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## SENATOR GATCHALIAN INSPIRES CAGAYANO YOUTH DURING CSU'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY

A bearer of quality education and relevant research in the province, Cagayan State University is stronger in its mission as it marked its 45th Founding Anniversary!

Senator Sherwin "Win" Gatchalian joined the CSU community in celebrating its Sapphire Anniversary at CSU Carig Red Eagle Gymnasium last June 7, 2023. CSU warmly received Senator Gatchalian together with CSU's key benefactors through a grand welcome dance composed of 5,000 students during the Anniversary Opening Program.

Congressman Joseph L. Lara, proponent of the establishment of CSU-

Solana, delivered the welcome remarks, where he expressed how proud he is to be part of the CSU community and how supportive the academic administration had been in building the 9th campus from start to finish.

In her opening remarks, University President Urdujah G. Alvarado commemorated CSU from its humble beginnings into what it is today - a higher education institution decorated with national accolades, international quality seals, and excellent achievements in producing quality students.

The guest speaker was introduced by Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino where he regarded Sen.

Gatchalian as an advocate of education. This is echoed in the senator's message, where he recalled his education abroad, which shaped his principle that "the blessing of education must be experienced by all." He recalled the lobbying process for the Free Tuition Law, which now covers CSU. "Kayo na po ang mapalad na nabigyan ng maganda at dekalidad na edukasyon. Huwag sayangin ang oportunidad. Mag-aral ng mabuti at umuwi na dala ang diploma", he advised the students.

In order to further support the cause of education in the university, the Kuya Win Scholarship Program was launched, which aims to

provide financial assistance worth 15,000 php to 667 qualified and deserving CSU students for the next academic year.

The recognition of CSU's benefactors who supported the university in its mandate of implementing quality education, relevant research, and timely extension programs were also awarded during the event.

To cap off the program, the launching of the SARABO Exhibit, which features niche-based food products produced by CSU's campuses, was graced by the honorees.

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## CSU IS TOP 1 RESPIRATORY THERAPY SCHOOL IN PH, PRODUCES 11 NATIONAL TOPNOTCHERS

Excellence at its best! Cagayan State University - College of Allied Health Sciences continued its top spot streak as it registered as the Top 1 Respiratory Therapy School in the Philippines. The university delivered a 100% institutional passing rate where 136 passed out of 136 takers during the February 2023 Licensure Examination for Respiratory Therapist.

Moreover, the batch had proven their prowess as they registered a total of 11 National Topnotchers on the outstanding takers list - two Top 1, Top 2, Top 3, two Top 7, and five Top 10.

A testimonial ceremony in honor of the new professionals was conducted to celebrate their

remarkable accomplishment last February 20, 2023. During the program, University President Urdujah G. Alvarado personally congratulated the latest registered CSUan Respiratory Therapist. "I am so proud of this milestone you have accomplished, not only for Cagayan State University and the College of Allied Health Sciences, but also for yourself, your family, and to the community which you belong," she said.

President Alvarado also congratulated the parents of the graduates and the members of the College of Allied Health and Sciences for remaining committed to quality education.

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## CSU RECEIVES ACCOLADES FROM PRC & PRBRT



The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) - Manila and the Professional Regulatory Board of Respiratory Therapy (PRBRT) presented last March 11, 2023 an Excellence Award to Cagayan State University - Andrews Campus for being the Top Performing School in the Respiratory Therapist Licensure Examination for the last 5 years. CSU was also recognized for having obtained the First Place, with 50 or more examinees

with at least 80% passing rate percentage. During the examination, CSU garnered an average of 100% passing rate percentage (136/136) among the schools/colleges/universities with exemplary passing rate performance in the February 2023 Respiratory Therapists Licensure Examination.

University President Urdujah G. Alvarado who received the award is honored to be the only University President who was invited to give a response, considering

CSU's impressively outstanding board performance for the year 2023.

In her speech, she left the newly minted RTs a strong message to always remember as they step into a new and challenging world.

"Number 1 - be comfortable with being uncomfortable. New challenges will be inevitable in the future. Face it head-on with a growth mindset. The best way to get across problems that come along your way is to get through. Number 2 - do

not forget your roots. Those who took care of you, helped you, inspired you, and ushered you into this moment... your professors, mentors, advisers, parents, family members, and friends. Work hard to give back to the community that has raised you, stay humble, and set big goals for yourself."

CSU registered a record high board performance of 11 national topnotchers with two 1st placers nationwide. 🏆 -UIO

## CSU-CTED DELIVERS 2 NATIONAL TOPNOTCHERS

**TOP 2**

**Ma Erika Asuncion Abella**

Cagayan State University - Andrews Elementary Education

**92.00%**

**TOP 9**

**Dazel Jean Samoy Alariao**

Cagayan State University - Gonzaga Elementary Education

**90.60%**

New CSUan educators join the roster! Cagayan State University's College of Teacher Education reaped its hard work with two national topnotchers in the outstanding list during the March 2023 Licensure Examination for Teachers. Ma. Erika Asuncion Abella, LPT from CSU-Andrews placed Top 2 with a percentage of 92% and Dazel Jean Samoy Alariao from CSU-Gonzaga clinched the Top 9 spot at 90.60%.

All CSU campuses have exceeded the national passing rate of 40.76% for the Elementary Education strand

and 46.94% for the Secondary Education strand.

University President Alvarado congratulated the Faculty of the College of Education led by University Dean Marie Claudette Acebedo (Andrews) Dean Chita Cabrera Ramos (CHK-Carig), Dean Wendy Garma (Gonzaga), Dean Josie Tuliao (Piat), Dean Verlino Baddu (Sanchez Mira), Dean Gemma Ramos (Lallo), Dean Rolly Acidera (Aparri), and Dean Jehan Gerardo (Lasam) for the exemplary performance of the colleges during the licensure examination. 🏆 -UIO

## CSU COLLEGE OF LAW TOPS WRITTEN PHASE OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

CSU College of Law's Nuremberg Moot Court Team bested 100 law schools all over the world to take the top spot on its written phase with a final score of 88.5. The results were released on May 22, 2023. The Team prepared both Prosecution and Defense Memorials on this year's moot case entitled "The Prosecutor v. Lieutenant Adelaide" which tackled issues in jurisdiction, admissibility, and criminal responsibility pursuant to articles 19, 17(d), 25(3)(b), and 25(3)(d) of the Rome Statute respectively.

