



A Tribute to PRESIDENT URDUJAH GAERLAN ALVARADO

CSU COMMUNITY PAYS TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT ALVARADO ON HER RETIREMENT

Emotions ran high at the CSU Andrews Gymnasium today, February 5, 2024, as members of the Board of Regents, faculty, staff, students, and Alumni Association representatives came together to host a farewell ceremony and tribute for President Urdujah G. Alvarado.

The event commenced with the unveiling of a coffee table book by President Alvarado entitled "Seasons: Unwrapping a Legacy" with a foreword by Fr. Ranhilio C Aquino. The book is a compilation of select speeches delivered by President Urdujah Alvarado and photos commemorating the

university's accomplishments during her seven years of dedicated service at CSU. The book reveals various seasons of her leadership and the transformative journey the university has undertaken under her guidance.

Following the book launch, Engr. Arthur G. Ibañez took oath as the Officer-in-charge of the Office of the President, stepping into the role with a commitment to uphold CSU's legacy of excellence. In an actual turnover of responsibilities, President Alvarado handed over the reins of the University's Office Performance and Commitment Review (OPCR) for the Fiscal

Year 2024. Additionally, she turned over key documents, including the University Manual, Administrative Manual, Student Manual, and the Strategic Planning Management System. As Dr. Ibañez accepted the documents, signifying his acceptance of the position, he expressed that he would work tirelessly to ensure that the President's initiatives and priorities are executed with precision and excellence.

President Alvarado, in her retirement speech, conveyed gratitude for the steadfast support she has received during her tenure. She thanked and commended the Board of

Regents, members of Execom and Mancom, technical advisers, and the strong faculty and administrative workforce who are the real implementers of the university's Vision and Mission. She also expressed her confidence in the abilities of OIC Arthur Ibañez in leading the university. "The future holds endless possibilities, and I have complete faith that this university will continue to thrive, leaving an indelible mark in the national and international arena with OIC Ibañez at the helm."

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CSU REGISTERS 100% IN RESPIRATORY THERAPY LICENSURE EXAMINATION, PRODUCES 17 TOPNOTCHERS

CSU – College of Allied Health and Sciences has once again marked a 100% passing rate, accomplishing an impressive feat, with 82 passers in the Respiratory Therapists Board Examination held last February 6-7, 2024, among

whom 17 emerged as national topnotchers.

Among the national topnotchers – Jhunry Gauiran, who secured the Top 2 spot, received P45,000, while Stephen Laman and James Lamusao, ranking Top 4, were awarded with P35,000. Angelo

Dupitas, who landed as Top 5, received P30,000. Additionally, P25,000 was granted to each of the following Top 10 achievers, Andrei Karl Cauilan (Top 6), Francis Kyle Pagulayan (Top 7), Janiel Florence Aguinaldo and Frances Marie Suyu (Top 8), Divine Grace Anastacio

and Angeline Plan (Top 9), and Nicole Angelee Binayug, Christine Daguro, Michelle Mateo, Axcel Bryan Mauanay, and Angelyn Tica (Top 10). 🏆



FR. RANHILIO C. AQUINO'S SPEECH OF INTRODUCTION DURING THE LAUNCHING OF THE COFFEE TABLE BOOK "SEASONS: UNWRAPPING A LEGACY" BY DR. URDUJAH G. ALVARADO

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

The influential French philosopher, Paul Ricoeur said of identity: l'identité que suggère le terme "même" est à décomposer entre deux significations majeures: l'identité-idem de choses qui persistent inchangées à travers le temps, et l'identité-ipse de celui qui ne se maintient qu'à la manière d'une promesse tenue. Identity which the term

"same" suggests bears two meanings: the "the same" by which something or someone remains the same through time and "herself" who maintains herself as one who keeps her promise!

This book is exactly that: The story of one who has remained the same Urdujah G. Alvarado who is known by her friends, loved by those who know her, and respected by her colleagues and co-workers in government and, in these last years, at the university. She is the Urdujah who laughs at

her own mistakes, who is so easily moved by the suffering and pain of others, and whose affection is unconditional and constant.

On the other hand, her identity consists as well in keeping her word. On the day she took her oath as President of our university, she promised to be a mother and a leader - and this book chronicles in her speeches and through pictures judiciously selected who she has been true to her promise.

