Volume 10 | Issue No. 3
ISSN 2704-3207

July - October 2026

CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY

INFOCUS

The Official Newsletter of the Office of the University President



OIC PRESIDENT IBAÑEZ ADMINISTERS OATH TO 89 NEWLY HIRED AND PROMOTED CSU EMPLOYEES

A total of eighty-nine newly hired and promoted faculty members and administrative personnel of Cagayan State University took their oath of office before Officer-In-Charge University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez on July 30 and 31, 2026, officially joining and advancing within the University's academic and administrative workforce.

Fifty-eight personnel took their oath today, July 31, 2026, at the Cagayan State University Central Administration, while 31 employees were sworn in a day earlier during the Expanded Executive Committee (ExeCom) and Management Committee (ManCom) Meeting hosted by the CSU Lal-lo Campus.

The July 31 oath-taking covered employees from the Central Administration (18), Carig Campus (28), Andrews Campus (7), Solana Campus (3), and Piat Campus (2).

Dr. Ibañez administered the oath and congratulated the employees as they formally assumed their new roles in the University.

In his message, Dr. Ibañez encouraged the newly appointed personnel to remain patient, dedicated, and committed to public service.

"It may not be the time that you want, but in God's perfect time," he said, reminding employees that every achievement comes at the right time through perseverance and faith.

He also expressed gratitude for their hard work and commitment, assuring them that the University recognizes their potential.

"Hindi natutulog ang administration. Continue to perform well. We are looking at your potential to become future leaders. Continue improving your performance and increase your productivity," he added.

The oath-taking ceremony was witnessed by university officials, including Vice President Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, Vice President Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, Campus Executive Officers Engr. Roger P. Rumpon and Dr. Hitler C. Dangatan, Chief Administrative Officer Ramon Henry Peregrino O. Kanapi, and other members of the University administration, who likewise extended their congratulations to the newly appointed and promoted employees.







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.





CONG. LARA PUSHES FOR ACCESSIBLE HIGHER EDUCATION AS HOUSE COMMITTEE PANEL BACKS CSU-BAGGAO CAMPUS BILL

Thousands of prospective college students in Baggao, Cagayan, are a step closer to gaining access to quality and affordable higher education following the approval of House Bill No. 9695 by the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education, chaired by Hon. Congressman Jude A. Acidre.

The measure seeks to establish a regular campus of Cagayan State University in the Municipality of Baggao, First District of Cagayan.

The bill was principally authored by Cong. Joseph L. Lara, who represents the Third District of Cagayan, highlighting a cross-district initiative aimed at expanding educational access for students in another congressional district of the province.

During its 13th Regular Committee Meeting on August 4, 2026, Rep. Lara emphasized that many students from Baggao currently travel considerable distances to pursue higher education in existing Cagayan State University campuses.

He cited findings from Cagayan State University's feasibility study indicating that 69.84 percent of households in Baggao earn ₱10,000 or less per month, making the cost of transportation, accommodation, and other education-related expenses significant barrier to tertiary education.

Cagayan State University Baggao Campus seeks to provide accessible, quality higher education and technical-vocational programs to students within the municipality and nearby municipalities like Gattaran and Alcala.

Once established, the campus is expected to expand educational access, increase college participation, and contribute to the socioeconomic development of the municipality and the surrounding communities.

At the start of the committee hearing, CHED Chairperson Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis expressed her support for House Bill No. 9695, highlighting CHED's commitment to expanding equitable access to quality higher education.

CHED Executive Director Atty. Cinderella Filipina S. Benitez-Jaro, manifested its support for the proposal, provided that all statutory and regulatory requirements for the establishment of a new state university campus are satisfied.

The CSU Baggao Campus was also a priority program of former University President Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado and was carried forward by the current administration under Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez.

Meanwhile, present during the committee meeting were OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, Campus Executive Officer Engr. Roger P. Rumpon, and other university officials, who reaffirmed the university's commitment to bringing quality and accessible higher education closer to communities across Cagayan.

IN PHOTOS || Cagayan State University (CSU) hosted the Aggao nac Cagayan Concert on June 29, 2026, as part of the province's celebration of Aggao nac Catedral and Aggao nac Cagayan, commemorating the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, patrons of the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Province of Cagayan.

The concert featured performances by the Coro de San Jacinto, the University's official cultural extension, under the direction of Fr. Ranhilio Callangan Aquino, Dean of the Graduate School of San Beda University, and CSU Legal Consultant.

Present during the celebration were First Lady Louise Araneta-Marcos, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chairperson Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, together with religious and political leaders, and other distinguished guests and university officials.







CSU ENGAGES FIVE LAL-LO BARANGAYS IN CAMPUS LAND BOUNDARY VALIDATION

Lal-lo, Cagayan — Cagayan State University strengthened its dialogue with surrounding communities through a meeting focused on the presentation and validation of the identified land boundaries of the CSU Lal-lo Campus, August 10, 2026.

The activity gathered constituents and representatives from Barangays Paranum, Dalaya, Sta. Maria, San Mariano, and Magapit to discuss the University's landholdings and address matters concerning their location, extent, and boundaries.

Using maps of the identified lot boundaries, Cagayan State University presented the areas comprising the Lal-lo Campus and provided community members an opportunity to examine the University's properties in relation to the surrounding barangays. The presentation also allowed participants to raise observations and seek clarification on boundary-related concerns.

Officer-In-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez led the Cagayan State University delegation, joined by Lal-lo Campus Executive Officer Dr. James Cabildo, Atty. Arjay L. Pando, Lead Lawyer for the Lal-lo Land Holdings and University Records Officer, and Engr. Matthew Miguel H. Custodio, University LUDIP Focal Person.

The discussion also included the MOAs covering the DBP Project and the National Greening Program (NGP) Project, particularly the areas covered by these agreements and their relationship to Cagayan State University's landholdings and land management activities.

For Cagayan State University, the meeting served not only as a venue for presenting property information but also as an opportunity to strengthen coordination with communities surrounding the campus.

The activity highlighted the importance of open communication and proper validation in addressing land-related concerns. Through dialogue with the concerned barangays, Cagayan State University seeks to promote a shared understanding of its properties while ensuring that its landholdings are properly documented, managed, and protected.

The initiative is part of the Cagayan State University's continuing efforts to strengthen its property records and support informed, long-term land use and development planning for the CSU Lal-lo Campus.

DICT SECRETARY AGUDA LEADS FREE PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS PROGRAM VISIT TO CSU

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), led by Secretary Henry R. Aguda, conducted a site visit for the Free Public Internet Access Program at Cagayan State University Andrews Campus on July 15, 2026.

Joining Secretary Aguda were Assistant Secretary for Special Concerns, Asec. Christian Mark G. Guingcangco, Assistant Secretary for e-Government, Asec. Maria Victoria C. Castro, and Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Management and DICT 02 Regional Director Engr. Pinky T. Jimenez.

Cagayan State University officials headed by Campus Executive Officer Engr. Roger Rumpon representing Officer-In-Charge Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, welcomed the delegation before touring selected campus facilities and the university's public Wi-Fi site.

The visit concluded with an engagement activity with students, highlighting the continued collaboration between Cagayan State University and DICT in expanding access to free internet services on campus.



CSU FORGES PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL HOTELS TO STRENGTHEN HOSPITALITY SERVICE TRAINING





Tuguegarao City, Cagayan—Cagayan State University further strengthened its industry linkages after signing separate Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) with Pulsar Hotel and Seed Hotel on July 9, 2026, through a virtual signing ceremony via Zoom.

The agreements, signed by Cagayan State University Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, Pulsar Hotel and Restaurant Manager Mr. Marc Aries B. Taja, and Seed Hotel owner Mr. Isidro R. Duran, establish a collaborative framework for implementing the Guest Satisfaction–Driven Program for Enhancing Hotel Service Quality, a research-based capability-building initiative anchored on the university's study, "Guest Satisfaction on the Services of Hotels in Tuguegarao City."

Under the partnership, Cagayan State University, through the College of Hospitality Management in Andrews, Aparri, Gonzaga, Lallo and Sanchez Mira, will develop and implement an 80-hour training program composed of five courses combining online lectures and onsite skills training.

Cagayan State University will likewise provide trainers, instructional materials, assessment tools, and certificates of completion, while the partner hotels will facilitate participant engagement and provide logistical support for the implementation of the program.

CSU, SANJIVANI UNIVERSITY SIGN MOU TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COOPERATION



Cagayan State University strengthened its international academic linkages with the formalization of a partnership with Sanjivani University in India through a ceremonial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing, September 29, 2026.

The MOU provides a framework for the two universities to explore and develop areas of mutual academic interest, opening avenues for collaboration among students, faculty members, researchers, and academic communities.