The Team is composed of Marc Stephen Melad, Patrick Jan Dela Cruz, Vladimir Pati

and Ma. Katrina Piano-Lim. The team was mentored by Dean Norman Clarence Lasam of the College of Law.

The Team was part of the 32 teams worldwide that competed in Nuremberg, Germany for the oral rounds last July 19-22, 2023 where they emerged as quarterfinalist after defeating Team Armenia.

The Nuremberg Moot Court is an international competition held in English in Nuremberg, Germany. Teams from all over the world are invited to argue a fictitious case before the "International Criminal Court". A moot court is a simulated court proceeding which invites law students

to compete and present written and oral arguments for both the prosecution and the defense.

Students are given the unique opportunity to develop their skills and plead

at the historic Courtroom 600 of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice, where the Nuremberg trials against the major Nazi war criminals took place. 🏆 -UIO



# CSU RANKS AS TOP 3 MEDTECH SCHOOL, GARNERS RECOGNITION

Cagayan State University is Top 3 Performing School Nationwide in the March 2023 Medical Technology Licensure Examination with an institutional passing rate of 98.90%, remarkably higher than the national passing rate of 76.46%.

President Urdujah G. Alvarado and Dean Dorina D. Sabatin received a plaque of recognition from the Professional Regulation Commission on behalf of Cagayan State University for ranking 3rd Top Performing Medical Technology school

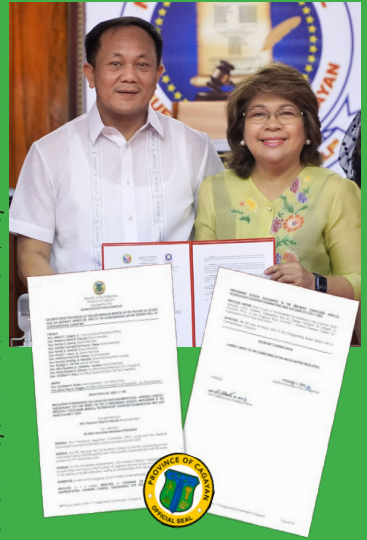
in the Philippines with 50 or more examinees.

This accolade was given during the oath taking ceremony of 90 newly minted Medical Technologists from Cagayan State University - Andrews Campus at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City last April 28, 2023.

Moreover, CSU received City Resolution No. 236-09-2023 from the City Government of Tuguegarao led by Vice Mayor Bienvenido C. De Guzman II and the Resolution No. 2023-11-098 from the Cagayan Provincial Board led

by Vice Governor Melvin "Boy" Vargas, Jr. as commendation to CSU's performance in the licensure examination.

President Alvarado expressed her gratitude to the Faculty of the College of Allied Health Sciences led by Dean Dorina D. Sabatin for preparing well their students for the examination. She said that the consistent satisfying performance of the CAHS in board examinations has gained the trust and confidence of parents to enroll their children in Cagayan State University for their higher education. -UIO



# 118 NEW CSUAN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS BRING CSU TO THE TOP 2 SPOT

118 new CSUAN Medical Technologists were honored last September 7, 2023 in a Testimonial Dinner at the Claude Andrews Convention Center in recognition and appreciation for their accomplishment of making Cagayan State University as the Top 2 School for Medical Technology in the Philippines, registering an institutional passing rate of 97.50% during the August 2023 Licensure Examination for Medical Technologists.

In her inspirational message, University President Urdujah G. Alvarado personally congratulated the batch for continuing the outstanding tradition of the College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS) in licensure examinations. "The legacy continues through you

and with you, the CSUAN touch of excellence lives on," she concluded.

Also present in congratulating the newly-licensed medical technologists are Vice President for Academic Affairs Mariden V. Caulan, CSU Andrews Campus Executive Officer Ramon Henry O. Kanapi, and the newly-reinstalled CAHS Dean Julius T. Capili who expressed their congratulations to the group.

During the program, each of the passers were acknowledged and awarded. Testimonials were also said by the passers and their parents where they thanked the university for serving as an excellent academic abode in reaching for their coveted dreams. -UIO



# USEC. ALLONES FACILITATES CSU FUTURES THINKING SEMINAR WORKSHOP



With the goal of equipping CSUAN leaders to lead the way into the future, Cagayan State University conducted a 2-day Futures Thinking Seminar Workshop on Leadership Competencies in the Academe last May 22-23, 2023 at the Claude Andrews Convention Center at CSU-Andrews Campus. The seminar workshop was participated by

university officials, university and college deans, newly-hired heads of offices, and campus officials.

In her welcome remarks, University President Urdujah G. Alvarado emphasized the role of the education sector's leaders in a volatile world and the immediate need of strengthening their leadership capacities to lead into the future. Furthermore, she

challenged participants to set an open mind and heart and totally commit to the leadership journey.

The exclusive seminar workshop was facilitated by Undersecretary for Administration and Finance of the Department of Migrant Workers Ma. Anthonette C. Velasco-Allones where she engaged the university and campus officials in a

series of self-awareness, self-management, self-compassion, and self-transformation activities. She also provided tools to increase the academe officials' emotional intelligence. She points out that the best way to lead others is to first lead the individual self. "Self-Mastery is the starting point of our trip to the future," she expressed. -UIO

## CSU BIDS FAREWELL TO THE BATCH OF 2023

Cagayan State University had officially bid farewell to 6,225 graduates for the 45th Academic Convocation for the Conferment of Degrees and Titles. The series of graduation rites occurred from July 10 to 21, 2023 and were divided into 14 batches all of which transpired in CSU's respective campuses.

The Carig Campus has the highest number of graduates with a total of 2,335 which is followed by Andrews with 1,266. The Aparri Campus produced 938 new professionals, Sanchez

Mira Campus registered 599 new degree holders, Piat Campus conferred 397 new titles, Gonzaga Campus congratulated 279 graduates, Lal-lo Campus brought forward 243 graduates, and Lasam Campus had the least number of graduates at 168.