Obviously, the book is a story of the Cagayan State

University as well - for the past seven years and that chapter, today, comes to a close. It is an honorable ending, a story of accomplishment, a saga of trial and triumph. The pages of this book tell it all. But it is a book that invites those who remain to write a new chapter - one that will draw from the message, the impetus, and the inspiration of the Urdujah Chapter and one that, I hope, will resonate with the same confidence, hope and resoluteness. 🙏

CSU community pays tribute...from page 1

The day culminated in a heartfelt tribute to President Alvarado, where everyone present acknowledged her leadership, vision, and tireless dedication to the betterment of CSU. The tribute celebrated her achievements and contributions to the institution's academic and administrative advancements. One of the highlights of the tribute was the presentation of "64 Trees for Urdujah: A celebration of life, an advocacy lived", a video compilation of the tree planting activities of 64 trees initiated by the 9 campuses in honor of her 64th birthday and in

commemoration of her being an advocate of environmental protection. Sing and dance performances were also featured by students, faculty, and staff, adding a vibrant and lively atmosphere to the tribute. They also expressed their love for the President through video messaging.

As CSU transitions into a new era with Engr. Arthur G. Ibañez at the helm, the university community remains poised for continued growth and success, building upon the foundation laid by President Urdujah Alvarado's exemplary leadership. 🙏





OIC Office of the University President Arthur G. Ibanez takes oath before the CSU Board of Regents led by BOR Chair Designate Commissioner Ronald L. Adamat today during the 1st Quarter Special Board Meeting at the Commission on Higher Education. OIC Ibanez, a University Professor and former CEO of CSU Carig Campus, succeeds Former President Urdujah G. Alvarado who recently retired from government service.

OIC PRESIDENT CALLS FOR FIRST MEETING UPON ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

It is all hands-on deck as Cagayan State University OIC- Dr. Arthur G. Ibanez calls for the first meeting with University Officials, Campus CEOs, and Heads of Offices. The meeting which was conducted today, February 7, 2024, at Claude Andrews Convention Center, benchmarked the current status, and plans of the University both administratively and financially.

The meeting covered the agenda on Finance, Academics, Infrastructure, and Centralized Systems. Issues faced by the University's

campuses were raised as well which was promptly attended to by the OIC President. In his vision, he highlighted the need for the University to streamline processes and procedures to ensure the efficiency and timeliness of outputs. The OIC emphasized strict compliance with the submission of monthly evaluations of activities and reports from the projects conducted by the University and its campuses.

Among the topics, the president also underscored the goal of refining academic matters, especially in seminars and training of Instructors. Along with it, he aligned the

production of modules for Professional Courses to help students in the board exams, as he pointed out that the use of these modules should be maximized to later on study its impact on board performance. Plans for furthering the Internationalization prowess of Cagayan State University were presented and attended to.

In his plans to enhance the University's System, the OIC tasked the University's programmers to create and develop a system that would be accessible across the University and all its campuses. This centralized system will ensure

ease of access for various forms of operation, including admission, inventory, and other administrative management designs.

Moreover, the OIC President expressed his support for the Improvement and Infrastructure needed by the University to enhance the Campuses & offices' services. Also, his platform to plant five thousand trees was disseminated to the CEOs to follow the commitment of the University to achieving the goal of a greener environment and a healthier ecosystem. 🌱



EU AMBASSADOR LUC VERON PAYS VISIT TO CSU



His Excellency Ambassador Luc Veron, the Ambassador of the European Union to the Philippines, visited Cagayan State University (CSU) today, January 22, 2024. A brief program was organized at the university conference hall for the courtesy visit.

Engr. Arthur G. Ibanez, CEO of Carig campus, represented the university President, Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, in welcoming the EU delegation. As he greeted the visitors, he expressed

his excitement about exploring potential avenues for collaboration with the European Union, capitalizing on the academic expertise, research capabilities, and cultural resources of CSU.

During the program, Ambassador Veron discussed some of the important initiatives the European Union has been undertaking to create opportunities for the Filipino youth and advancing Philippine higher education institutions. These include scholarship programs for both students and faculty. He also

engaged in conversations with the university officials, discussing topics ranging from the internationalization of education and research to some pressing issues confronted by the global community at present.

His Excellency arrived at CSU with his spouse, Madame Nicole Weissman, accompanied by Ms. Cynthia Hendaoui and Ms. Michiko Quinto. They were warmly received by university officials, including Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino (University Consultant), Dr. Gigid T. Battung (VP for

Administration and Finance), Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta (VP for Internationalization, Partnership, and Resource Mobilization), Dr. Junel B. Guzman (VP for Research, Development, and Extension), Prof. Ramon Henry O. Kanapi (CEO of Andrews Campus), Prof. Kristinne Joyce A. Lara (Director for Domestic and International Partnership), Dr. Lirio Gudina C. Mangawil (Director of Instruction), and Andrews Campus officials, Prof. Terence Alfred Tejada and Dr. Arvin Alonzo. 🇵🇭

CSU FURTHERS GLOBAL TIES: SIGNS MOU WITH HOLLAND COLLEGE CANADA

Strengthening its international initiatives, Cagayan State University entered a Memorandum of Understanding with Holland University Canada yesterday, January 29, 2024. This collaboration marks CSU's second venture into partnerships with international institutions of higher learning in North America.