With the formalization of the agreement, CSU, through its Gonzaga Campus, and Sanjivani University are poised to translate institutional commitment into meaningful academic engagement and explore initiatives that can contribute to teaching, research, innovation, and community development.

Conducted virtually via Zoom, the MOU signing was signed by Cagayan State University Officer-in-Charge Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and Sanjivani University Registrar Prof. Amol Dhakane. Serving as witnesses were CSU Gonzaga Campus Executive Director Dr. Froilan A. Pacris Jr., CBEA Dean Dr. Jay F. Omotoy, Vice Chancellor Dr. A.G. Thakur, and Dr. Girish Painoli.

CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY INFOCUS The Official Newsletter of the Office of the University President

CSU BENCHMARKS BIOENERGY INNOVATIONS AT MMSU TO STRENGTHEN CIRCULAR ECONOMY INITIATIVES

Ilocos Norte—Cagayan State University, led by Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, conducted a benchmarking visit to the National Bioenergy Research and Innovation Center (NBERIC) of Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) on July 20, 2026, as part of the University's continuing efforts to strengthen research, innovation, and sustainability initiatives.

The visit enabled Cagayan State University officials to gain insights into NBERIC's research and development initiatives in bioenergy, renewable energy, waste valorization, and sustainable technologies, providing valuable references for the University's own Circular Economy programs and resource utilization strategies.

continue to page 11...

CSU LOOKS AHEAD THROUGH FUTURES THINKING









Cagayan State University, in partnership with the Philippine Futures Thinking Society (PhilFutures), continues its Futures Research Agenda Workshop: "Futures Thinking Towards Sustainable Development with the ACACIA-ASCENT Framework" on September 24–25, 2026.

The current workshop serves as a continuation of the first phase conducted on September 15–16, 2025 via Zoom, where Cagayan State University began exploring the integration of futures thinking and foresight into its institutional development and research agenda.

Building on the initial phase, the workshop seeks to further mainstream foresight and futures thinking across Cagayan State University's institutional strategies, research, extension, and academic programs.

Through the ACACIA-ASCENT Framework and Futures Research Agenda, CSU seeks to strengthen a culture of anticipation, innovation, and long-term thinking—helping the University become more proactive in addressing emerging challenges and opportunities.

In his welcome message, Officer-In-Charge University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez highlighted one of Cagayan State University's key initiatives in institutionalizing Futures Thinking: the establishment of the SDG Center and Futures Thinking.

Dr. Ibañez said the Center serves as a way of institutionalizing and officially organizing the concepts of Futures Thinking within the Cagayan State University system, forming part of the University's initial steps toward fully developing its research and development agenda across its areas of coverage and changing the mindset of its present and future employees.

Serving as resource persons from PhilFutures are Dr. Michville A. Rivera, Mr. Emmanuel De Guia, Dr. Ruperto S. Sangalang, Prof. Ramces M. Dili, and Mr. Lui Joshua N. Cuadra.

Cagayan State University has been part of the Futures Thinking funding initiative since 2022–2024, and in 2026, the University is once again among the 25 State Colleges and Universities funded for Futures Thinking.

Together with PhilFutures, Cagayan State University continues to explore how Futures Thinking can help shape a more sustainable, innovative, resilient, and future-ready University.

CSU MOVES UP TO 890th IN UI GREENMETRIC RANKING

Cagayan State University has moved up 57 places in the latest UI GreenMetric World University Rankings, rising from 947th to 890th worldwide.

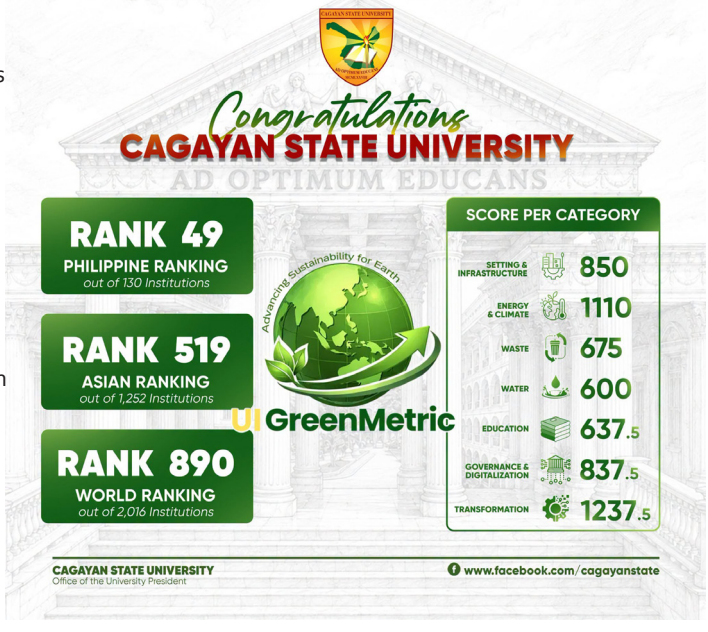
The university also posted notable placements across geographic categories, ranking 519th in Asia and 49th in the Philippines.

The latest ranking covered 2,016 institutions from 110 countries, making it an international benchmark of university sustainability and environmental management.

Cagayan State University's performance was assessed across seven categories: Settings and Infrastructure, Energy and Climate, Waste, Water, Transportation, Education, and Governance and Digitalization.

The university recorded scores of 850, 1,110, 675, 600, 1,237.5, 637.5, and 837.5, respectively, across the seven categories.

UI GreenMetric provides a standardized framework through which universities can measure and benchmark their green policies, campus operations, and environmental impact.





NEW P35-MILLION ACADEMIC BUILDING OPENS AT CSU LAL-LO

Students and employees at Cagayan State University Lal-lo Campus will soon benefit from expanded learning spaces following the inauguration of a new ₱35-million academic building on July 30, 2026.

University officials led by Cagayan State University Officer-In-Charge University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez joined campus administrators in the blessing and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly completed two-storey facility.

The building houses six classrooms with a combined seating capacity of nearly 400 students, a computer laboratory, administrative offices, the Campus Executive Officer's office, and a conference room capable of accommodating up to 100 participants.

Cagayan State University Lal-lo Campus Executive Officer Dr. James Cabildo said the completion of the building forms part of the university's continuing efforts to strengthen its academic infrastructure and provide additional learning spaces for students amid increasing enrollment.

The inauguration was held alongside the Cagayan State University's Expanded Executive Committee and Management Committee Meeting hosted by the Lal-lo Campus.

FROM RESEARCH TO ROADS: CSU SHOWCASES FILIPINO-MADE ELECTRIC MOBILITY AT NATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY EXPO

What began as a single electric tricycle research project has grown into one of the country's most comprehensive university-led electric mobility programs.

This was the message delivered by Cagayan State University Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez as he presented the university's homegrown electric vehicle technologies during the Technology Pitching session of SUSTEX 2026 held on August 5, 2026, at SM Aura, Bonifacio Global City.

Addressing participants from government agencies, industries, academic institutions, and sustainability organizations, Dr. Ibañez showcased how Cagayan State University's Electromobility Research and Development Center (EMRDC) is helping shape the country's transition toward cleaner and smarter transportation.

Established in 2021 through the Department of Science and Technology's NICER Program, EMRDC has expanded its research portfolio from a single electric tricycle into a complete electric mobility ecosystem.

The technologies presented included Cagayan State University's locally engineered electric tricycle, electric public utility bus, electric tourist trams, battery-swapping system, electric golf cart, eBuggy, and conversion technologies that transform existing gasoline-powered public utility vehicles into electric-powered alternatives.

Rather than replacing millions of aging tricycles and buses operating across the country, Dr. Ibañez explained that Cagayan State University's conversion technologies provide a more practical pathway toward decarbonizing public transportation by retrofitting existing vehicles with electric battery systems.

He likewise shared the university's vision of combining electric transportation with renewable energy through solar-powered charging stations and localized microgrids, enabling communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while improving energy efficiency.

During the discussion, Dr. Ibañez acknowledged that infrastructure investment and regulatory reforms remain among the biggest challenges facing the country's electric vehicle transition. Charging facilities require substantial investments from both local governments and the national government, while registration policies for converted electric vehicles continue to grow.

Despite these challenges, he emphasized that locally developed technologies can help strengthen Philippine manufacturing capabilities while providing affordable, sustainable, and community-based transportation solutions.

"Our journey does not end with innovation, it continues through our technology adopters, bringing Filipino innovations from the laboratory to communities across the country," Dr. Ibañez said.

SUSTEX 2026, jointly organized by the Department of Science and Technology, SM Prime Holdings Inc., and ARISE Philippines, gathered leaders from government, industry, academia, and local communities to advance science, technology, and innovation under the theme "Bayanihan Innovation for a Green and Resilient Philippines."