The graduates and their proud parents marched with the university officials, President Urdujah G. Alvarado, VP for Academics - Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, VP for Research Development and Extension

- Dr. Junel B. Guzman, VP for Internationalization, Partnership, and Resource Mobilization - Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, the Campus Executive Officer of their own campus, deans, and roster of faculty members who gathered to celebrate the win of the new professionals.

CSU President, Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, in her charge to the graduates emphasized that as they bid farewell to the University, may

the graduates find inspiration to work not only for the sake of getting an income but to create an impact. "Live a life with a purpose and a life of service for others", she added and wished them marvelous victories in their new journey in life. 🇵🇭

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## CSU PUTS FORWARD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SMART AGRICULTURE

Addressing the need to improve the agricultural systems in the 21st century, Cagayan State University, in full force, prepares for the conduct of the International Conference on Smart Agriculture on September 28-30, 2023 which will take place at CSU Claude Andrews Convention Center at CSU - Andrews Campus.

This international conference will provide opportunities for knowledge exchange among scholars,

researchers, educators, industry-players, farmers, government leaders, and decision-makers in the ASEAN region and other parts of the world on the trends, emerging issues, and innovative solutions in smart agriculture. This initiative is all towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The different themes to be tackled include Futures Of Coffee, Cacao, And Other High-Value Crops; Utilizing Bamboo And Mangrove

For Climate And Economic Resiliency; Climate Smart Integrated Animal Production System; Sustainable Soil & Water Management Practices; Sustainable Environment And Disaster Risk Management; Cyclic Agriculture And Sustainable Farm Waste Management; Precision Agriculture; Entrepreneurial Agriculture Through Artificial Intelligence; Sustainable Aquaculture And Marine Resources Management; and Agricultural Tourism. 🇵🇭 -UIO



## CSU HOSTS THE LAUNCHING OF USAID'S PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Cagayan State University assured its full support to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s partnership programs for energy resilience and sustainability in the provinces of Cagayan and Isabela by hosting the ceremonial launching held at CSU Lal-lo Campus last June 16, 2023.

The USAID, through its Assistant Administrator Michael Schiffer, granted a total of P65.4 million for

the partnership programs unveiled during the ceremony which include the mobile solar photovoltaic (Solar PV) generator intended to help Local Government Units (LGUs) in strengthening their capabilities during emergencies; their capacity building for energy resilience through USAID Energy Secure Philippines; and the partnership granting the promotion of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act of 2019.

President Urdujah G.

Alvarado said the University is also eyeing for potential collaborations with USAID specifically in energy efficiency researches like e-trikes in CSU Carig Campus where the E-Mobilization Research Center is located. "I hope that we can be partners in extending to the community the benefits that can be derived from this. CSU is happy to find an ally in USAID in creating more projects and programs in support of an Energy Secure Philippines," she said.

The launching was also attended by Lal-lo Vice Mayor Olivia B. Pascual, CSU President Urdujah G. Alvarado and university officials including VP for Internationalization, Partnership, and Resource Mobilization, Dr. Theresa Dimalanta, CSU Lal-lo CEO Antonio Cabalbag, University Information Officer, Prof. Marie Cauilan, Ms. Diana Rose Lopez Robinion, and other LGU officials representing the Municipality of Santa Ana. 🇵🇭 -UIO



## CSU WELCOMES 11,883 FRESHMEN FOR SY 2023-2024

CSU opened a new academic year and embraced 11,883 brand new faces during the welcome ceremonies for the new members of the CSU academic community last September 4, 2023, as they marked the beginning of their college journey with the university.

The 2,035 freshmen of CSU-Andrews Campus officially took their first steps in the campus during the traditional Grand Athena Walk through the Parthenon-inspired stairs. Armed with their own college identity, they creatively showcased their bachelor programs.

In her Inspirational

Message, University President Urdujah G. Alvarado welcomed the undergraduate students as they enter a new chapter in their lives. As the mother of the University, President Alvarado remarked that her office is always open for all members of the CSU community. "I may not be able to entertain all of you at the same time, but I will always make time for you. I want you to make me – and all of your professors, deans, administrators – a part of your journey," she added.

This is seconded by the Opening Remarks of CSU-Andrews Campus Executive Officer, Prof. Ramon Henry O.

Kanapi, who gave his advice to the students. "In college, your goal is to recreate yourself. Your transition is your responsibility and soon will be your achievement," he added.

The freshmen were greeted by a festive atmosphere where all faculty, staff, and returning students supported the event. To start the semester in a good note, a jump street competition among the first-year students ensued where the College of Hospitality Management emerged as the champion.

Simultaneously, the other CSU campuses also conducted their welcome activities in their own respective campus.

CSU-Carig has welcomed the largest batch of freshmen at 4,068. CSU-Aparri welcomed 1,550 new students, while CSU-Sanchez Mira has 1,394. The campus of Gonzaga registered 728 new students.

On the other hand, CSU-Lal-lo Campus greeted to its abode 629 new students while CSU-Piat recorded 545 first-year students. CSU-Solana, the newest addition to the university, has 519 new students. CSU-Lasam has the smallest freshmen population at 415. In total, CSU has 11,883 new students joining the 1st semester of the School Year 2023-2024. 🎓-UIO

## PRESIDENT ALVARADO SHARES MEIC JOURNEY IN A NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Cagayan State University's President Urdujah G. Alvarado delivered a presentation last June 22, 2023 on the university's implementation of the metals and engineering projects under the Metals Engineering and Innovations Center (MEIC), one of CSU's innovation centers, during the 2nd National Metals and

Engineering Conference in Manila.

The Metals and Engineering Innovation Center, situated at CSU Carig Campus, was established in December 22, 2020 through a Memorandum of Agreement between CSU and the Department of Science and Technology. With its successful implementation of

metals design and fabrication, the center continues to form strong partnerships with institutions to promote innovative culture and to strengthen capacity and capability in the field of metalworking and to enhance the competitive advantage of the metals and engineering industries in Region 2. 🎓-UIO



## CSU IS NOW A SCHOLARSHIP-DELIVERING INSTITUTION OF DOST-SEI

The Department of Science and Technology - Science Education Institute (DOST - SEI) officially announced last August 3, 2023, the approval of Cagayan State University (CSU) as a delivering institution of the project dubbed "Science and Technology Regional Alliance of Universities for National Development (STRAND) for the Niche Centers in the Regions for R&D (NICER)" or Project STRAND-N effective for the First Semester of AY 2023 - 2024.