Holland College is an education provider located in the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island, offering various programs to

aspirants across the globe. The college currently holds over 150 agreements with partner universities worldwide that ensure a high employment rate, making it a great choice for international students as it can help its graduates land jobs after graduation.

Under the understanding signed, CSU and Holland college shall cooperate within the framework of their respective mandates in the joint implementation of education and research, faculty and student training, exchange of

faculty and students, exchange of scholarly materials and information, and collaboration in conferences, colloquia, and fora.

During the virtual signing, Dr. Alexander MacDonald, President and CEO of Holland College, and CSU President Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado confidently expressed their commitment to the successful implementation of the MOU.

Witnessing the signing ceremony with the CSU President were Dr. Gigid T.

Battung, VP for IPRM, Engr. Arthur G. Ibanes – CEO of Carig Campus, Prof. Ramon Henry O. Kanapi – CEO of Andrews Campus, Engr. Ma. Haidee Maborang – CEO of Solana Campus, Engr. Policarpio Maborang – CEO of Lallo campus, Prof. Kristinne Joyce A. Lara – Director for Domestic and International Partnership, Prof. Judy B. Luyun – CSU Hotel Administrator, and Ms. Jolene Chan from Holland College. 🇵🇭



CSU-OIC-OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER OFFICIALS MEET WITH USAID REPRESENTATIVES FOR FUTURE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS



Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, OIC of the Office of the President, Vice Presidents, CEOs and other University Officials met with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) representatives, Mr. Todd Johnson and Ms. Jo Ann Dulce from the Environment Office of the USAID-Philippines, in a meeting held today, February 13, 2024 at Cagayan State University, Andrews Campus Conference Hall.

In his opening message, Dr. Ibañez expressed gratitude

to USAID for the opportunity to meet with them and discuss projects for potential collaborations. He also included that he is hopeful that the meeting will lead to another relationship between CSU and USAID.

Mr. Todd Johnson, USAID Natural Resource Management Specialist, briefly explained the coverage of their division, stating that they cover issues in natural resources and management in Asia-Pacific, specifically, climate change. “Nandito na ang climate change, nararanasan na,” he

added. Thus, USAID is looking for an intersection of energy strategy, and water strategy.

Ms. Jo Anne Dulce, USAID Project Management Specialist, presented initiatives in other parts of the country such as Safe Water Project in Palawan, Negros Occidental and Sarangani. In her presentation, their projects have successfully managed to give 1.22 Million Filipinos access to clean drinking water, access adequate sanitation services and more than 5.6 Billion in peso mobilized for improved water security,

sanitation and hygiene. Moreover, they expounded that their roles includes technical assistance to projects and help find agencies that will support these projects.

As the meeting concluded, Dr. Ibañez seeks for avenues in the University that is in line with the goals and mission of USAID, and informed the representatives that CSU will submit proposals as soon as possible after gathering available projects that are relative and suitable for USAID’s campaign. 🇵🇭

CSU OFFICIALS VISIT NTOU FOR INSTITUTIONAL BENCHMARKING

In a sterling year-starter for academic year 2024, Cagayan State University-Aparri Campus sets its vision for international collaboration in teaching and research initiatives as dedicated officials of the campus and the university visit National Taiwan Ocean University (NTOU) at Keelung City, Taiwan on January 30 – February 1, 2024.

CSU delegation was led by VP PRM, Dr. Theresa R. Dimalanta, Aparri CEO Engr. Audy R. Quebral, University Dean for Fisheries, Dr. Quirino G. Pascua, Campus Research and KTM Director, Dr. Lenimfa P. Molina and Campus Internationalization focal person, Dr. Billy S. Javier.

The delegates learned about the practices and conduct of research initiatives with the various departments and colleges at the NTOU

from Prof. Dr. Guo-Jane Tsai, center director for University Service Responsibility and Sustainable Development and the China Fisheries Research Center. Prof. Dr. Sheng-long Kou of the Center for Marine and Maritime Studies and Prof. Dr. Feng-Ming Tsai on environmental social governance, transportation management, total solutions and logistics, green supply chain, and related topics.

President Hsu of NTOU mentioned possible cross collaboration of faculty members through joint research on fishery sciences, aquaculture, and technology and possible funding of studies for submitted proposals through MECOTECO. President Hsu also commits to send NTOU faculty members for the research and academic engagement to CSU and CSU thru VPPRM commits to

maximize the engagement with NTOU whilst strengthening core functions and thrusts of the University, engaging faculty and students binded in the cooperation made between the universities.