CSU ANDREWS BREAKS GROUND FOR THREE-STOREY BALAI ALUMNI BUILDING

Envisioned as a hub for alumni engagement and collaboration, the three-storey Balai Alumni Building officially commenced construction following a groundbreaking ceremony spearheaded by the Cagayan State University Andrews Campus Alumni Association on July 17, 2026.

The project will commence with an initial funding of ₱1.2 million from the Cagayan State University Andrews Campus Alumni Association, while additional financial support is expected from the Federated Alumni Association of CSU, Inc.

University and alumni leaders expressed their shared commitment to completing the facility, which is envisioned to serve as a hub for alumni activities, collaboration, and engagement while further strengthening the University's partnership with its graduates.

The groundbreaking ceremony was led by Cagayan State University Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, together with Andrews Campus Executive Officer Terence Alfred Roberto A. Tejada, Federated Alumni Association of CSU, Inc. President Atty. Carmelo O. Villacete, CSUACTCAA, Inc. President Dr. Nestor C. Ave and alumni officers, and other university and campus officials.

FROM FARM TO MARKET: GONZAGA GROWERS POST P44,105 SALES USING GAP-BASED VEGETABLE PRODUCTS

Gonzaga, Cagayan — Beyond showcasing vegetable produce, the town's Food and Trade Fair offered Gonzaga's vegetable growers a crucial test, proving that innovative farm technologies can successfully translate into real market opportunities.

The participating grower-cooperators under the Sustainable Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)-Based Vegetable Production and Processing Technology Towards Enterprise Development in Cagayan Province – Phase II generated ₱44,105.00 in gross sales during the August 15, 2026, fair held in celebration of the town's Patronal Fiesta.

Implemented through the collaboration of Cagayan State University (CSU) led by Officer-In-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, Department of Science and Technology–Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST–PCAARRD) headed by Executive Director Dr. Reynaldo V. Ebora, and the Local Government Unit of Gonzaga led by Mayor Engr. Rellie S. Dalmaceda, the project seeks to promote vegetable production that is safe, sustainable, and responsive to market demands.

At the fair, growers showcased a range of GAP-based fresh vegetables, allowing consumers to see firsthand the products resulting from improved agricultural practices.

But the exhibit did not stop at fresh produce.

The growers and project team also showcased okra pickles, tomato leather, tomato jam, and tomato jelly, demonstrating how locally produced vegetables can be transformed into higher-value products.

These processed products offer farmers another option for dealing with surplus and highly perishable vegetables while creating opportunities to extend shelf life, diversify products, and increase income.

For the grower-cooperators, the fair also served as a practical classroom.

By engaging directly with consumers and potential buyers, they gained firsthand experience in product presentation, customer interaction, pricing and marketing, while learning which products attract market interest.

The project team likewise provided agricultural inputs, IEC materials, and rapid test kits to reinforce GAP-based production and food safety practices.

The exhibit was further complemented by East-West Seed Company, which presented vegetable seeds and agricultural products, connecting growers with potential sources of quality planting materials.

Meanwhile, locally crafted bamboo furniture from CSU Gonzaga, through the leadership of Campus Executive Officer Dr. Froilan A. Pacris Jr., was used as display racks, adding a sustainability dimension to the exhibit while showcasing local craftsmanship.

Project Technical Consultant Dr. Josie Y. Bas-ong led and coordinated the project's participation, with Project Leader Dr. Boyet C. Pattung and the project team supporting the grower-cooperators.

The Research, Development, and Extension (RDE) Team, headed by Engr. Audy R. Quebral, Vice President for RDE, represented by Dir. Roje Marie Rosqueta, Director for Extension, together with Engr. Jerameel Blanch Bunagan and Ms. Danica Ibañez, project staff, ensured the preparation of the booth and the display of the participating growers' produce.

This experience brings the project closer to its broader goal: helping vegetable growers transform agricultural technologies into sustainable and profitable enterprise opportunities.





CSU SENDS FACULTY, STUDENTS TO INDONESIA FOR THIRD CULTURAL EXCHANGE



Cagayan State University is sending 8 faculty members and 15 students to Universitas Potensi Utama in Indonesia for a cultural exchange and international mobility program, further strengthening the University's regional partnerships and global learning opportunities.

The participants underwent a Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar to prepare them for their academic, cultural and professional engagements in Indonesia, with emphasis on travel requirements, safety and security, cultural awareness, and responsible representation of CSU.

Since 2025, CSU has sent 23 faculty members and 50 students on international mobility programs, with the latest batch adding 8 faculty and 15 students to the growing roster of CSU global learners and ambassadors.

INTERNATIONAL POLITI-KNOWS TEAM ARRIVES AT CSU FOR COLLABORATIVE DATA GATHERING



International student collaborators from South Korea, Thailand and Indonesia have arrived at Cagayan State University to join their CSU counterparts in the data-gathering phase of POLITI-KNOWS, a student-led project originally conceptualized by CSU students and selected as one of the Top 15 ASEAN initiatives to receive the AUS 2026 SEED Grant.

The visiting team includes students from South Korea-Seoul National University , Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, and Indonesia. Together with their CSU counterparts, they will conduct data-gathering activities for the project, strengthening its regional and cross-cultural dimension.

POLITI-KNOWS was originally developed by Eduardo S. Caranguian Jr. of the Bachelor of Library and Information Science and Richmond George A. Agustin and Ma. Chantile Iclain C. Mabazza of the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, all from CSU Carig Campus.

The CSU student proponents were among the university's delegation to the Asian Undergraduate Symposium (AUS) 2026 in Singapore, where POLITI-KNOWS was competitively selected as one of only 15 projects to receive the fully funded AUS 2026 SEED Grant. The grant provides an opportunity for promising student-led initiatives to be developed through collaboration among young leaders across ASEAN and beyond.

The international team members also participated in the AUS Leadership Symposium, where they became part of the project's growing network of student collaborators.

The arrival of the international team marks an important milestone in the implementation of POLITI-KNOWS, transforming an idea conceptualized by CSU students into a multinational student initiative through collaboration with peers from different countries.





OIC PRESIDENT IBAÑEZ PRESENTS CSU's MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SUSTAINABILITY APPROACH AT GLOBAL WORKSHOP IN GERMANY

Hoppstädten-Weiersbach, Germany — Cagayan State University Officer-in-Charge University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez presented the University's executive and multi-dimensional approach to sustainability during the 12th International Workshop on UI GreenMetric Sustainable University Rankings (IWGM) 2026, joined by Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension Dr. Audy R. Quebral.

Held under the theme "Advancing Sustainable Campuses through Governance, Digitalization, and Integrated Performance," the international workshop provides a platform for higher education institutions to exchange sustainability practices and strengthen global collaboration.

The presentation of Dr. Ibañez, dubbed "Greening Cagayan State University: Executive Multi-Dimensional Approach to Institutional Development," was delivered under Session 4A: Managing Governance and Digitalization.

He highlighted the University's approach to sustainability as an institutional responsibility requiring the participation of the entire university community.

According to Dr. Ibañez, Cagayan State University's sustainability agenda is anchored not simply on ranking performance but on its responsibility to students, communities, the environment, and future generations.

He presented Cagayan State University's sustainability journey through three key areas: its institutional landscape and four major thrusts; its engagement with the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings; and its continuing commitment to strengthening sustainability initiatives and their long-term institutional impact.

The presentation emphasized the integration of sustainability across campus development, university operations, academic programs, research, and community engagement.

Dr. Ibañez also highlighted the University's view of UI GreenMetric as a framework for institutional reflection and continuous improvement.

Rather than treating sustainability as a stand-alone agenda, Cagayan State University seeks to integrate it into its broader institutional development strategies.

The 2026 IWGM discussions cover major sustainability dimensions including setting and infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste management, water management, transportation, education and research, and governance and digitalization.

The workshop is being hosted by Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld, Trier University of Applied Sciences, in Germany, bringing together global higher education leaders and sustainability practitioners.

CSU STUDENTS, FACULTY COMPLETE EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN MALAYSIA

Five faculty members and 18 students from CSU completed a week-long academic, research, and cultural exchange program at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) from August 16–22, 2026, strengthening collaboration in research, innovation, sustainability and student mobility.

Hosted by UTM's Institute of Bioproduct Development (IBD), the exchange featured a research forum on multidisciplinary research for the Sustainable Development Goals, laboratory visits, hands-on research activities and academic knowledge-sharing sessions.

A key highlight was the CSU Research Showcase and Academic Knowledge Exchange, where CSU faculty presented their research and engaged with UTM academics and students.