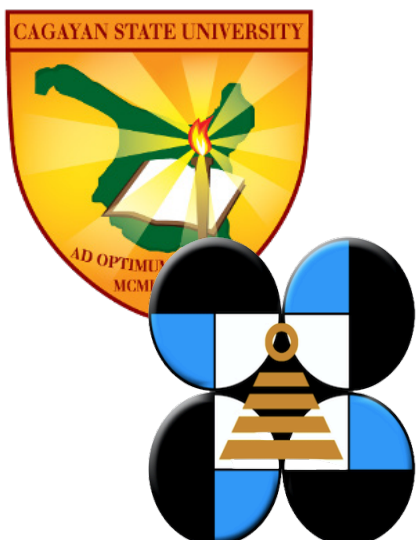
CSU is considered a STRAND N2 scholarship-

delivering institution for the identified graduate degree programs – Ph.D. in Education major in Science Education, MS in Teaching major in Mathematics, MS in Teaching major in Chemistry, MS in Teaching major in Biology, MS in Teaching major in Physics and MS Information Technology (Aparri Campus).

Five scholarship slots will be available for each academic program identified and will be endorsed to the institute no later than August 31, 2023. The graduate scholars will receive the following scholarship

privileges: (Masteral) – monthly stipend of P22,000, up to P60,000 thesis grant, around P225,000 student research support fund, among others; (Doctoral) – P33,000 monthly stipend, P100,000 for dissertation, P475,000 student research support fund, etc.

STRAND - N is a DOST-SEI graduate program that grants scholarships for Master's and Doctoral programs in Science and Technology identified priority fields. 🎓-UIO





# 45<sup>th</sup>

## FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S SAPPHIRE ANNIVERSARY  
JUNE 6-11, 2023

### CSU AWARDS EXEMPLARY EMPLOYEES ON ITS SAPPHIRE ANNIVERSARY

On a night of glamour and fun, the president appreciated awardees in different categories with plaques and certificates in recognition of their exemplary performances and committed service to CSU.

The Presidential Special Awards were accorded to Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino for the excellent academic and administrative support he provides to CSU, Dr. Junel Guzman for making CSU a research-active university, Dr. Gided Battung for strengthening the university's internationalization efforts through meaningful partnerships, Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan for making CSU a household name for quality higher education, Dr. Florentina Dumlao for

her top-notch planning and monitoring of the university's performance in achieving its targets, Prof. Maria Nilda M. Munoz for her innovative and relevant research, Dr. Editha S. Pagulayan for her contributions in paving the way for the enrollment and graduation of offshore students, Prof. Jane Umengan for her services as the former Faculty regent, Hon. Loreto Pacay Jr. for representing the private sector in the CSU's Board of Regents, and Mr. Jake Biraquit and Mr. Jhon Michael Pattugalan for their outstanding commitment to student leadership.

Additionally, the results from the awards evaluation committee were also announced which revealed winners of the different categories for the Presidential

Awards. Engr. Arthur G. Ibanez is the CEO of the year, Engr. Audy R. Quebral is the Dean of the Year, Mr. Roldan B. Sawadan of CSU-Lallo is the Teacher of the Year.

Meanwhile, the Bamboo Sanctuary of Northern Luzon was hailed as the Extension Project of the Year. The award was received by the proponents and implementers of the project Dr. Froilan A. Pacris Jr., Prof. Ana Marie C. Cauilan, Dr. Romar R. Banadero, Dr. Jay F. Omotoy, Prof. Mae Angelica A. Sinco, and Prof. Myrally Marcos.

Furthermore, Dr. Jinky Marie Chua of Andrews Campus obtained the Researcher of the Year award, Mr. Virgilio Malayao obtained the Auxiliary Staff of the Year, Ms. Ronabelle A. Ramil of Lasam Campus is the Administrative Personnel

of the Year, and the Student of the Year award was bagged by Mr. Scott Louie C. Pasion of Gonzaga Campus.

All winners were awarded with Plaques of Recognition while the nominees in all categories also received certificates of Appreciation. The awards given were all grounded on CSU's Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence or PRAISE.

To recognize faculty and employees for their years of committed service to CSU, Certificates of Loyalty were also granted to 78 individuals.

During the celebration, the President's report was also witnessed by the CSU community, showcasing the stellar achievements of the university for the past year.

### CSU CAMPUSES BOAST NICHE-BASED FOOD INNOVATIONS

The different campuses of Cagayan State University showcased their unique food entries during the Food Solutions Competition last June 8, 2023, held at CSU Carig Red Eagle Gymnasium.

The competition aimed to create innovative and original food products responsive to the needs of the future. It challenged the participating teams to develop and innovate food solutions using their niche products: cacao, coffee,

bamboo, rice, milk, coconut, seaweed, and crab as their main ingredients.

The Fillet of GG Confit of Andrews Campus bagged the first prize, winning Php 10,000, and the Salted Caramel Streusel Bar, also from Andrews garnered the 2nd prize, winning Php 5,000. The third spot was presented to CSU Gonzaga's Bamboo Shoot Pasta, which won Php 3,000. The Kanyogan Garden Crisps of Sanchez Mira and the Rice

Chips enhanced with Seaweeds of Carig were awarded 4th and 5th placers, respectively.

The winners were determined by a Board of judges, which included the Assistant Secretary of DOST, Dr. Diana Ignacio; the former Director of DOST-TAPI, Dr. Edgar I. Garcia; and the DOST Regional Director for Region XI, Dr. Anthony C. Sales, who served as the Chairman of the team. After the awarding of winners, the judges all gave very

positive feedback, emphasizing that the food products were all innovative and had great potential. Impressed by the comments from the judges, the President pledged to give funding to all submitted food innovations through their campus Research, Development and Extension units. The funding is to encourage all campuses to fully develop the products that were presented during the competition.

### CSU THANKS PARTNERS THRU "GABI NG PASASALAMAT"

The University conducted the "Gabi ng Pasasalamat" on June 8, 2023 which became an avenue to recognize the support and assistance given by various line agencies to CSU.