In an interview with Dr. Javier, the Campus Internationalization Focal Person, he shared his discussions about way ahead matters for engagements with the NTOU emphasizing on the conduct of faculty development and exchanges, students research and cultural exchanges, as well as research collaborations.

The partnership and these commitments when put into fruition according to him will add considerable value to the campus profile and prestige being identified as National Agriculture and Fisheries Education System Institution of the Philippines. 🇵🇭

RESEARCH ROUNDUP: A DISCUSSION FORUM
 研究综述：讨论论坛
 When research and innovation go beyond instruction.
 A joint discussion forum on innovations and development in aqua-culture, technology, and sciences with visiting CSU professors.

Lenimfa P. Molina
 Professor & Post-Harvest Technology

Engr. Audy R. Quebral
 Professor | Engineering and Mathematics

Billy S. Javier
 Professor | Information Technology

Quirino G. Pascua
 Assoc. Prof. | Fisheries and Aquaculture

Theresa R. Dimalanta
 Professor & Engineering and Mathematics

DATE
 Jan 30-31, 2024

TIME
 9:00AM - 4:00PM

HOSTED BY
 Department of Environmental Biology and Fisheries Sciences
 College of Engineering and Computer Sciences
 Center for University Service Research and Sustainable Development



CONG. LARA UNVEILS NEW INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FOR CSU

In a ceremony held today, January 16, 2024, at CSU-Carig campus, new infrastructure projects for the university were unveiled through the KaunLARAN initiatives of Congressman Joseph “Jojo” Lara.

These include a high-rise building that will accommodate a library, laboratory, and a dormitory for students, faculty, and staff of Solana campus. A student center that will be housed in the under-construction student dormitory, equipped with an elevator is now possible for Andrews campus. The “Bahay Alumni” is expected to rise, in addition to the

ongoing establishment of the student dormitory and sports complex at CSU-Carig. Funds were also guaranteed for the full development of the gymnasiums of the campuses.

As Cong. Jojo Lara presented the new projects, he expressed appreciation for the full support of the CSU family and the members of the Board of Regents, which made all these initiatives possible. He added that the fulfillment of these projects is a way of giving back the chances given to him to serve the public.

The event was also taken as an opportunity for the whole academic community to express gratitude to the congressman for his

commitment towards elevating the educational standards of CSU. The Campus Executive Officers of the benefiting campuses, Prof. Ramon Henry O, Kanapi - CEO of Andrews campus, Engr. Arthur G. Ibanez - CEO of Carig campus, and Engr. Ma. Haidee Maborang - CEO of Solana campus delivered their messages to the 3rd district representative and his wife, Dr. Zarah de Guzman Lara. They expressed their sincerest appreciation and acknowledgment of the promising developments these on-going and new projects would have on their respective campuses. Beyond bringing convenience, these infrastructures promise to

create conducive living and learning spaces, enhancing the overall experience for CSUans.

President Urdujah G. Alvarado ended the program by giving a sincere acknowledgment and appreciation of the special relationship of Cong. Lara and the university. The great accomplishments in terms of buildings and facilities would not have been realized without his commitment.

Meanwhile, university and campus officials of Andrews, Carig, and Solana campuses and students joined the ceremonies along with Atty. Vic Casauay, the Chief of Staff of Cong. Lara, and Atty. William Babaran. 🇵🇭

OIC-OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT GRACES BLOOM WORKSHOP, RECEIVES AWARDS

The newly designated OIC of the Office of the President, Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, delivered his welcoming message in the conducted BLOOM Workshop today, February 6, 2024, held at the Claude Andrews Convention Center.

In his message, Dr. Ibañez emphasized the need of the students for a healthy study environment.

“A good healthy environment, facilities along with competent faculty are necessary for the mental health of students”, he said. Relative to his remark, he likewise applauded the former president’s projects which remarkably boosted the mental health of students especially during the onslaught of the pandemic.

The workshop was also graced by former University

President, Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, CESO II who was invited to deliver a message to the participants. Notably, the aforementioned workshop was a successful testament to the partnership of Cagayan State University with the Emotional Reset Center.

Moreover, it is through this workshop that the Emotional Reset Center led by Dr. Maria Bryce Fabro, regarded CSU as one of its outstanding partners and awarded the “MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL MAGNETIC AWARD” RESET AWARDS 2023 and as a pioneer Magnetic Mental Health School for supporting 100 faculty and leaders to become more agile and strong. The awards were received jointly by the OIC Office of the President, Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, and Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado. 🇵🇭





FORMER CEO, NOW OIC OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, TURNS OVER CARIG CAMPUS LEADERSHIP TO NEW CEO

The Red Eagles Gymnasium was jampacked as the former CEO of Cagayan State University (CSU) Carig Campus now OIC of the Office of the President, Dr. Arthur G. Ibanez, turned over responsibility to new campus CEO, Engr. Roger P. Rumpon, during the Send Off and Turn-over Ceremony conducted yesterday, February 8, 2024.

