial government of Cagayan and local government of Tuguegarao City.

Speaking before those who packed the Cagayan Sports Complex, one of the two main venues of the sportsfest—the other being the CSU Carig Campus, Romulo said the Olympics is an important event not only for the athletes but also for the country.

"The start of the National SCUAA 2015 Olympics will serve as inspiration for our local and national leaders and will serve as a reminder that we are all Filipinos, we are all united," the congressman said.

Turning to the athletes, he said: "You, dear



Romulo speaks at the opening program of the National SCUAA 2015 Olympics held at the Cagayan Sports Complex. (Photos courtesy of Ferdinand Soriano)

athletes, you will serve as our inspiration... give all your best. You are here today because you are the best of the best of all the regions, that you don't have to prove."

The solon, who started his speech with a 44-second prayer for the 44 fallen men of the Special Action Force of the PNP, invited the participants to explore the places of interest that

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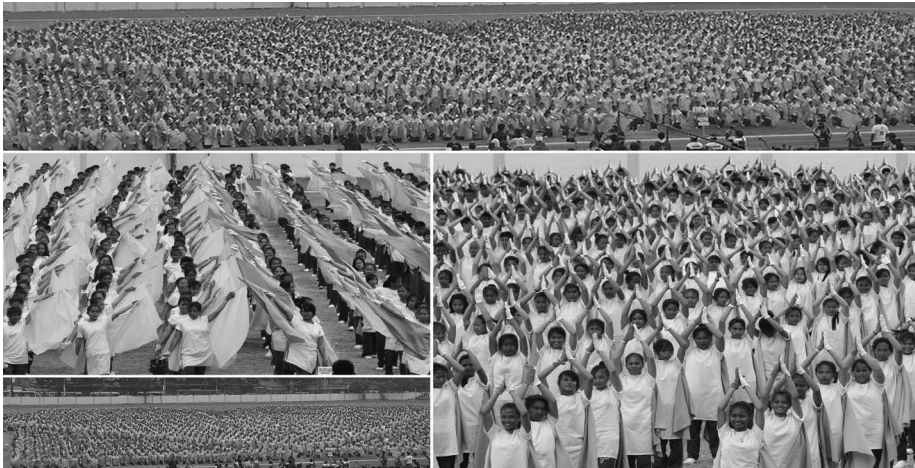
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To highlight the ceremony and to welcome the delegates, guests and visitors to the city, about 9,000 basic physical education students of CSU coming from its Carig and Andrews campuses performed an enthralling 20-minute field demonstration, which is believed to be a 'potential' Guinness record. (See related story on column 3 of page 1)

Participants of the competitions, supervised by PASUC, will compete in 21 sporting events, namely, athletics, badminton, baseball, basketball, chess, dancesports, football, lawn tennis, sepak takraw, softball, swimming, taekwondo, table tennis, volleyball, beach volleyball, arnis, karatedo, pencak silat, futsal, boxing, and archery.

Hostilities kicked off 1 p.m. of the same day with the finals of all the events including the awards and closing ceremonies to be held on Feb. 14.

Western Mindanao, NCR, Cordillera, Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, Southern Tagalog, Bicol, Western Visayas, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas, ARMM, Northern Mindanao, SOCSARGEN, CARAGA and Davao are the participating regions.



CSU dancers make history as they perform their 20-minute enthralling presentation that made the rounds on the cyberspace. (Courtesy of Ferdinand Soriano)

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put up a 5,000-member field demonstration to welcome the delegations joining the regional SCUAA meet.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr.

Mariden V. Cauilan called the performance "fantastic", and hinted that it could be a potential candidate for a Guinness record.

What they said...

Editor's Note:

At yesterday's National SCUAA 2015 Olympics opening ceremony, five prominent individuals spoke before the crowd, inspiring the athletes and coaches with their remarks. We included here some of the most striking parts of their speeches.



"The start of the National SCUAA 2015 Olympics will serve as an inspiration for our local and national leaders, and will serve as a reminder that we are all Filipinos, we are all united."