The organizations that were recognized include DOST and its attached agencies, DA Ro2, DA-BAR, DOE National, UP-NEC, DENR Ro2, DOH Ro2, DTI Ro2, TESDA Cagayan, Lighthouse Cooperative, GoodFellow Pharma Corporation, NGCP,

and Pugad Lawin. Individual awardees were also aptly recognized.

The honorees were delighted with a cultural presentation by the Athena Performing Arts Bureau, serenaded by the composer of the anniversary song "Tatak CSU" - Mr. Romuald La Madrid, and entertained through a dance performance by the university officials as part of the tribute.

University President Urdujah G. Alvarado expressed

her gratitude to CSU's partners and acknowledged their indispensable support in the attainment of its goals.

In the message of response from the partners, DOST Undersecretary Sancho A. Maborang expressed his joy to be back in the university as he used to be part of CSU's Board of Regents. He said he is proud that the university transformed into an institution with class, sophistication, untiring innovation, and international standards. "It is an honor to

receive the award from CSU though President Alvarado and her team who share the same passion and commitment of serving the community," he added.

Dr. Diana L. Ignacio, DOST Assistant Secretary, also gave her response and thanked CSU for acknowledging DOST as a valuable partner and that the agency looks forward to continuously working together in strengthening academe-industry collaborations.



# CSU GRANDSTAND SOON TO RISE IN CARIG CAMPUS!

A new edifice is in the works at the Cagayan State University - Carig Campus!

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the first-ever CSU Grandstand marked the beginning of the new mega-project on campus. The infrastructure project was made possible through the sponsorship of Congressman Joseph "Jojo" L. Lara.

University President Urdujah G. Alvarado expressed her gratitude to Cong. Lara for the support and assistance he has extended to CSU in creating provisions that would make learning more conducive in the university. "I know that this grandstand will surely be a place of unity and camaraderie. It will definitely house many university-wide events, a place for coming together and

celebrating as one family," she added.

Cong. Lara, in his message, expressed that he still has a lot of plans on the works for Cagayan State University, including the improvement of CSU Carig's Red Eagle Gymnasium and the roads leading to the campus. Congressman Lara is also the main proponent of the CSU Solana Campus and responsible for the construction of a

3-storey dormitory at the Carig campus.

The event transpired last June 8, 2023 as part of the university's Sapphire Anniversary, and was attended by Congressman Joseph L. Lara, University President Urdujah G. Alvarado, Engr. Mariano B. Malupeng, Dr. Zarah De Guzman-Lara, university and campus officials, and student leaders.

# MR. & MS. SAPHIRE CROWNED, CSU GOT TALENT WINNERS SELECTED

One in solidarity and team spirit, Cagayan State University puts together a 2-in-1 event - the Mr. and Ms. CSU Sapphire and CSU Got Talent last June 9, 2023, at the CSU Carig Red Eagle Gymnasium.

Candidates from both competitions were from the 9 campuses who proudly presented and showcased their talents to the whole CSU community. The search for Mr. and Ms. CSU contestants stun the audience in their

sportswear, casual wear, uniform attire, and evening wear.

Mr. Patrick Dale Umangay from CSUSanchez Mira was crowned as Mr. CSU Sapphire while Ms. Sarah Marie Joy Dela Vega from CSU Lal-lo was titled as Ms. CSU Sapphire.

Mr. Stephen Melad representing the Central Administration and Ms. Chinie De Polonia from CSU Solana came in as the 1st runner ups. While, Mr. Joshua Santiago from CSU Carig and Ms.

Angelyn San Juan from CSU Aparri finished at the 2nd runner up spots.

Resounding voice and unique performances were presented for the CSU Got Talent. Mr. Van Erll Abalos Santos from CSU Andrews impersonated Elizabeth Ramsey. He bested 9 of his competitors and emerged as champion. Ms. Jonathania Unciano from Piat Campus sang to the song of Sarah Geronimo which landed her the 1st runner up spot. Mr. Stanley

Follante from CSU Solana did a rendition of Daniel Boone which claimed the 2nd runner up spot.

The events were created to promote the physical and emotional wellness of employees through the conduct of physical and entertaining activities and to boost camaraderie among the CSU community.




# CSU-APARRI GETS A 9.5M TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FUND FROM DOST-PCAARRD

The Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST - PCAARRD) has now downloaded a funding assistance of P9.5M to Cagayan State University (CSU) – Aparri Campus for the technology transfer project called “Adoption of Improved Hatchery – Nursery Culture System for Commercial Production of Mangrove Crab Seedstock in Buguey, Cagayan” with Dr. Quirino Pascua, Dean of the College of Fisheries, as the project leader.

The said project was defended to the governing board of DOST by President Urdujah Alvarado and representatives from LGU Buguey as they expressed their commitment and support to sustain the operation of the project once it

is turned over to them by CSU in 2025. The project, which will run for two years, aims to launch the technology on a commercial-scale mangrove crab hatchery-nursery system to maintain a reliable supply of mangrove crab seedstocks in Buguey, Cagayan.

The proposed hatchery, according to Dr. Pascua, is “expected to supply 2.22% of the total demand for crablets in the province per year, eventually contributing an estimated increase in volume of mangrove crab production of 0.002% (regional) and 66.94% (municipal) equivalent to 60MT valued at PhP 27 million per year.”

Through the project, CSU Aparri assures that mangrove crab hatchery-nursery-grower operators in Buguey will not depend anymore on seedstocks from the wild.  -UIO



**CSU APARRI GETS 9.5 MILLION FUNDING FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROJECT FROM DOST- PCAARRD!**  
**Congratulations Dr. Quirino G. Pascua and CEO Jun Rabanal!**

**PROJECT TITLE:**  
 Adoption of Improved Hatchery-Nursery Culture System for Commercial Production of Mangrove Crab Seedstock in Buguey, Cagayan

**PROJECT PROPONENT:**  
 Dr. Quirino G. Pascua  
 Cagayan State University (CagSU) - Aparri Campus

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# CSU APARRI-BUGUEY EXTENSION BUILDING SOON TO RISE!



Cagayan State University President, Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, and LGU Buguey Municipal Mayor, Hon. Licerio Antiporda III, spearheaded the ceremonial groundbreaking of the University's first infrastructure for the College of Fisheries in the Crab Capital of the Philippines – the municipality of Buguey last June 15, 2023.