CSU students also participated in the SDG Innovation Challenge, developing and presenting multidisciplinary, SDG-oriented project proposals under the guidance of UTM mentors.

The program also included cultural immersion and exposure to sustainability initiatives and local heritage in Johor. It concluded with a Closing Ceremony and Appreciation Dinner, featuring cultural performances, the SDG Innovation Challenge awards and the exchange of mementos.

The exchange is expected to pave the way for stronger research collaboration, academic exchanges, and student mobility initiatives between CSU and UTM, advancing both universities' commitment to internationalization and sustainable development.





CSU SHOWCASES WURI-RECOGNIZED INNOVATIONS AT 1ST AUAP–WURI IMPACT SUMMIT IN THAILAND







Bangkok, Thailand— Cagayan State University showcased three of its internationally recognized programs at the 1st AUAP–WURI Impact Summit 2026 held on July 9–10.

Representing Cagayan State University at the international summit were Sanchez Mira Campus Executive Officer Dr. Rodel Francisco T. Alegado, Dr. Mark Anthony S. Ibañez, and Ms. Charlyn E. Miguel, who presented the programs before delegates from higher education institutions worldwide.

Dr. Alegado highlighted "CocoPreneur: Coconut-driven Opportunities for Community Ownership and Productive Resource Empowerment through Nurturing Enterprise and Upgrading Resilience," a flagship extension program of Cagayan State Univeristy Sanchez Mira that empowers coconut farming communities through entrepreneurship, innovation, and sustainable livelihood initiatives.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ibañez presented the Electromobility Research and Development Center (EMRDC): An Innovative Research, Education, and Transformation Hub, showcasing Cagayan State University's pioneering work in sustainable transportation technologies and innovation-driven research.

Ms. Miguel shared "Project MIND (Mental Health Inclusivity and Nurturing Diversity) through the Bloom Program," an initiative that promotes student well-being, inclusivity, and academic success through responsive mental health interventions and student support services.

The three presentations were anchored on Cagayan State University's outstanding performance in the 2025 World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI), where the University ranked 221st among 1,253 universities from 87 countries. Project MIND secured 1st place in the Student Support and Engagement category, CocoPreneur placed 3rd in Entrepreneurial Spirit, while CSU's industry-driven initiatives, highlighted by the EMRDC, earned 12th place in Industrial Application.

CSU SECURES GLOBAL RANKING IN THE SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT RATINGS 2026





Cagayan State University has been recognized among the world's higher education institutions in the Times Higher Education Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026, earning an overall ranking of 1001–1500 out of 1,646 universities worldwide.

The THE Sustainability Impact Ratings evaluate universities' performance in addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through research, teaching, institutional management, and community outreach.

Among Cagayan State University's strongest performances were: 301–400 in Zero Hunger (SDG 2); 401–600 in No Poverty (SDG 1); 401–600 in Gender Equality (SDG 5); and 401–600 in Life on Land (SDG 15) .

The University also received rankings in Climate Action, Good Health and Well-being, Quality Education, Reduced Inequalities, Life Below Water, and Partnerships for the Goals.





CSU PUTS RESEARCH, INNOVATION AT CENTER OF DOST PARTNERSHIP DURING RSTW 2026

From electric mobility to agriculture, public health, fisheries, and other strategic fields, Cagayan State University showcased its continuing commitment to research and innovation as the 2026 Regional Science and Technology Week (RSTW) opened at the Cagayan Provincial Coliseum, Tuguegarao City, on September 9.

In his message of support, Cagayan State University Officer-in-Charge University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez emphasized that science, technology, and innovation can create greater impact when government, academe, industry, LGUs, researchers, and communities work together.

"I continue to call on the entire CSU community to actively participate in DOST programs and in the broader national agenda for science, technology, and innovation," Ibañez said.

He urged Cagayan State University faculty members to pursue research, students to innovate, campuses to collaborate, and the University's technologies to reach the communities that need them.

Meanwhile, Cagayan State University put its own innovation on display during the RSTW opening through the eBuggy, a compact electric utility vehicle designed for short-distance transport and cargo applications.

Guests also experienced riding the All-Electric Tourist Transport Tram (e-Tranvia), a smart, eco-friendly mobility solution tailored for tourism and heritage sites.

Both e-vehicles were developed by Cagayan State University's Electromobility Research and Development Center (EMRDC), an initiative funded by the Department of Science and Technology through its Niche Centers in the Regions for R&D (NICER) program.

Cagayan State University key officials including vice presidents, and campus executive officers, personnel and staff also attended the event, strengthening the university's commitment to advancing science, technology, and innovation in the region.

A press conference followed at the CSU Central Administration Conference Room featuring DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Mabborang, Regional Director Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera, DOST-PHIVOLCS Director Dr. Teresito C. Bacolcol, and Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez.

The three-day RSTW, running from September 9–11, showcases technologies, R&D innovations, and science-based solutions supporting food security, digital transformation, sustainable development, and regional resilience.

from page 4... CSU BENCHMARKS BIOENERGY INNOVATIONS AT MMSU TO STRENGTHEN CIRCULAR ECONOMY INITIATIVES

The delegation was welcomed by MMSU President Dr. Virgilio Julius P. Manzano. Also present during the activity was Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chairperson Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, who earlier presided over the MMSU Board of Regents Meeting and shared insights drawn from her extensive experience in bioenergy research.

During the benchmarking activity, the Cagayan State University delegation toured NBERIC's research and production facilities, including its FDA-licensed Product Production Laboratory and Fabrication Laboratory, where discussions centered on laboratory operations, technology commercialization, quality assurance systems, and institutional research management.

Meanwhile, joining Dr. Ibañez were member of the Cagayan State University Board of Regents Hon. Joselito Luna, Director for Research and Development Dr. Anderson Gonzales, Campus Executive Officers of Aparri and Sanchez Mira, Engr. Policarpio Mabborang Jr. and Dr. Rodel Francisco Alegado, University Consultant Dr. Florentina Dumlao and other university officials.





CSU, DICT, GOOGLE UNITE TO BUILD AI-READY EDUCATORS AND PUBLIC SERVANTS



A shared vision of responsible digital transformation brought together government, academia, and industry as Cagayan State University, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Region II, and Google Southeast Asia launched the Regional AI Training for Academic and Public Sector Professionals on July 23, 2026.

Hosted by Cagayan State University, the two-day AI Training Roadshow 2026 highlights the growing collaboration among higher education institutions, government agencies, and global technology partners in preparing educators and public servants for an AI-driven future.

The training features the AImazing Public Sector Gemini Workshop and AI for Academic Leadership, Teaching, and Research, enabling participants to explore how artificial intelligence can improve instruction, research, governance, productivity, and institutional leadership.

Welcoming the participants, CSU Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez reminded attendees that technological progress must always be accompanied by responsibility.

"Technology without ethics is incomplete. Innovation without accountability is unsustainable. Progress without inclusion leaves communities behind. This is precisely why this training matters," he said.

Meanwhile, DICT Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Chief of Staff Atty. Christina Faye M. Condez-De Sagon likewise highlighted the government's commitment to expanding digital access through nationwide connectivity across the country, including State Universities and Colleges (SUCs).

"Hindi natin iiwan ang Cagayan, hindi natin iiwan ang Region II. Walang iwanan sa digital bayanihan," she said, adding that Cagayan State University and all SUCs nationwide will benefit from expanded internet connectivity initiatives.

The event was also graced by Assistant Secretary for Infostructure Management and DICT Region II Regional Director Engr. Pinky T. Jimenez, Google Cloud Public Sector Lead Bobby Khan, Director of the Office of the Chief of Staff Atty. Darlene Mae Beloso, along with regional and assistant regional directors from partner national government agencies including the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Department of Tourism (DOT), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and the Civil Service Commission.

DILG R02 TAPS CSU EXPERTISE TO BUILD DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM FOR LOCAL GOVERNANCE DATA

Cagayan State University is set to extend its information technology and systems development expertise to the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 02 (DILG R02) in a digitalization initiative designed to transform the way Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) data are managed, analyzed, and reported.

The partnership was formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed on August 13, 2026, at the DILG Regional Office 02 in Tuguegarao City, with DILG R02 Regional Director Agnes A. De Leon and CSU Officer-in-Charge University President Arthur G. Ibañez signing for their respective institutions.

The initiative will digitize SGLG databases from previous assessment years and develop a cloud-based data pipeline capable of integrating multiple sources of data collection, analytics, visualization, and automated reporting.

The envisioned system will provide a single digital ecosystem through which authorized government agencies, local government units, and state universities and colleges in Region 02 can access, analyze, visualize, and generate reports from regional data needed for governance and operations. It will likewise establish mechanisms for joint planning, resource mobilization, monitoring, documentation, and evaluation between the two institutions.