“Every door that you will open, you must close another, and always remember that not all endings are Goodbyes”, this was the welcoming remark of Dr. Emer T. Quezon, Campus Director for Research Development and Extension, at the start of the program. His speech highlighted the relevance of change and acceptance of future opportunities in the ambition of moving forward.

Dr. Florentina S. Dumlao

presented the Term Report of Dr. Alvarado from 2016 to 2024 featuring her significant accomplishments for more than seven (7) years of her transformative leadership at CSU.

As OIC of the Office of the President, Dr. Arthur G. Ibanez took the podium, he once again commended the foundation that the former University President, Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado built, who was also present in the ceremony. He lauded all her accomplishments along with the trials she braved in placing CSU where it is today. With this statement, Dr. Ibanez promised to accomplish and continue the projects and programs initiated by the former president, while emphasizing further that the projects visible today would not have been possible if not for the full support and approval of the former President.

CSU Carig Campus was then formally turned over by Dr. Ibanez to its new CEO Engr. Roger P. Rumpon in the transfer of key of responsibility, in the form of a symbolic carved red eagle statue. In his acceptance speech, Engr. Rumpon promised to commit himself in exercising professionalism and resilience in the discharge of his duties, along with his commitment to continue the legacy that the former CEO left.

CEO Rumpon also laid out his plans of more innovative and transformative ideas for Carig Campus, advancement and modernization of technologies and other innovative plans that will serve as a foundation for future CSUans.

Meanwhile, to honor Dr. Ibanez’ dedication to service and applauding the impact he made on the University’s innovations, CSU Carig

Campus prepared an audio-visual presentation showcasing various achievements that the campus acquired through his leadership as CEO. Audio visuals were also prepared for former President Dr. Alvarado and Engr. Rumpon, highlighting their achievements and accolades.

The morning ceremony reached an emotional conclusion as the administration, faculties, and students in the ceremony chorused in singing the song “The Journey” by Lea Salonga. Dr. Alvarado shared that her journey in CSU through her 7 years of service was not her journey alone, but a precious and amazing ride that she shared with every CSUan, extending her gratitude to everyone for the wonderful journey that has been. 🙏

CSU CONDUCTS ORIENTATION TO STRENGTHEN ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG BONDED OFFICIALS

In an effort to ensure transparency and accountability in handling public funds and property, the Cagayan State University (CSU) held an orientation for bonded officials today, February 13, 2024, to equip the accountants, supply and cashier officers from various satellite campuses and the central administration on the bonding law and updated guidelines.

Dr. Arthur G. Ibanez, the Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the University President, expressed appreciation to the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) Region 02 for facilitating the orientation. “We aim to safeguard the University’s resources and prevent misuse of cash advances,” Dr. Ibanez emphasized.

The orientation featured speakers from the BTr, including Ms. Vanessa T.

Abana, Treasury Operations Officer IV, and Ms. Janice A. Abarca, Treasury Operations Officer III. They covered topics such as the Public Bonding Law, fidelity fund application and usage, cash accountability, responsible handling of accountable forms, and the online fidelity bonding system.

Following the discussion, CSU bonded officials underwent actual enrollment of accounts in the BTr Online

Fidelity Bond eServices.

Organized by the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration under Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, the event was participated by campus executive officers in different campuses of CSU along their respective personnel and staff from the supply and finance divisions. 🙏

THE CSU COMMUNICATOR PRESENTS ITS TROPHIES TO PRESIDENT ALVARADO



The CSU Communicator members presented yesterday to University President Urdujah G. Alvarado 19 trophies for winning in different categories in the recently concluded 20th Regional Higher Education Press Conference (RHEPC) held at NGN Hotel last January

22-24, 2024.

The communicator, the official publication of CSU Andrews, outshined 26 different schools in Cagayan Valley, earning the title of overall champion by securing the overall top spot in the group paper category and attaining a 3rd overall position in the

individual events.

Ms. Erika Jeigne Felipe, editor-in-chief of Komyu, has earned the highest individual pointer after being adjudged champion in Developmental Communication Writing (English), Feature Writing English, and winning 2nd place in Copyreading (English).