-Congressman Roman Romulo

"Hopefully this event will bring good memories, and after this event shall have been pushed through, maalaala ninyo ang Cagayan na isang magandang probinsya, where people are hospitable, where people are good, magalang. And hopefully, this will put Cagayan in the national scene."

-Governor Alvaro Antonio



"You are really at the frontline as far as promoting unity in everything. People might differ in politics, might differ in terms of discipline. But, it is sports that brings us together. Sports is the one that brings about convergence. And we must thank you for the hard work and training that you've done."

-Commissioner Alex Brillantes

"I take this remarkable opportunity to congratulate you all, specially our athletes, their trainers, coaches, advisers, teachers, supporters, particularly the Governor and the host university for the success of this event. While we may be only at the beginning of this event, I strongly believe you are all winners, because more than the medals you will earn, you will win friendship, respect, confidence, and memories that will last a lifetime."

-Mayor Engelbert Caronan



"The number of athletes gathered here today is only a small fraction of the total number of students enrolled in state colleges and universities in the Philippines. By the sheer number of SUCs and their total enrollment, there is no other organization in our country other than PASUC that has the same potential. In as much as we mold the majority of the youth who come to us for tertiary education, we virtually hold the fate of the nation in our hands. That is why, true to the theme of the SCUAA National Olympics 2015, we must share the same vision and tread the same roadmap towards a better country. This event shows how our association could bring the synergy of diverse organization and stakeholders."

-CSU President Romeo Quilang



MEET THE CANDIDATES OF THE *Search for Mr. and Ms. SCUAA 2015*



Watch the Grand Coronation Night on February 9, 2015, 7 p.m. CSU Andrews Gymnasium

Why is the torch lit during sports competition?

By Kristinne Joyce De Leon

From its inception at the 1928 Olympic Games, the lighting of the torch appears to have symbolized a moment of truth from spectators and athletes, where they can join in unity and recognize and understand the ideals that the games can offer. The torch and the flame are significant international symbols and are important in linking the general public with the festival.

Others associate the flame with the church, illustrating the growing significance of the flame and the torch as symbols associated with honesty and purity. Apart from its religious significance, research shows that the torch and the flame have significance for the community, in terms of social and cultural benefits such as instigating pride and building unity; promoting celebrations and memories for the community; influencing national pride; and promoting sports at the community level.

The flame is not merely flame that burns in the field or the stadium, nor is the torch simply the vessel that carries the flame. It has been suggested by historians that the flame was born in a temple erected by the ancient Greeks to honor Hera, the powerful queen of the mythological gods. To kindle the flame, the ancient Greeks used a skaphia (a type of crucible) to concentrate the Sun's rays and set fire to dry grass. Research also indicates that this ceremony, conducted at the Temple of Hera, is over 2000 years old. In ancient Greece, vestal nuns (or vestal virgins) dedicated

their lives to guarding the sacred Olympic fire to ensure that it was never extinguished. They took a vow of chastity and received spiritual privileges and rights for their solemn dedication to the flame.

Research indicates that the origin of the use of fire and torches in the ancient Greek games stems from both religious ritual and a team race, although it was first and foremost a religious ceremony. The race which was called Lampadedromia, derived from the Greek work "lampas"

meaning torch, and "dromos" meaning course or running, was staged. Originally, this race was run by individuals as a part of local Greek games held in honor of a god or patron of the city. The race was considered to be more ritualistic than competitive and its purpose was to carry the torch safely from one point in the city to another without its being extinguished. This "sacred" meaning of the race remained long after it had become a relay-race. In either type of race, the torch had to be transported swiftly "to preserve its purity and power." The relay ended at the altar of the god or patron in whose honor the festival was being held, where the winner used his torch to light the sacrificial fire.

The torch journey is a "rich sampler of Cagayan's history, culture and geography". This, and with the commencement of the SCUAA National Olympics 2015, it has woven itself into the fabric of the province's and in particular, CSU's history.



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Cagayan can offer.