The project will be implemented by Cagayan State University-Carig Campus through its College of Information and Computing Sciences, which has been recognized for its experience in digitalization, including information systems, data analytics, process automation, and the development of digital tools and dashboards.

The partnership builds on the existing relationship between DILG R02 and Cagayan State University through the Local Governance Regional Resource Center, where CSU is represented in the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Council.



CSU REVIEWS PROPOSED MICROCREDENTIALS TO STRENGTHEN FLEXIBLE LEARNING PROGRAMS

Cagayan State University gathered academic leaders and faculty representatives from its various campuses on July 17, 2026, for the "Curating the Credential: A Workshop on Microcredential Review and Approvals," strengthening the University's commitment to developing high-quality microcredential programs.

Held at the Cagayan State University Central Administration Conference Room, the workshop served as the next phase of the University's microcredential initiative following the foundational seminar conducted earlier this year with CHED Commissioner Dr. Michelle Aguilar-Ong.

During the workshop, participating colleges presented their proposed microcredential offerings, which underwent review and refinement to ensure compliance with quality standards, academic rigor, and alignment with institutional goals and industry needs.

The initiative forms part of Cagayan State University's continuing efforts to expand innovative and flexible learning pathways that support lifelong learning, workforce development, and paradigm shifts in higher education.



CSU CHALLENGES CICS TO FUTURE-PROOF COMPUTING EDUCATION AMID AI, CYBERSECURITY REVOLUTION

As artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data analytics, cloud computing, and other emerging technologies rapidly reshape industries, Cagayan State University (CSU) is pushing its College of Information and Computing Sciences (CICS) to rethink what and how it teaches.

The challenge was highlighted by Officer-In-Charge University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez during the opening of the CICS Curriculum Revision and Syllabi Enhancement 2026, held August 18 at the CSU Office of the President Conference Hall.

The two-day activity, which runs until August 19, brings together CICS faculty members, campus officials, students, alumni, government representatives, industry partners, parents, and other stakeholders through a hybrid face-to-face and Zoom format.

During the opening program, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan delivered the welcome remarks, CICS Dean Charmie S. Calvo presented the rationale, and College QAA/ISO Coordinator Dr. Dexter P. Dumayag introduced the participants and objectives.

In his inspirational message, Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez challenged CICS to future-proof its programs by moving beyond basic computer skills and strengthening competencies in AI, data analytics, cybersecurity, and robotics.

He also pushed for faculty upskilling, AI micro-credentials, paperless and computerized university operations, a university-wide LMS, upgraded data centers and connectivity, and stronger industry collaboration.

Businesses and other organizations are being invited to contribute their expertise and help identify the competencies that graduates will need in actual workplaces.

The undertaking involves five CICS programs in Carig Campus namely, BS Information Technology, BS Computer Science, Bachelor Multimedia Arts, Bachelor of Library Information Science, and BS Information Systems.

The curriculum review covers the programs' educational objectives, student outcomes, course sequencing, professional and major courses, laboratory and internship requirements, and alignment with CHED standards, AACCUP expectations, and industry requirements.

The university-wide BSIT curriculum will likewise undergo harmonization in Aparri, Lal-lo, Lasam, Sanchez Mira, Solana, and Piat campuses.



CSU, AUF INK PARTNERSHIP TO EXPAND GRADUATE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION





Two higher education institutions are opening new avenues for graduate students, faculty members, and researchers as Cagayan State University–Graduate School (CSU-GS) and Angeles University Foundation–Graduate School (AUF-GS) formalize a partnership for academic and research collaboration.

Cagayan State University Officer-In-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and AUF President Dr. Joseph Emmanuel L. Angeles signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a three-year framework for cooperation between the two graduate schools.

The agreement focuses on areas where collaboration can generate opportunities for both institutions, from joint research and publications to faculty exchange, academic mobility, instructional innovation, and internationalization.

Among the partnership's priorities is the development of joint and interdisciplinary research initiatives, including projects that may seek external funding. The two institutions will also explore the co-creation and sharing of digital, modular, and open educational resources to enhance graduate instruction.

Faculty members and researchers may likewise benefit from academic exchanges, collaborative teaching, mentorship, and professional development opportunities.

The MOU also provides for the sharing of selected academic and library resources, subject to institutional policies and licensing requirements, giving researchers and graduate students opportunities to access broader knowledge resources.

Beyond national collaboration, Cagayan State University and AUF intend to strengthen their engagement with ASEAN and global academic networks through international programs, conferences, and institutional partnerships.

The agreement also recognizes the growing importance of lifelong learning by identifying micro-credentialing and continuing professional development as areas for possible collaboration.

Meanwhile, Cagayan State University key officials attended the MOU signing, including Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, Vice President for IPRM Dr. Ana Marie C. Cauilan, CSU Andrews Campus CEO Mr. Terence Alfred Roberto A. Tejada, Graduate School Dean Dr. Julius T. Capili alongside other officials. University leaders from Angeles University Foundation also joined the ceremony virtually.

CSU, ASU FORGE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE TO STRENGTHEN HIGHER EDUCATION COLLABORATION

Cagayan State University and Aklan State University (ASU) strengthened inter-university cooperation by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on July 10, 2026, laying the foundation for long-term academic and institutional collaboration between the two state universities.

Signed by Cagayan State University Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and ASU President Dr. Jeffrey A. Clarin, the agreement establishes a comprehensive framework for collaborative initiatives in instruction, research, extension, innovation, and capacity development.

Among the priority areas identified under the partnership are student and faculty exchange programs, joint curriculum development, collaborative research projects, innovation initiatives, knowledge sharing, academic resource exchange, and community-based extension programs.

Both universities also committed to organizing conferences, seminars, workshops, and training programs that will strengthen institutional capabilities and promote professional development.

The MOU, which will remain in effect for five years, provides both institutions the flexibility to develop specific implementing agreements while pursuing mutually beneficial programs aligned with their respective missions and national development goals.





CSU HOSTS REGIONAL SEMINAR-TRAINING ON GENDER RESEARCH



Cagayan State University is hosting the Regional Seminar-Training on Gender Research organized by the Regional Gender and Development Committee-Region II (RGAD Committee-II) through its Regional Gender and Development–Research & Learning Center (RGAD-RLC) on September 9–10, 2026, at the Claude Andrews Convention Center, CSU Andrews Campus.

The two-day activity brings together 160 faculty members, researchers, government partners, and Gender and Development (GAD) focal persons from across Region II to strengthen their capacity to design and conduct gender-responsive research.

The seminar-training seeks to promote the integration of gender perspectives throughout the research process, enabling participants to identify disparities, understand the experiences of women and marginalized groups, and generate evidence that can support inclusive policies and programs.

It likewise supports the implementation of the Magna Carta of Women (Republic Act No. 9710) by advancing gender-sensitive training and capacity building, while strengthening the institutionalization of gender-responsive research that contributes both to academic discourse and evidence-based policymaking.

In his welcome message, CSU Officer-in-Charge University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez emphasized CSU's role as a platform for knowledge exchange and evidence-based research that empowers communities and contributes to inclusive regional development.

"CSU's commitment goes far beyond conferring degrees; our core mandate is anchored on Instruction, Research, Extension, and Production for societal transformation," Ibañez said.

The first day featured a keynote address by Ms. Sigrid Jan Sibug, Strategic Planning and Programme Analyst of UN Women Philippines, along with four learning sessions focusing on key dimensions of gender-responsive research.

Mr. Kim Harold T. Peji, Chief GAD Specialist of the Philippine Commission on Women, discussed "From Gender Gaps to Policy Action: The Magna Carta of Women as a Guide for Research toward Inclusive Development."

Meanwhile, Atty. Cecilia M. Lazaro, OIC-Regional Director of the Commission on Human Rights, led the session on Legal Foundations of Gender Research.

Dr. Emma D. Aspiras, member of the RGADC Regional Pool of GAD Resource Persons and University GAD Director of Quirino State University, tackled Gender Concepts and Frameworks in Research.

The session on Research Design, Methodology, and Emerging Frontiers was facilitated by Dr. Mary Grace O. Gumpal, Director of the Isabela State University Gender Resource Research and Development Center and RGAD-RLC.

The first day culminated in a workshop on Developing a Research Question and a Research Working Title, where participants began translating the concepts and frameworks discussed into potential research directions.

The seminar-training continues tomorrow, September 10, with sessions on Data Collection and Analysis for Gender Research, Translating Research into Policy and Advocacy, Writing Gender Research in Journal-Ready IMRAD Format, and A Practical Guide to Publishing Gender-Responsive Research in Reputable Journals.