The President committed twenty thousand pesos to the Communicator Staff as an incentive to the publication's exemplary performance in the recently conducted Press Conference. 🏆

CSU – MEDICINE BESTOWS DEGREES AND TITLES FOR BATCH 2023 – 2024

The CSU College of Medicine held its 27th Academic Convocation yesterday, January 24, 2024, conferring Medical Degrees and Titles upon its 46 graduates for batch 2023-2024. The ceremonies took place at the Claude Andrews Convention Center, CSU Andrews Campus.

Dr. Mark Joleen M. Calban, the provincial Health Officer of Apayao, served as this year's commencement speaker. During his speech, he shared

an inspiring recollection of his hardships and experiences in becoming a member of the medical profession. As a former Doctor to the Barrios, he urged the graduates to embody the 4 Ps of Career as medical doctors: - - thoughtful consideration, Puso – compassion, Palad – sensitivity to the needs of the people, and Paa – reaching out to serve geographically isolated areas in the country.

CSU President, Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, delivered

a message extending her congratulations to the graduates and expressing gratitude to their parents for their hard work and perseverance throughout the past years. She continued by urging them to always remember the values instilled by Cagayan State University as they embark on their journey to become successful doctors. "Do not be afraid. Instead, be excited at seeing the world differently. Do not give up. Instead, fight on with grit.

Fight with utmost passion."

The graduation rites were attended by Engr. Arthur G. Ibanez (CEO of Carig Campus), Dr. Rodina R. Gorospe (Dean of the College of Medicine), Mr. Abrahan Bangayan (University Registrar), Dr. Lirio Gudina Mangawil (Director of Instruction), Dr. Loraine S. Tattao (Director for Student Development and Welfare), and Dr. Bryan Lacambra (Dean of the College of Industrial Technology). 🏆





CSU STRENGTHENS TIES, EXTENDS SUPPORT TO COLLAB PROJECTS WITH DOST

Recognizing Cagayan State University's partnership and collaborations with the Department of Science and Technology, CSU OIC of the Office of the President, Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez delivered his Message of Support relative to the Agency's advocacies and campaign during the recent event "2024 AGRIDAM Cagayan Valley: Advocating Readiness in Region 2", of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Regional Office 02 as it commenced its Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) exposition on February 20, 2024 at Sanchez Mira Municipal Gymnasium, Sanchez Mira Cagayan.

In his message, he emphasized the continued improvement of CSU's collaborative projects with DOST, DILG and OCD, agencies which are in the forefront of pioneering designs and systems for the country's progress.

Dr. Ibañez' message highlighted the projects that were entrusted to CSU for implementation, such as; S&T Community-Based Farm for Sustainable Lowland Vegetable Production in Cagayan Province, which aimed to increase productivity and profitability among lowland vegetable growing communities in Cagayan and the Quick Response Program, which aims to support

disaster-prone communities, immediately supplying food to affected communities in the occurrence or calamity and natural disasters. These Projects are continuously being implemented by CSU, committing itself to the established goal, mission and objective of the partnership with DOST.

Furthermore, Dr. Ibañez expressed the University's steady and unwavering support to the advocacy projects and activities of DOST that will be implemented in response to the challenges of climate change and increasing disaster risk. Stressing that CSU will continue to be dedicated partner of DOST and remain participative in its projects. "As

a state university that serves as mobilizers of projects, CSU has endeavored in disaster responsive projects alongside research and extension", He added.

The event was graced by DOST Undersecretary Sancho A. Maborang, along with DOST Regional Director Virginia Bilgera, DILG Regional Director Agnes De Leon, OCD Regional Director Leon RFAel Jr., 2nd Congressional District Representative Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso, Hon. Rodolfo Albano III, Mayor Abraham Bagasin. Also present was former CSU President Urdujah G. Alvarado, other CSU university officials and CSU Sanchez Mira personnel and staff. 🇵🇭

DOST-PCAARRD EXEC. DIR. REYNALDO EBORA VISITS CSU APPARRI FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECT IN BUGUEY

Executive Director Reynaldo Eborá of the Department of Science and Technology-Philippines Council for Agriculture, Aquaculture, Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST PCAARRD and his team, paid a visit to the research site of the mangrove Crab hatchery-nursery system project earlier today, January 24, 2024 at buguey Cagayan.

Exec Dir. Eborá engaged in productive discussions with LGU Buguey Mayor. Licerio M. Antiporda III; Campus Executive Officer, Engr. Audy

R. Quebral; Dean Quirino C. Pascua, the project leader; study members, and Prof. Josie Bas-Ong, the University Director for Extension.

DOST-PCAARRD has allocated a funding assistance of P9.5 million to CSU Aparri. The funding is specifically designated for the technology transfer project titled "Adoption of Improved Hatchery-Nursery Culture System for Commercial Production of Mangrove Crab Seedstock in Buguey, Cagayan", which is the first Nursery Facility in Region 2. Dr. Quirino Pascua, the esteemed Dean of the College

of Fisheries at CSU leads the said project.