He encouraged them not to miss seeing local tourist destinations such as the famous Callao Caves in Penablanca town, the Basilica Minore of Piat, and the Calvary Hills in Iguigu.

"I hope you'll visit all these places that Cagayan is proud of so that when you go back to your respective regions you will remember the happy memories of your stay in the province," the solon said.

Roman urged the athletes, who he described as the future members of the Gilas Pilipinas, Azcals and the next Manny Pacquiao, to continue improving their craft.

"Be proud of your regions and of being a Filipino," he ended.



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Region 6 edges Region 9 in Sepak takraw, 2-1

Region 6 shook off the court after nosing out region 9 in the Sepaktakraw game held during the first day of the National SCUAA 2015 Olympics, 2-1.

In the first regu, both teams exchanged kicks, until Davao Region locked the game with their powerful wallops and sharp blocks, finishing the first and second set of the game with the score 21-13, 21-19.

On the other hand, the Western Visayas Region recovered on the second regu after Thomas Miguel Estandarte and Kenny Penaso executed headshots and spikes leaving their opponents with dust of 21-09, 21-05.

At the end of the game, Region 6 reigned after Karl Tyrrence Bryan Castillo ended the sets with the scores of 21-14, 21-16 by continuous spikes. *By Sarah Jane Redable*



Aljhon Dionisio makes a powerful spike to his team's rivals.

Region 12 nips Region 10

Region 12 SOCSARGEN defeated Region 10 –Northern Mindanao during the volleyball men's division game 2, 3-1.

Region 12 players scored 3 sets over 1 after the four sets of the game.

They gained 25 points over 21 of the opponent during the first set of the game, despite their loss in the second, 21-25.

On the third and fourth set, they were able to seize the throne with the scores, 25-23 and 25-18, respectively.

The team led by Eliverjay Soverano won through defensive blocks, spikes, and stops against their opponent.

"I told them to relax and enjoy the game, for I saw that they were very eager to get the ball," said Nogodin S. Salgen, Region XII's coach. *By Rochelle Nera*

Region 3 pawns region 1 in Sepak takraw; 2-0

By Manases Lacambra

With their unstoppable spikes, Region 3 (R3) crashed Region 1 (R1) during the first day of National SCUAA 2015 Olympics in sepaktakraw bracket C game, 2-0, Feb. 8.

In the first set played by the first regu, both teams showed up a great defense and offense and came up with powerful summersault and spikes that brought tension to the audience.

However, the R3 broke the defense of R1 when Salmer Libanan, the region's spiker, released his powerful summersault that made them finish the set to 20-22.

In the second set, the intense offense of R3 even stepped up nailing R1 with a 9-point

margin, 14-3.

To completely secure their victory, Earl Ryan Bornes, spiker of R3, posted unstoppable spikes that led them to their win, 21-11.

Meanwhile, in the second regu, R3 players continued showing up their spectacular plays to escape past R1, 17-11.

The tandem of Aljhon Dionisio and Edwin Eugenio of R3, contributed 2 spikes and 2 headshots that led them win the first set, 21-17.

In the second set, R1 suddenly rose from their grave after Michael Ocampo, R1 spiker, released his spectacular summersault and leave R3 with the score of 5-0.

Bicol region blanks CAR, 3-0

Bicol region ruled the court during the volleyball men's division game four against Cordillera Administrative Region held at Cagayan State University – Carig Campus on Feb. 8, 3-0.

Bicol owned all three sets of the match blanking its opponent.

The team gained 25 over 20 points during the first set of the game, 25 over 17 on the second, and 26 over 24 on the third set.

In an interview, team captain Rex del Ayre said their foundation for winning is the effort that everyone exerted.

"Sa blocking at pag-spike ng bola, sa pagsalo kung kailangan, dive for it...team effort lang talaga," he added.

Gerard Marcellana, the coach of the team said that in every game, there must only be one champion.