The second day will feature Prof. King David J. Agreda, member of the National GAD Resource Pool and Assistant Professor of Cavite State University; Dr. Florentina S. Dumlao, CSU University Technical Consultant; Dr. Jonar I. Yago, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Training of Nueva Vizcaya State University; and Dr. Gilbert C. Magulod Jr., Director of CSU's Knowledge and Technology Management Office.

Participants will likewise undertake a workshop on drafting gender research proposals, followed by the presentation of draft proposals before a panel of evaluators.

The activity will culminate in a commitment-signing ceremony among the participants, signifying their shared commitment to advancing gender-responsive research and translating evidence into meaningful policy and action.

CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
INFOCS
The Official Newsletter of the Office of the University President

Editorial Board

Office of the University President
University Information Office

Publication Director
Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez
OIC-Office of the University President

Editor-in-Chief
Karen Claire D. Sucuano
University Information Officer

Contributors

Dr. Ana Marie C. Cauilan
Vice President for Internationalization, Partnership and Resource Mobilization

Dr. Ian Roger M. Francisco
Director, University Planning and Development Office

Dr. Regie O. Campano
Planning Officer III

Dr. Jenerwin M. Columna
CSU Lallo - Information Officer

Reywel Vaugn M. Agbayani
The CSU Communicator

Writer
Karen Claire D. Sucuano

Graphic Artist
John Lewie J. Reyes
Marvin A. Rivera

Layout & Design
Karen Claire D. Sucuano

CSU, CHED RO2 CO-HOST ASEAN 2026; REGIONAL HEIs FORGE INTERNATIONALIZATION PARTNERSHIP





Tuguegarao City, Cagayan — Cagayan State University strengthened its role in advancing internationalization and regional cooperation as it co-hosted the 2026 ASEAN Month Celebration with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED RO2), bringing together higher education institutions across Region II.

Anchored on the theme "ASEAN Connect: Celebrating Unity in Diversity Through Education, Culture, and Innovation," the celebration brought together regional HEIs to promote collaboration, cultural appreciation, and shared learning on ASEAN and internationalization.

Cagayan State Uiversity joined CHED RO2 and partner HEIs- St. Mary's University, St. Paul University Philippines, University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao, Nueva Vizcaya State University, Isabela State University and University of Cagayan Valley in forging a MOA on Building Resilience and Innovation in Developing Global Engagements (BRIDGE) Initiative and the "Adopt an Institution" Framework for Internationalization.

The partnership seeks to strengthen regional internationalization capacities through designated Internationalization (IZN) Champions who will collaborate on international partnerships, research visibility and publication, student and faculty mobility with credit recognition and university rankings readiness.

The celebration also featured cultural performances by the Cagayan State University Athena Performing Arts Bureau, Dionysian Trio, and Rondalla Ensemble, while the Parade of Colors featuring Mr. and Ms. ASEAN candidates and Flavors of ASEAN through vibrant booths reflected the collective efforts of CSU and participating HEIs in showcasing the diverse cultures, traditions and cuisines of ASEAN member states.

Discussions on AUN-QA by Fr. Ranhilio Aquino and quality assurance for internationalization likewise provided participating HEIs with insights into strengthening institutional quality systems and preparing for greater regional and international engagement.

For Cagayan State University, the co-hosting of the ASEAN celebration and its participation in the BRIDGE Initiative reinforce the university's commitment to expanding global partnerships, creating international opportunities for students and faculty and contributing to a more connected, quality-driven and globally competitive higher education community in Region II.

CSU PROFESSORS RECOGNIZED AS GAWAD LINGKOD BAYAN REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Cagayan State University Officer-in-Charge University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and Dr. Lenimfa P. Molina of CSU–Aparri Campus were recognized as 2026 Regional Qualifiers of the Honor Awards Program – Gawad Lingkod Bayan ng Pangulo during the "Pagpupugay 2026: Parangal sa mga Lingkod Bayani" held on September 9.

The recognition highlights the exemplary performance, conduct, and contribution to public service of government personnel who have demonstrated commitment to serving the Filipino people.

The award was conferred by Civil Service Commission Region 02 Regional Director Fernando M. Porio, together with Assistant Regional Director Maria Rewina D. Arugay.

The Gawad Lingkod Bayan ng Pangulo is among the major award categories under the Civil Service Commission's Honor Awards Program (Gawad Lingkod Bayani), recognizing government workers who exemplify outstanding performance and dedication to public service.



CSU PARTNERS WITH DOLE R02 TO STREAMLINE JOB PLACEMENT FOR STUDENTS AND ALUMNI





Cagayan State University and the Department of Labor and Employment Region 02 (DOLE R02) are strengthening pathways from higher education to employment through an agreement establishing the Cagayan State University–Job Placement Office (CSU-JPO).

The partnership, formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement, brings together DOLE R02, represented by Regional Director Imelda E. Romanillos and Cagayan State University, represented by Officer-In-Charge University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez.

The CSU-JPO will form part of the National Employment Facilitation Service Network (NEFSN) and will provide non-fee charging employment facilitation and related services for Cagayan State University students, graduates, and alumni.

Among the services to be provided are employment testing, job referral, placement, career development support, and other related employment assistance. The office will also establish and maintain a Labor Market Information database and coordinate with government agencies, employers, business and industry associations, the academe, and other organizations in sourcing job opportunities and identifying emerging workforce requirements.

The CSU-JPO will initially be housed at the Cagayan State University Alumni Affairs Office in Andrews Campus and may eventually be linked to satellite hubs in other CSU campuses, allowing employment facilitation services to reach more members of the University community.

The CSU-JPO will likewise help disseminate DOLE programs and services and submit reports on its operations in accordance with the applicable rules and guidelines governing the Public Employment Service Office framework.

Through the partnership, Cagayan State University and DOLE R02 seek to strengthen the University's employment support system and help ensure that students and graduates are better connected to opportunities in the labor market.

CSU FORMS PARTNERSHIP WITH DILG FOR SAFE, RESILIENT LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

The Cagayan State University has taken a significant step towards enhancing the resilience and safety of local infrastructure in the region through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office II.

The MOA, signed by Cagayan State University President Arthur Ibañez at the DILG's regional office in Carig, establishes the Local Infrastructure Learning Hub (LILHuB). This hub will bring together a pool of experts from the academe and development partner agencies to provide technical assistance and capacity-building programs for local government units infrastructure audit teams in the region.

In a ceremony attended by the department's development and academe partners in the region, Assistant Regional Director Elpidio A. Durwin represented Regional Director Agnes A. De Leon, who delivered a message emphasizing the importance of this partnership.

Through this partnership, Cagayan State University and DILG will work together to address the needs of local government units in terms of infrastructure development, disaster risk reduction, and climate change adaptation.

The LILHuB will serve as a platform for knowledge sharing, capacity building, and technical assistance, ultimately contributing to the development of safe, resilient, and sustainable local infrastructure in the region.

Aside from Cagayan State University, the LILHub shall comprise regional government agencies and professional organizations that will act as partner-implementers of the Infrastructure Audit Program. These include the Department of Public Works and Highways, Office of Civil Defense, Department of Trade and Industry, Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Bureau of Fire Protection, Association of Structural Engineers of the Philippines, and the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers.





CSU LAW STUDENTS TO ENGAGE COMMUNITIES THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROJECT

Law students of Cagayan State University are set to gain deeper exposure to community-based environmental advocacy as the CSU College of Law joins Project RIDGE (Resilient and Inclusive Development through Green Environmental Justice) of Tanggol Kalikasan, Inc.

The collaboration was formalized through an addendum to the existing CSU–Tanggol Kalikasan MOU during a Zoom meeting on August 14, 2026, formally designating the CSU College of Law as an implementing partner under the Institute of Environmental Governance (IEG).

Project RIDGE seeks to connect legal education with actual environmental justice concerns in Eastern Luzon, particularly in the Sierra Madre region and neighboring coastal provinces.

Rather than limiting environmental law education to classroom instruction, the project will expose participating law students to community immersion, stakeholder engagement, participatory research, legal literacy, environmental advocacy, and the development of legal and non-legal strategies.

The project aims to produce at least 20 law students who can identify and critically analyze environmental justice issues and work with communities in developing appropriate advocacy strategies.