The visit ensures the smooth monitoring of the mangrove crab hatchery-nursery system, which promisingly ensures a reliable and sustainable supply of mangrove crab seedstocks in the municipality of Buguey, Cagayan reducing dependence on wild seedstocks and further contributing to the long-term growth and development of the mangrove crab industry in the region

Meanwhile, asked on the current status of the project, Dr. Pascua stated that the crab

hatchery is still on-going. The edifice will house the breeding area for the mangrove crab. Detailing the edifice, Dr Pascua stated that the breeding area includes 5 units 1m high by .8m in diameter hatching tanks where the male and female mangrove breeders will mate and breed, and 8 units of 1m high by 3m in diameters larval rearing tanks where the newly hatched larvae of will be nursed for a period of 30-60 days until the larvae will metamorphose into a crab-instar 2 which are ready to be marketed for grow-out purposes. 🇵🇭

CSU LAL-LO IN FULL GEAR TO BOOST COFFEE NICHE PROGRAM WITH 5M INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING

After the approval of a five million institutional funding for a Coffee Hub Program proposed by Prof. Ana Marie C. Cauilan, Cagayan State University (CSU) at Lal-lo is now in full gear to boost its niche program on coffee- a stepping stone on its bid to be a coffee authority in the province.

Members of the CSU Coffee Research, Development and Extension (RDE) Hub Program, and officials of the University RDE and University Infrastructure Office converged at CSU Lal-lo on February 8 to work on the documentary requirements for the program's immediate implementation this first quarter of 2024.

Spearheaded by the Coffee Hub Program Leader Prof. Cauilan, the team finalized the proposals, prepared the purchase requests, and charted the work, activities and financial plans under the guidance of CSU RDE officials led by Dr. Junel B. Guzman, Vice President for RDE.

Program's Deliverables

According to Prof. Cauilan, the program envisions to make CSU Lal-lo the coffee authority in Cagayan making it a Center for Coffee Research and Innovation.

She said the program components include research, coffee production, coffee farm tourism, coffee processing and commercialization.

"We passed through a rigorous process of having the program budgeted by the university- no shortcuts. We defended before the President, the Execom-Mancom members. We submitted our program for in-house technical working group evaluation, and today [February 8] we brought the entire RDE team and infra [infrastructure office] to Lal-lo to guide us in a finalization writeshop," she said.

Prof. Cauilan also added that the program is a passion program of Former President Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, an alumna of CSU Lal-lo formerly CVAC, who has never faltered in providing funds for CSU Lal-lo to catapult its coffee niche.

"OIC Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez is also very supportive to this program. Being an expert in

structural engineering, he is personally and directly involved in the design and structure of a future coffee shop in the campus, a view deck as well as the refurbishment of the coffee processing center," she said.

Continued Efforts

Through the collaboration of the faculty and staff, the program is a continuation of the initial effort of the campus in establishing a demonstration farm and nursery of coffee that started in 2021.

Through grant from CSU and DOST in 2021, the campus started producing, processing and marketing of the Valena Heritage Coffee which is currently in the market.

With the program's funding, Prof. Cauilan hopes CSU Lal-lo to produce more coffee blends through a development study as a component of the program.

It is noted that CSU Lal-lo cultivates almost 6,000 mature coffee-bearing trees in the Valena site where three species of coffee- Excelsa, Robusta, and Liberica, thrive.

Established Partners Prof.

Cauilan also shared that initial conversations done with the LGU Lal-lo assure that the campus will also become the supplier of coffee beans and blends of the Coffee Shop currently under construction at the LGU grounds.

"We are assured by the LGU Lal-lo that all coffee supplies for their coffee shop will come from our produce in the campus. We are thankful that we gain a strong support of the LGU for our program," she shared.

It was reported that on February 1, the CSU Execom and Mancom team led by Dr. Alvarado herself met with Lal-lo Mayor, Hon. Florante C. Pascual, Vice Mayor, Hon. Maria Olivia C. Pascual, and other LGU officials to discuss the possible partnership activities CSU and LGU will undertake for the Coffee Hub Program.

With the assured support from stakeholders, CSU hopes for the realization of the deliverables of the program as well as the positive community impact it will cause among nearby communities and the entire province. 🇵🇭



ENGR. POLICARPIO MABBORANG ASSUMES LEADERSHIP AS NEW CEO OF LAL-LO CAMPUS



The CSU Lal-lo academic community warmly welcomed the reinstatement of Dr. Policarpio L. Maborang Jr. as Campus Executive Officer in a ceremony presided over by Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, University President, on January 31, 2024. Concurrently, faculty members, administrative staff, and students extended their appreciation to the outgoing CEO, Dr. Antonio C. Cabalbag, for his dedicated service to CSU Lal-lo Campus.