The one-storey building



will have an office and two classrooms to cater to around 200 students of fisheries. The extension is also envisioned to offer Fisheries and Agriculture programs and to have its own academic and laboratory building to cater to more Cagayano youth.

LGU Buguey donated to CSU a 4.6 hectare land area in Minanga West, Buguey for the realization of the CSU Buguey




Extension through the signing of the Deed of Donation last October 29, 2022.

Mayor Antiporda III expressed his gratitude to CSU for supporting the fishery and farm industries of the town. He said that it will help strengthen and maintain the identity of Buguey as a fishing and farming village. “We have a lot of projects for Buguey and we hope that when these expand



and become successful, we can guarantee our assistance and help not only to our neighboring towns but also to the country as a whole.”

A tree planting activity culminated the groundbreaking activity. President Urdujah G. Alvarado was also invited as the Guest of Honor during the 427th Founding Anniversary of Buguey.  -UIO

# CSU LAUNCHES GREENING PROGRAM IN SANCHEZ MIRA, CAGAYAN



Dubbed as “Let’s Talk About Bamboo: A Greening Program of CSU Extension”, the Cagayan State University spearheaded by University President Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado officially launched a greening program situated at Sitio Carillo, Barangay Dammang, Sanchez Mira, Cagayan last May 6, 2023.

The activity is one of the components of the project


“CSU – LGU Sanchez Mira Agri – Fisheries Tourism Destination” which aimed to address the existing challenges in the agriculture sector, including the lack of interest of young minds in agriculture and insufficient supply of safe and healthy food products, among others.

With its two established project sites – the Nagbaranganan of CSU and the Carillo of LGU Sanchez Mira, the project will preserve the local culture of the municipality through the application of Good Agricultural Practices and Organic Agri-Fishery growing technologies, provide sustainable Agri-Fishery tourism, and create employment and sustainable income for its locals.

Through the sustained partnership of CSU with the

Department of Science and Technology – Philippines Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST – PCAARRD), a total of P10-Million fund assistance, P5M each site, will be provided to the university & LGU upon the approval of the final project proposal.

The bamboo tree planting activity is graced by University President Alvarado along with CSU Sanchez Mira CEO, Dr.

Rodel Francisco T. Alegado, Extension Director, Prof. Josie Y. Bas-ong, and Knowledge and Technology Management Director, Dr. Gilbert Magulod, in collaboration with LGU Sanchez Mira represented by Municipal Agriculture Officer Mr. Ridel T. Cabulisan, Tourism Officer Ms. Carla Samantha P. Ocampo, and the Sanchez Mira Central Elementary School Batch 1973.  -UIO





# TESDA RECOGNIZES CSU-GONZAGA'S TVET INITIATIVES



The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) - Cagayan Provincial Office recognized CSU-Gonzaga for its outstanding performance in the implementation of the Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programs lodged under the campus. TESDA has rendered CSU-Gonzaga as the 1st for the State University and Colleges Category.

University President Urdujah G. Alvarado congratulated the Assessment Center Manager and CSU Gonzaga Campus

Executive Officer Dr. Froilan A. Pacris, Jr., the Campus TVET Coordinator Dr. Vincent Jim Palor, and their team for another accolade under their banner.

CSU-Gonzaga is home to 13 active Accredited Assessment Centers. It also holds 8 diverse Registered Programs under the Unified TVET Program Registration and Accreditation System (UTPRAS). The CSU-Gonzaga Campus is well-equipped with tools and facilities which is why more enrollees opt to advance their skills in its center. 🏆 -UIO

# CSU FORMS ALLIANCE WITH QSU FOR ACADEMIC, R&D, AND EXTENSION COLLABORATIONS

Cagayan State University (CSU) President Urdujah G. Alvarado and President Hermenegildo F. Samoy, Jr. of Quirino State University (QSU) signed last August 17, 2023, a Memorandum of Agreement for the new synergistic endeavors on academic, research & development, and extension.

In the MOA, CSU - Andrews College of Hospitality Management and QSU - Diffun College of Hospitality and Tourism Management will "establish, promote, and develop on a basis of direct cooperation and collaboration in the field of research, education, and training programs".

President Alvarado is looking forward to the changes that the MOA will bring, the standards that will be created, and the new programs that will be introduced. "QSU has its own strengths that we do not have in

CSU and vice versa. I'm excited about this shared commitment and we hope that we can start seeing accomplishments before the year ends."

QSU President Samoy, Jr. expressed his gratitude to CSU. "This meaningful collaboration with you will serve as scaffolding to make us more resilient and relevant as an educational institution. This MOA is another significant milestone in improving our communities, institutions, and students."

The MOA Signing is witnessed by Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, Vice President for Internationalization, Partnership and Resource Mobilization; Dr. Junel B. Guzman, Vice President for Research, Development and Extension; Prof. Ramon Henry O. Kanapi, CEO of CSU Andrews; Prof. Kristinne Joyce A. Lara, Director for Domestic and International Partnership;



CSU President Urdujah G. Alvarado (left) signs Memorandum of Agreement with QSU President Hermenegildo F. Samoy, Jr. (right).

Prof. Christopher Lord T. Tulauan, Campus Coordinator of DIP; Prof. Lourdes Judy B. Luyun, University Dean of CHM; Dr. Lianne T. Abuan, Dean of CHM; Dr. Elizabeth Carig, Vice President for

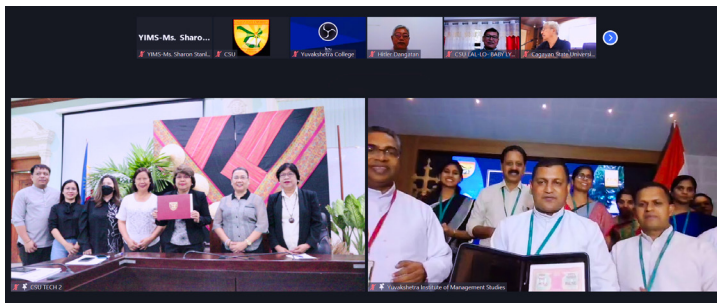
Academic Affairs and Research, Development & Extension of QSU; Dr. Jonathan N. Tariga, Dean of CHTM of QSU; and other university and campus officials. 🏆 -UIO

# CSU INKS PARTNERSHIP WITH YIMS, INDIA

August 22, 2023 - the Cagayan State University (CSU) hailed its newest international partner in Kerala, India through a Memorandum of Understanding with Yuvakshetra Institute of Management Studies (YIMS) led by its Principal, Dr. Tomy Anthony.