"Malakas sila, though lahat ng team malalakas, there should only be one winner, and God said there should be only one champion," he said. *By Rochelle Nera*



PASUC OFFICERS MEET SUC PRESIDENTS. On February 7 at Ivory Hotel, Presidents of State Universities and Colleges nationwide met with the officers of the Philippines Association of State Universities and Colleges led by President Ricardo E. Rotoras (inset - 2nd from left) and the host President Dr. Romeo R. Quilang (inset - 1st from left). They discussed matters having to do with the preparations for the National SCUAA 2015 Olympics and other important PASUC concerns. Not in photo is CHED Commissioner Alex Brilliantes, who came to speak before them on the same occasion. (Photos courtesy of Ferdinand Soriano)

Region 9 spikes off Region 7

Region 9 shamed Region 7 during the first game of the volleyball men's division held at the Carig Volleyball Court on Feb. 8, with the score of 3-0.

The latter dominated the first set in a close fight through their spikes which gave them the score 25-23.

The former tried to get close with leading team during the second set by their blocks, but the score ended with 14-14.

However, Region 9 was able to recover using consecutive attacks that made them snatch the set 25-23.

Region 9 triumphed over the rival during the third set with proper set plays and attacks of Jason Baldero and Jerome Bancale-tandem, ending the game with 25-20.

Team captain Alvin Yosoris said that teamwork was their edge over their opponents.

"Nagtulong-tulong kaming lahat kaya lumamang kami sa kalaban," he said. *By Denmark Orita and Rochelle Nera*



CSU, CAGAYAN PROVINCE WELCOME SCUAA GUESTS, PARTICIPANTS. SUC Presidents from 16 regions and other delegation heads who traveled all the way from their respective places to the Ibanag City to participate in the National SCUAA 2015 Olympics were welcomed with sumptuous food, songs, dances and fireworks. CHED Commissioner Alex Brilliantes graced the event staged by Cagayan Governor Alvaro Antonio (Photos courtesy of Ferdinand Soriano)

NCR dancesporters rule tilt

By Melou B. Darilag

The dancers of the National Capital Region, a four-time holder of dance sports tilt of the National SCUAA Olympics, romped away with the championship trophy for both Latin American (LA) and Standard American (SA) categories of yesterday's dance sports competition held at the Peoples' Gymnasium.

For the LA category which includes Jive, Cha Cha Cha, and Rumba, judges declared Rizal Technological University (RTU) dancers Benjamin Legaspi and Rochelle Canoy as the best among 25 pairs who took the dance floor to show off their dance prowess.

Judges declared Shane Marie Gestosani and Justin Nories Bautista, coached by Prof. Noel Mondejar of West Visayas State University, and Darlene Callas and Eric John Colpuz, all from Region 6, as first runner-up and second runner-up, respectively, in this category.

Tristan John Ducay and Roan Krystelle Palma, also from RTU, dominated the SA form—Tango, Waltz and Quick Step—, stopping the aim of the 24 other pairs to snatch the crown from them.

Central Luzon's bet Jerome Dominic O. Perez and Riolin Dela Cruz placed first runner-up, while Paulo Rey Recano and Keithleene

Donato finished second.

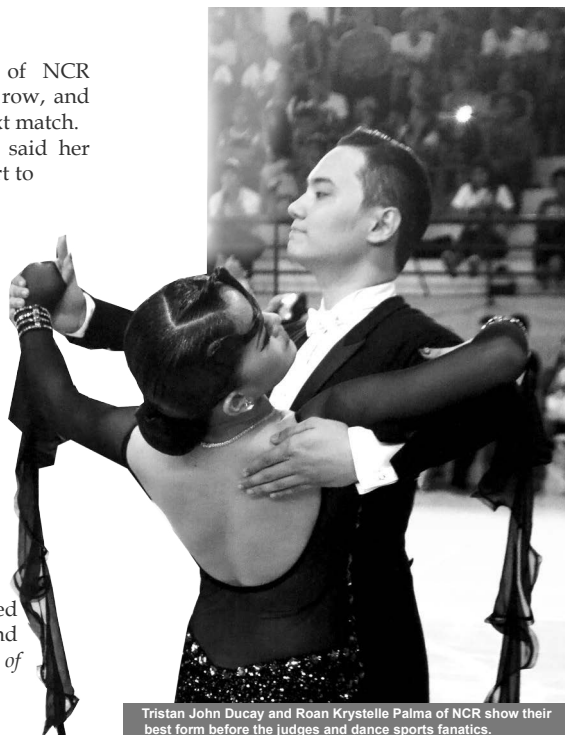
Winning coach Bong Marquez of NCR said this is their fourth victory in a row, and expressed to do even better in the next match.