CSU-LASAM EMBARKS TO CULTIVATE 5K SEEDLINGS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

LASAM, CAGAYAN - With the mounting challenges posed by climate change and environmental degradation, the imperative for tree planting and growth has never been more urgent. Recognizing the pivotal role of such initiatives in fostering sustainability, individuals and communities are stepping up to make a tangible difference. CSU - Lasam Campus is no exception as it recently launched a tree planting program with the goal of cultivating 5,000 seedlings for the betterment of planet Earth.

On February 14, 2024, CSU-Lasam embarked on this noble endeavor, marking it as a special Valentine's Day initiative. Spearheaded by CEO Prof. Florante Victor M. Balatico, the event saw active participation from faculty, staff, and students, all united in their commitment to environmental stewardship. This initiative not only aims to enhance the beauty of the campus but also to make a meaningful contribution to global conservation efforts.

The inspiration for this

initiative stemmed from a call to action issued by OIC President Engr. Arthur G. Ibañez during the ExeCom/ManCom Meeting held on February 7, 2024, at the Claude Convention Center, CSU-Andrews, Tuguegarao City. OIC President Ibañez underscored the profound significance of trees to humanity and the planet as a whole, motivating CSU-Lasam to take concrete steps towards environmental preservation.

A total of 2,035 seedlings of various species were planted across designated areas within the campus premises. As part of the commitment and pledge, the remaining seedlings will be planted either within the campus or at CSU-Lallo Campus to fulfill the promise of cultivating 5,000 trees.

With this initiative, CSU-Lasam exemplifies its unwavering dedication to environmental conservation and sustainability. By planting seeds of change today, they are sowing the foundation for a greener and more resilient tomorrow. 🌱



CSUANS WIN AS ONE

UNIVERSITY MEET



Through Sports, Culture, and Arts Festival, the whole Cagayan State University community gathered for the University Meet from January 8-11, 2024, optimizing participation and fostering camaraderie, teamwork, and sportsmanship across all nine campuses.

On Monday, January 8, delegates were introduced, campus banners were raised, and the university meet torch was lit at the Red Eagle Gymnasium, signifying the commencement of the four-day Sports and Socio-cultural tournaments. As athletes, coaches, and supporters cheered, University President Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado wished them the best of luck and expressed hope that the spirit of healthy competition would prevail throughout the event.

Sporting matches took place in CSU-Carig campus. From ballgames, cheer dances, martial arts to athletics, the students showcased athleticism through strength and agility while building meaningful connections with other competitors. In the end, the Red Eagles of Carig emerged overall champions in Sports; Sanchez Mira Falcons as 2nd placers, and Piat Herons as 3rd placers.

Meanwhile, socio-cultural events were competed in the facilities of Andrews campus. Across visual arts, dance, music, and performing arts categories, CSUans did not fail to give their best and display their diverse artistic skills and talents. Andrews Owls were proclaimed champions garnering the most points in all socio-cultural contests; Carig Red Eagles came 2nd, and Aparri Hawks came 3rd.

Representing the university in the upcoming ASCU 2024 are Mr. Kyle Aron Tan and Ms. Maria Cristina Ysabela Caliguiran, both from Andrews campus, who were crowned Mr. & Ms. CSU PASUC 2024 on January 10th. Mr. Katsunory Tolentino (Aparri) and Ms. Jocelyn Baingan (Piat) were 1st Runners-Up, Mr. Ralph Matthew Maldia (Carig) and Ms. Rose Marie Phil Roberts (Carig) were 2nd Runners-Up, Mr. Ridge Justine Tacas (Gonzaga) and Ms. Edmarie Garcia (Lasam) as 3rd Runners-Up, while Mr. Daniel Galapon (Solana) and Ms. Allen Joyce Manzano (Aparri) were awarded 4th Runners-Up.

All winners were announced and awarded during the closing ceremonies held at the CSU-Red Eagle Gymnasium yesterday, January 11, 2024. 🏆

A NEW COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION BUILDING AND A REVITALIZED DAIRY CENTER IN THE WORKS AT CSU PIAT



Through the leadership of Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, the Cagayan State University launched two significant infrastructure projects to be constructed in Piat Campus starting this 2024. These projects comprise the construction of a two-story building for the new College of Criminal Justice Education, with a budget of P10 million for Phase 1, and the restoration of the Dairy Research, Extension, and Production Center, totaling P3 million in project costs.

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