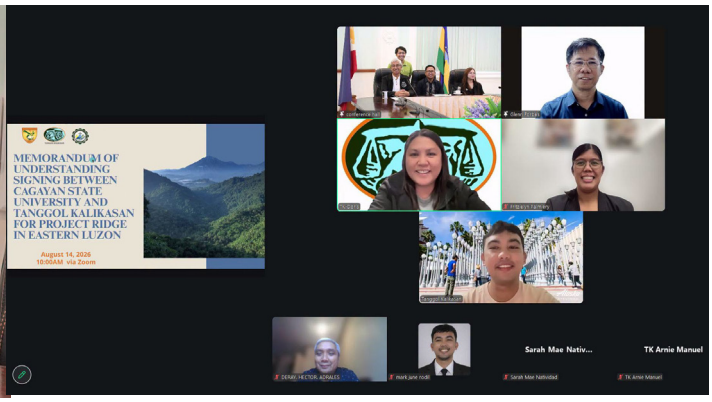
These students will also be trained to prepare integrated advocacy plans combining litigation, administrative remedies, policy advocacy, and community-led actions.

Through these trainings, community participants are expected to gain improved knowledge of environmental laws, procedures, environmental rights, and available mechanisms for seeking remedies.

The project will also conduct at least eight community consultations and planning sessions and eight environmental law, legal literacy, or community-based paralegal trainings, among other activities.

The initiative is designed to comply with the principles of the Clinical Legal Education Program under Revised Rule 138-A, which encourages law schools to develop practice-ready lawyers through engagement with marginalized communities and public-interest legal work.





CSU EQUIPS FRONTLINE AUXILIARY PERSONNEL TO BUILD A SAFER, HEALTHIER CAMPUS

Recognizing that campus safety begins with the people working on the ground, Cagayan State University (CSU) is strengthening the capacity of its auxiliary personnel through a university-wide crisis management training and re-orientation.

The "Safe Campus, Strong Foundations" activity brings together the Food Service and Sanitation Team, Building and Grounds Custodians/Security personnel, and Health and Wellness Team on August 27–28, 2026, at Hermes Hall, Athena Hotel, CSU Andrews.

Organized by the University Auxiliary Office, the program is designed to strengthen the frontline teams' understanding of their respective responsibilities and strengthen coordination among them.

The training covers three critical dimensions of campus operations: security and property protection, food safety and sanitation, and health emergency preparedness.

Among the featured sessions are University Crisis Management by University Planning Director Dr. Ian Roger M. Francisco; Building a Safer Campus: Security Protocols and Effective Grounds Custodianship by PNP representatives PMAJ Arlene M. Javier and PCPL Jerome B. Baloran; and Safe Campus, Strong Foundation: Empowering Campus Inspectors in Food Safety, Food Handling and Tenant Sanitation Compliance by Sanitary Inspector Mr. Dexter Singson.

The afternoon featured simultaneous breakout sessions for the respective units, followed by the presentation of outputs from the General Services Office, Transportation Services, Food Services, and Security Services.

The program also features opening remarks from Mr. Terence Alfred Roberto A. Tejada, Director for Auxiliary Services, and inspirational message from Engr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, Vice President for Administration and Finance.

Through the initiative, Cagayan State University seeks to strengthen coordination among its auxiliary teams and ensure that safety, sanitation, security, and health processes remain responsive, understood, and consistently implemented across the University.



CSU REVIEWS MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE, CHARTS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Cagayan State University, led by Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, together with members of the Board of Regents, university officials, campus executive officers, planning officers, and technical advisers, convened for the Mid-Year Performance Review and Strategic Planning Workshop in Baguio City on August 5–8, 2026.

The three-day strategic planning activity commenced with a comprehensive review of the university's accomplishments for the first half of 2026. Presentations included the Cagayan State University Leveling Year One and Ways Forward by Dr. Florentina S. Dumlao, the January–June 2026 Physical Performance Report by Dr. Ian Roger M. Francisco, and the Financial Performance Report by Mr. Alvin U. Alisasis.

The activity serves as a venue for assessing institutional performance, aligning strategic priorities, and charting the university's direction toward achieving its goals for the remainder of the year.



HALFWAY THROUGH 2026, CSU TAKES STOCK OF PERFORMANCE, CHARTS WAY FORWARD





With half of 2026 behind it, Cagayan State University (CSU) turned the spotlight on institutional performance as it convened its Mid-year Departmental Performance Review and Evaluation on August 13, 2026.

Held at the Office of the President Conference Room of the Central Administration Building, the review focused on the University's strategic accomplishments from January to June 2026, with management examining progress, validating results, and identifying areas requiring further action.

Dr. Ian Roger M. Francisco, University Director for Planning and Development and Head of the UPMT Secretariat, opened the technical proceedings by laying down the evaluation guidelines and introducing the panel of evaluators, Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino, and Dr. Florentina S. Dumlao.

The program featured comprehensive mid-year presentations from the university's four vice presidents: Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan reported on instructional quality and academic affairs; Dr. Ana Marie Cristina C. Cauilan presented the University's internationalization, partnerships, and resource mobilization initiatives; Dr. Audy R. Quebral discussed research, development, and extension breakthroughs; and Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta presented developments in fiscal management and infrastructure modernization.

The evaluation successfully concluded with the formulation of concrete "Ways Forward" spearheaded by the UPMT Secretariat, serving as the operational blueprint for all campuses to surpass their targets for the remaining quarters of 2026.

The activity served as a mechanism for accountability, validation, and continuous improvement, allowing University leaders to examine performance against targets, identify operational challenges, and determine strategic actions for the rest of the year.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL DC XII BACKS CSU C-TRIKE AS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT OPTION FOR SOCCSKSARGEN

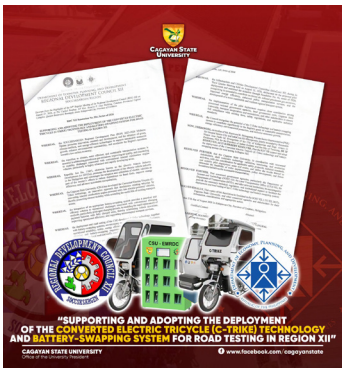
Cagayan State University's Converted Electric Tricycle (C-Trike) technology and battery-swapping system have gained the support of the Regional Development Council (RDC) XII for road testing in the SOCCSKSARGEN Region.

Through RDC XII Resolution No. 226, Series of 2026, the Council supported and adopted the deployment of the CSU-developed technology for road testing as part of efforts to generate evidence on the viability of electric transportation solutions.

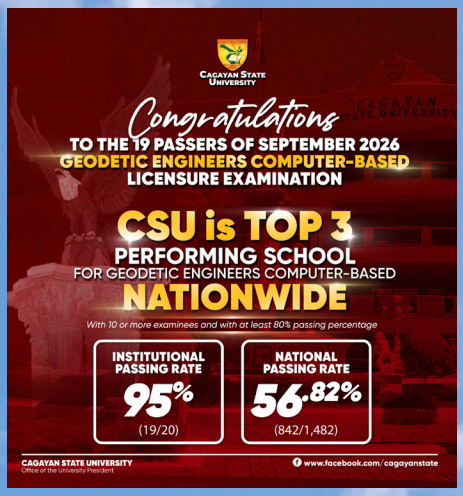
The resolution, approved during the 94th Regular Meeting of RDC XII on August 27, 2026, in Kidapawan City, Cotabato, recognizes the C-Trike's potential contribution to sustainable transportation, energy efficiency, and inclusive economic growth.

The proposed road testing will generate empirical evidence and operational insights that can assist policymakers, local governments, transport operators, and other stakeholders in assessing the feasibility, scalability, and long-term sustainability of electric tricycle deployment and battery-swapping infrastructure in the region.

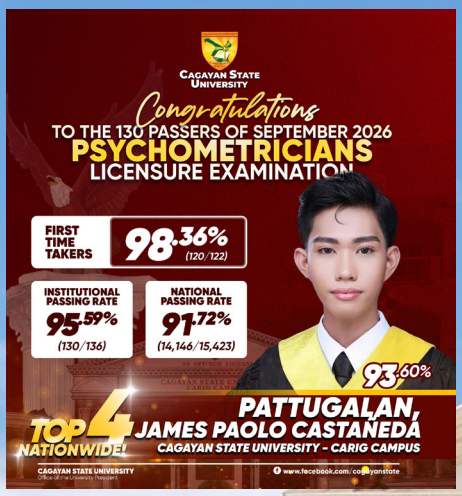
The initiative also opens a pathway for Cagayan State University's research and development outputs to be examined in an operational setting beyond the University, strengthening opportunities for evidence-based assessment and potential technology adoption.




CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD
PERFORMANCES

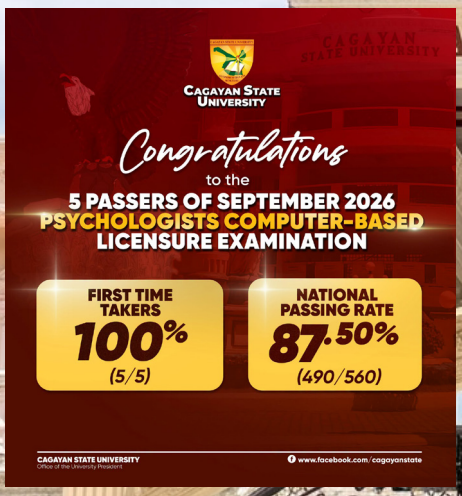

CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Congratulations
TO THE 19 PASSERS OF SEPTEMBER 2026
GEODETIC ENGINEERS COMPUTER-BASED
LICENSURE EXAMINATION
CSU is TOP 3
PERFORMING SCHOOL
FOR GEODETIC ENGINEERS COMPUTER-BASED
NATIONWIDE
With 10 or more examinees and with at least 80% passing percentage
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE
95%
(19/20)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE
56.82%
(842/1,482)
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the University President
www.facebook.com/cagayanstate

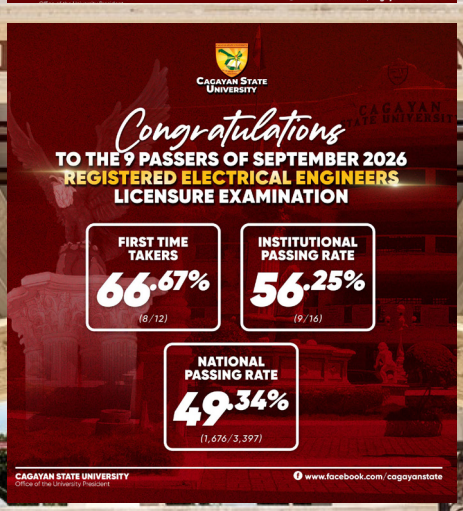

Congratulations
TO THE 58 PASSERS OF SEPTEMBER 2026
SOCIAL WORKERS
LICENSURE EXAMINATION
CSU is TOP 3
PERFORMING SCHOOL FOR
SOCIAL WORKERS
NATIONWIDE
With 51 or more examinees and with atleast 80% passing percentage
FIRST TIME TAKERS
100%
(56/56)
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE
98.31%
(58/59)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE
76.09%
(8,383/10,991)
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the University President
www.facebook.com/cagayanstate

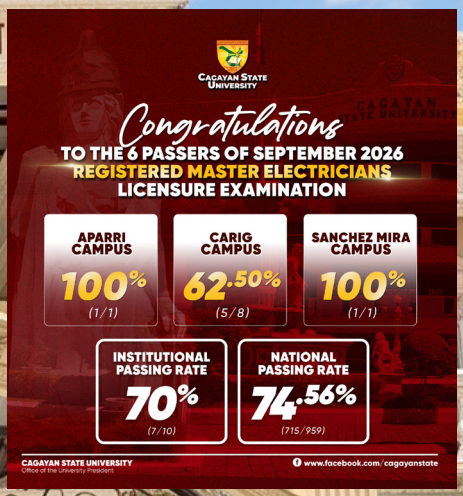

CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Congratulations
TO THE 130 PASSERS OF SEPTEMBER 2026
PSYCHOMETRICIANS
LICENSURE EXAMINATION
FIRST TIME TAKERS
98.36%
(120/122)
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE
95.59%
(130/136)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE
91.72%
(14,146/15,423)
93.60%
TOP 4 NATIONWIDE!
PATTUGALAN, JAMES PAOLO CASTANEDA
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY - CARIG CAMPUS
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the University President
www.facebook.com/cagayanstate


CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Congratulations
TO THE PASSERS OF MAY 2026
SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL EXAM
FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS
90.00%
TOP 2 NATIONWIDE
JHON CARLO TRINIDAD MABATAN, LPT
87.00%
TOP 10 NATIONWIDE
BLESSIE JOY LUCERO BUNAGAN, LPT
Elementary Level
CSU Andrews
100%
(2/2)
Secondary Level
CSU Andrews
100%
(4/4)
CSU Carig
66.67%
(4/6)
CSU Sanchez Mira
50%
(1/2)
CSU Piat
50%
(1/2)
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE
Elementary Level
100%
(2/2)
Secondary Level
71.42%
(10/14)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE
Elementary Level
41.41%
(41/99)
Secondary Level
67.38%
(126/187)
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
www.facebook.com/cagayanstate

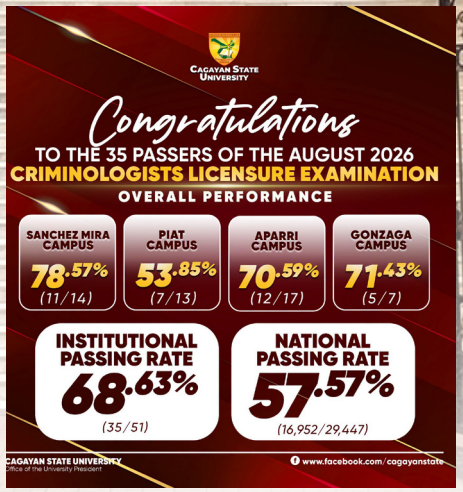

CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Congratulations
TO THE 39 PASSERS OF JULY 2026
MASTER PLUMBERS LICENSURE
EXAMINATION
FIRST TIME TAKERS
88.10%
(37/42)
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE
86.67%
(39/45)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE
78.68%
(4,907/6,237)
89.40%
TOP 7 NATIONWIDE!
RIA LINDA KING NEDIC, RMP
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY - CARIG CAMPUS
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the University President
www.facebook.com/cagayanstate

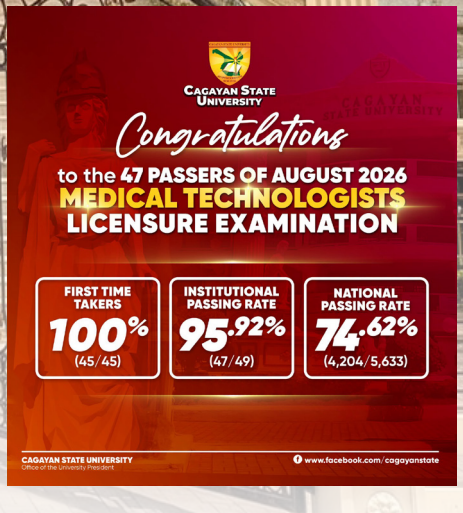

CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Congratulations
to the
5 PASSERS OF SEPTEMBER 2026
PSYCHOLOGISTS COMPUTER-BASED
LICENSURE EXAMINATION
FIRST TIME TAKERS
100%
(5/5)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE
87.50%
(490/560)
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the University President
www.facebook.com/cagayanstate


CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Congratulations
TO THE 9 PASSERS OF SEPTEMBER 2026
REGISTERED ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS
LICENSURE EXAMINATION
FIRST TIME TAKERS
66.67%
(8/12)
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE
56.25%
(9/16)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE
49.34%
(1,676/3,397)
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the University President
www.facebook.com/cagayanstate


CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Congratulations
TO THE 6 PASSERS OF SEPTEMBER 2026
REGISTERED MASTER ELECTRICIANS
LICENSURE EXAMINATION
APARRI CAMPUS
100%
(1/1)
CARIG CAMPUS
62.50%
(5/8)
SANCHEZ MIRA CAMPUS
100%
(1/1)
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE
70%
(7/10)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE
74.56%
(715/959)
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the University President
www.facebook.com/cagayanstate


CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Congratulations
PASSERS OF THE AUGUST 2026
CRIMINOLOGISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION
FIRST TIME TAKERS
SANCHEZ MIRA CAMPUS
100%
(8/8)
APARRI CAMPUS
100%
(3/3)
GONZAGA CAMPUS
100%
(4/4)
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE
100%
NATIONAL PASSING RATE
65.19%
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the University President
www.facebook.com/cagayanstate


CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Congratulations
TO THE 35 PASSERS OF THE AUGUST 2026
CRIMINOLOGISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION
OVERALL PERFORMANCE
SANCHEZ MIRA CAMPUS
78.57%
(11/14)
PIAT CAMPUS
53.85%
(7/13)
APARRI CAMPUS
70.59%
(12/17)
GONZAGA CAMPUS
71.43%
(5/7)
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE
68.63%
(35/51)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE
57.57%
(16,952/29,447)
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the University President
www.facebook.com/cagayanstate


CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Congratulations
to the 47 PASSERS OF AUGUST 2026
MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS
LICENSURE EXAMINATION
FIRST TIME TAKERS
100%
(45/45)
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE
95.92%
(47/49)
NATIONAL PASSING RATE
74.62%
(4,204/5,633)
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the University President
www.facebook.com/cagayanstate