Region 6 Coach Jertrudez Lopez said her constant guidance and all-out support to her proteges is the secret that explains their victory.

Legaspi and Canoy, who dream to be known not only in the country but also in the international scene, dedicate their feat to their family, coach, school and to God "who gave us the talent to inspire others to inspire."

Ana Yango, NCR's coach for LA, for her part, said what contributed much to their performance this year was proper training, adding that the three factors that made them emerge over their opponents were quality, character, and flair.

Judges invited for the tilt included Jose Leo Linga, Marian Camacho and Lowell Basa Tan. (Photo Courtesy of Rolaine Paccalagan)



Tristan John Ducay and Roan Krystelle Palma of NCR show their best form before the judges and dance sports fanatics.

CAR Five regroup in 3rd, rolls past CARAGA



CAR players display their force that led them to stop the quest of CARAGA to win the game. (Photos courtesy of Michael Lavadia)

By Michael Lavadia and Efren Reyes

The Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) recovered from an 11-point deficit after two quarters against CARAGA to secure its first win in Sunday afternoon's treat of the Men's Basketball Game (Bracket D) of the State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association National Olympics 2015.

CAR trailed for the entire first half, 37-26, allowing CARAGA to score 24 points in the 2nd quarter alone while shooting below 30% from the field and giving up too many fouls including two unsportsmanlike fouls that sent CARAGA players in the charity line.

CARAGA's defense, however, faltered in the 3rd quarter allowing CAR to put up a 13-4 run in the in the mid-way game with Tito Astrande, Prodie Tadeo and Romnick Buraga leading the team's charge with a combined 19-point third quarter that gave CAR its first taste of the lead, 51-49.

CAR's lead even ballooned to 8, 73-65, with 2:43 left in the Regulation, as Astrande took advantage of Tadeo's 3 dimes to add 10 more points in his total.

CAR held its opponent off to only 12 points in the last quarter to seize the game, 81-67.

Meanwhile Placido Ronquillo posted a game-high 23 points for CARAGA, while Reymun de la Puerta added 17.

In an interview with Tadeo, CAR'S captain ball, he said that defense had gotten them back to the game.

On the other hand, Aldrin Ranjee Novo, CARAGA's coach, admitted that their team defense had collapsed.

"We were complacent. Our defense collapsed and we lacked physicality," he confessed.

Davao spikers demolish Region X, 3-0

By Marvas Mary Rose Angelie, Efren Reyes Jr, Janice Joy Balanza, and Susette Vicente

Davao region crashed Eastern Mindanao, 3-0, in Game 1 of Women's Volleyball Bracket D of the National SCUAA 2015 Olympics, Feb. 8.

Davao Spikers got the better of Region X in all three sets to notch their first victory of a single -round robin format.

The Region XI volleybelles ended the contest with a 10-point margin, out of well-executed plays and off opponents forced errors, 25-15.

When asked about the performance of his players, Davao coach Ray Jay Fano said that the outcome favored them because of team energy and hustle.

Team Captain Marife Ann Riamin said: "Team work and good communication sa grupo ang edge namin" over the others when asked about their advantage over their opponent.

Meanwhile, National Capital Region secured its first win as it proved its dominance over Western Mindanao, 3-0, in Women's Volleyball Game 1 of Bracket C.

The Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao also seized victory after dominating Eastern Visayas, 25-11, 25-21, 25-16 in Game 1 Bracket A.

Also, Southern Tagalog ruled Bicol Region after four sets, 3-1 in Game 1 Bracket B.

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