University President Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado said that internationalization is one of the areas that the university wants to forge and develop to realize various convergence activities among different academic institutions with the same goal as CSU.

"With Philippines and India harnessing rich traditions and practices, there will surely be a lot of similarities and



differences in culture and academics that will be great points for learning in cultural understanding towards a better higher education in Asia region," Dr. Alvarado said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Tomy Anthony, ably represented by Vice Principal Dr. Lalu Oliikkaloonal, said that YIMS is looking forward to

collaborating with CSU in various education and research activities, both for faculty and students, exchange of publications and information, innovation, and sharing of best practices, among others.

The two higher education institutions shall implement activities in education and research, faculty and

student training, exchange of academicians and researchers, exchange of faculties and students, exchange of scholarly materials and information, invitation to conferences, colloquiums, and fora, and other analogous activities as agreed upon in the signed MOU.

The MOU Signing was witnessed by Dr. M. Ramachandran, Convener, External Affairs, PG Department of Geography of YIMS, and Prof. Shylaja Menon, Coordinator, Internal Quality Assurance Cell of YIMS, Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, CSU Vice President for Internationalization, Partnership, and Resource Mobilization, and Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, CSU Vice President for Academic Affairs. 🏆 -UIO

## CSU ADDS EVERISE PHILIPPINES AS ITS TALENT DEVELOPMENT PARTNER

Cagayan State University inked a Memorandum of Agreement with Everise Philippines LTD in a ceremony held last June 26, 2023 at the CSU Hotel, Andrews Campus as a move to create partnership in line with talent development, employment, and internship for CSUans.

Everise Philippines Ltd. is a thriving business process organization that offers engaging work environment and promotes professional and personal growth. It is known for its people-first culture and is recognized as a top employer for four consecutive times by the HR Asia Awards.

Among other expected



activities from the partnership are the conduct of talent development for students and alumni, Train-the-Trainer program for faculty members, and collaborations in job fairs

and job postings for possible job openings for future graduates. This shall bring opportunities not only for students and alumni, but also for the faculty members of the

university.

The partnership agreement was signed by University President Urdujah G. Alvarado and Ms. Kristine Bondoc, the VP of Operations for Everise Philippines, represented by Ms. Marilyn Ventenilla, the Everest VP for Marketing. The signing was also witnessed by CSU officials Prof. Ramon Henry Kanapi, CEO of Andrews Campus, Engr. Roger Rumpon, University Dean of the College of Agriculture, and Prof. Melvin Mora, the Campus Alumni Relations and Placement Services Coordinator together with the representatives from Everise Philippines, Ltd. -UIO

## CHED COMMENDS CSU IN RECOGNITION OF ITS 3-STAR UNIVERSITY RATING

Cagayan State University received commendation from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in recognition of its outstanding performance as a 3-star university as accorded by the globally recognized QS Stars University Rating. This recognition thereby uplifts the country's global presence in having a quality higher education system. Thus, strengthening the cooperation between institutions for the achievement of the ASEAN

Community Vision 2025 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 2030).

This accolade is attributed to the able leadership of University President Urdujah G. Alvarado who advocates for the university to be internationally competitive and produce globally ready graduates who will lead industries of the future.

The recognition is given during CHED'S celebration of ASEAN's 55th Founding Anniversary. -UIO



## CSU HOSTS THANKSGIVING PROGRAM FOR SOLANA CAMPUS PROPONENT CONG. JOJO LARA



Cagayan State University conducts a Thanksgiving Program in honor of Congressman Joseph "Jojo" Lasar and Dr. Zarah De Guzman-Lara at the CSU Claude Andrews Convention Center last January 18, 2023 together with key university officials, college deans, and students.

The program was conducted in honor of the heartfelt gratitude on the all-out support and provision of Congressman Lara in the development and progress of the university in its quest to

make education at the grasp of those who are willing to learn.

University President Urdujah G. Alvarado expressed her gratitude to Congressman Lara and Doctor Lara for their commitment to making higher education more accessible to the children of Cagayan. "Thank you for banking on our youth and making CSU progress at its vocation!", she added.

Congressman Lara is the proponent of the establishment of CSU-Solana from the ground up. Aside from the newly-established Administration and Academic Building at the said

campus, he also gave provision to the building of a dormitory at CSU Carig which is almost completed - the largest in the university with a 300-bed capacity.

Continuing the goal of new spaces for CSUan learners, CEO Arthur G. Ibañez presented the infrastructure projects that are supported by the Congressman for the year 2023 which include the construction of a Four-Storey Andrews Campus Dormitory Phase 1 and the proposed construction of a University Grandstand at CSU Carig Campus. CSU Solana will

also see through new buildings rise as plans for a Three-Storey Academic Building and University Gymnasium at CSU Solana are on the works.

In his message of response, Congressman Lara thanked the CSU community for the overwhelming trust and support he received. He also promised the continued support to raise the bar of education in the university as many more project are lined-up. "Kasama niyo akong nangangarap para sa kabutihan ng Cagayan State University," he added. -UIO

# CSU IS TUGUEGARAO'S NO. 1 UNIVERSITY -EduRank

According to EduRank's independent ranking system, CSU has secured the #1 spot out of 4 universities in Tuguegarao, highlighting its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and research. CSU has also been ranked #11,373 out of 14,131 universities globally, #4,642 out of 5,833 universities in Asia, and #130 out of 229 universities in the Philippines.

EduRank.org is an independent metric-based ranking of 14,131 universities

from 183 countries. They use a proprietary database with an index of 44,909,300 scientific publications and 1,237,541,960 citations to rank universities across 246 research topics. In the overall rankings they add non-academic prominence and alumni popularity indicators.

This recognition is a testament to the university's continued efforts towards maintaining academic effectiveness through its significant contributions to the academic community. -UIO

The screenshot shows the EduRank website interface. At the top, it says 'List of 4 best universities in Tuguegarao'. Below this, it lists four universities with their respective rankings and statistics:

Rank	University	Rank in Philippines	Rank in Asia	Acceptance Rate	Enrollment	Founded
1	Cagayan State University	#130	#4642	95%	32,500	1978
2	St. Paul University Philippines	#132	#4677	Enrollment: 7,000	Enrollment: 1,907	
3	University of Saint Louis	#190	#5329	Acceptance Rate: 54%	Enrollment: 8,500	Founded: 1965
4	University of Cagayan Valley	#225	#5691	Enrollment: 12,500	Founded: 1948	

# AD SCIENTIFIC INDEX RANKS CSU AS TOP 8 IN PH

Gilbert C. Magulod, Jr.

Director, Knowledge and Technology Management Office

The infographic lists the top 10 universities in the Philippines for 2023 based on the AD Scientific Index and World Scientist and University Rankings 2023. Cagayan State University is ranked 8th.

1. IRRI, Philippines
2. Mindanao State University Iligan Institute of Techn
3. University of the Philippines
4. De La Salle University Manila
5. University of the Philippines Diliman
6. Ateneo de Manila University
7. University of San Agustin
8. Cagayan State University
9. De La Salle Lipa
10. Philippine Competition Commission

Cagayan State University is Top 8 public university in the AD Scientific Index and World Scientist and University Rankings 2023. The Alper-Doger (AD) Index is a ranking and analysis system based on the scientific performance and the added value of the scientific productivity of individual scientists. It also provides rankings of institutions based on the scientific characteristics of affiliated scientists.

CSU was identified in the Philippines Top 5000 Scientists AD Scientific Index 2023 which was officially released last January 2023, with Dr. Maria Nilda Munoz as the

Country's Top 10 scientist in the Philippines and CSU's Top 1 Researcher in the AD Index of 2023. The research productivity of researchers was measured based on the total and the last five-year productivity coefficients of scientists based on the h index and i10 scores and citations in Google Scholar. This analysis also helps reveal the medium and long-term results of several policies implemented by institutions, including those of the academic staff employment and retention policies, wage policies, academic incentives, and scientific working environments. -UIO

# CSU IS NOW A REGISTERED BOOK PUBLISHER FOR PRINT AND DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS



CSU received a Book Publisher status certification from the National Book Development Board (NBDB) in accordance with the Book Publishing Industry Act or RA 8047.

This certification allows the university a stronger science communication system and ownership of knowledge produced along its IREP (Instruction, Research, Extension and Production) mandates.

Charisse Aquino-Tugade, the Executive Director of NBDB, signed the certificate, which remains valid until the 30th of April 2024.

As a registered publisher, CSU is authorized to publish various types of books, textbooks, scientific, cultural, medical, architectural, and professional magazines, and book catalogs. These publications can be written by various stakeholders, including students, faculty, and staff of CSU, as well as external stakeholders.

With this registration, CSU is now recognized and added to the NBDB's Online Registry as a registered publisher. The registration also grants CSU access to the online application of International Book Standard Number (ISBN) and

International Serial Standard Number (ISSN) of the National Library of the Philippines. These privileges help enhance CSU's capabilities as a publisher and contribute to developing the Philippine book publishing industry. It will strengthen its ownership of the knowledge produced and intellectual properties.

President Alvarado commended the Office of the Knowledge Technology Management, under the directorship of Dr. Gilbert Magulod for facilitating the issuance of this certificate of registration. -UIO

# 39 NEW EMPLOYEES TAKE THEIR OATH OF OFFICE

39 newly-hired employees took their oath of office before University President Urdujah G. Alvarado, signifying the official start of their term as public servants under the Cagayan State University.

The positions opened as part of CSU's Revised Organization and Staffing Standards (ROSS). The posts filled were under the departments of finance, human resources, planning, legal, IT, information, and other administrative offices. All of the new employees went

through a rigorous process of examinations and interviews to assure that they are capable and competent to discharge the duties for the position they have filled.

In her message to the new employees, University President Alvarado emphasized to the body to constantly exhibit commitment and passion to create meaningful impact to the university. "CSU is our bread and butter. We serve CSU for everybody", she concluded. -UIO





# SLU-BAGUIO DELEGATES VISIT CSU FOR A BENCHMARKING ACTIVITY

University President Urdujah G. Alvarado together with key officials of CSU cordially welcomed Saint Louis University (SLU)-Baguio delegates composed of directors, head officers, and deans led by SLU Vice President for Administration Dr. Felerina B. Ellamil on January 6, 2023 at the CSU Conference Hall.

The 12 SLU-Baguio delegates attended an introductory conference where University President Alvarado officially welcomed them to the academic institution and oriented them on the processes and best-case practices of CSU along Research Development and Extension (RDE), Internationalization, CSU-YET Projects, and External Communications. After

the meeting, they also got the chance to tour CSU's Tuguegarao campuses, CSU Andrews and CSU Carig, where they visited the different RDE centers that each of the campuses harness.

In her message, Dr. Ellamil expressed her grateful appreciation for the different presentations as it gave them a grasp of the academic landscape of the University. "This is a much-awaited event for us because we would like to see how we could get better and collaborate with an esteemed university like CSU", she added. She emphasized their willingness on a collaboration where CSU and SLU - Baguio can share resources in order to develop the niches brewed by both universities. -UIO



# CSU ADDS UTM AS NEW INTERNATIONAL PARTNER

CSU further strengthens international linkages as it officially marked a new partnership with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Malaysia last April 17, 2023, through a Memorandum of Understanding Virtual Signing Ceremony via Zoom where university officials from both distinct universities were present.

The Memorandum of Understanding was forged by CSU's University President



Urdujah G. Alvarado. It was witnessed by Vice President for Academic Affairs Mariden V. Cauilan and Senior Scientist Maria Nilda Muñoz. On the other end, UTM's Vice Chancellor Ahmad Fauzi bin



Ismail signed the document, with Faculty of Chemical and Energy Engineering Dean Rahmat bin Mohsin as a witness.

The two university heads expressed their excitement

in collaborating on areas towards teaching and learning for students as part of career development and kick-starting promising research development projects. Tokens were exchanged where CSU presented a woven fabric while UTM conferred a Plaque of Best Compliment.

The Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) is one of the leading Engineering and Technology Schools in Malaysia. -UIO

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