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## CONG. LARA'S HOUSE BILL ON MAKING CSU-IRAGA A REGULAR CAMPUS IS PASSED BY CONGRESS

Congressman Joseph L. Lara's proposed House Bill No. 8124, that aims to make CSU-Iraga Extension a regular campus of the University, has now been passed by the Congress' Committee on Higher Education.

CSU Iraga, Solana Extension was created upon the request of parents and students in the municipalities of Solana and West Amulung for a more accessible higher learning institution for their

children.

3rd District Congressman Lara, who requested the university to open an extension in Iraga, Solana saw to the construction of its first building and its creation by statute as a separate campus, which is now on the works in the legislative department to be the 9th campus of the university.

The CSU Community extends much gratitude to Cong. Jojo L. Lara, for his initiative to make this

extension site a CSU-Solana Campus, and to his wife, Dr. Zarah Lara for donating the land where the infrastructure, which will serve as learning studios, is built on. The fund used in the construction of the building was made possible through Cong. Lara.

In preparation for the upcoming school year, CSU-Solana campus' first building is on its way to completion. It will house classrooms, offices, and restrooms.

CSU-Solana will be open

for enrollees on June 2022. Classes are expected to open in August 2022 with 5 curricular offerings which are: Bachelor of Science in Fisheries, Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, and Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Animal Science and major in Crop Science. President Alvarado has designated Engr. Haidee Maborang as the campus' Officer-in-Charge. 🇵🇭 -UIO

## CSU SIGNS MOA AS A PACPH SCHOOL PARTNER



Cagayan State University signs a Memorandum of Agreement as it forms part of the founding partners of the Philippine Academic Consortium for Public Health (PACPH). President Urdujah G. Alvarado represented CSU's College of Allied Health and Sciences during the Virtual MOA Signing together with other school partners and government agencies.

Furthermore, Prof. Dorina D. Sabatin, Dean of CSU's College of Allied Health Sciences, is a member of the consortium's technical working group, which assures the close collaboration of the university with PACPH.

The consortium was

formed in order to promote academic and research development in the field of public health through coordinated efforts between higher education institutions (HEIs), to enhance collaborations among HEIs and other agencies, to provide opportunities for capacity enhancement, and to ensure developed and strengthened competency in public health.

Other school partners include Davao Medical School Foundation Inc., Siliman University, University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center, Inc., University of the Philippines Manila, and University of the Philippines Visayas. 🇵🇭 -UIO

## CSU FORMS SINAG CAGAYAN VALLEY CONSORTIUM

With the goal of developing and enhancing the startup ecosystem in Cagayan Valley, a pool of institutions and organizations gathered together for the MOA Signing of the Establishment of the Synergistic, Innovative, and Agile Cagayan Valley Consortium (SINAG Cagayan Valley) last March 29, 2022 at the Claude Andrews Convention Center, CSU-Andrews.

The SINAG Cagayan Valley Consortium aims to establish a regional startup development platform to build and strengthen the startup ecosystem in Region 02. It features a regional startup development program to develop strategies to promote the startup programs of

startup enablers, establish a pool of mentors and conduct mentorship programs,



implement skills enhancement activities for the TBI team and other startup enablers, implement collaborative programs/activities, and harmonize the services offered by the different partner agencies in order to strengthen Cagayan Valley's startup ecosystem.

In her welcome remarks, University President Urdujah G. Alvarado expressed the

significance of SINAG as "it will serve as a strong arm in providing resources that startups need to thrive and build their businesses" and congratulated Dr. Jose Guzman for initiating the consortium's creation.

The Consortium is composed of the Department of Science and Technology Region 02, Department of Information



and Communications Technology Region 02, Department of Trade and Industry Region 02, Philippine

Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Department of Agriculture Region 02. Academic institution partners include Isabela State University, Nueva Vizcaya State University. All agencies expressed their commitment to the goals of the consortium.

Moreover, Quirino State University and St. Luis University were also present as they delivered their impressions and expressed their willingness to join the consortium.

President Alvarado also affirmed the collaboration and adherence of the consortium towards alleviating startups. "We will not only help start up but develop full-fledged entrepreneurs. We look forward to more outputs and greater impact for all of us, forward, march," she said. 🇵🇭

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## CSU'S 3 PEANUT TECHNOLOGIES TAKES ON DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

The Peanut Industry in the Philippines is one of the industries that relies heavily on manual labor. Moreover, this kind of legume requires an intensive post-harvest process in order to meet the demands of mass production. This poses a problem since postharvest losses are marked at 16% due to the high percentage of pods that are left in the soil. Thus, the need for the mechanization of processing peanuts for a maximum yield each harvest.

This is a reality that was taken on by Cagayan State University as it developed three technologies, which were all developed under the research project, "Pilot Testing of Peanut Postharvest Mechanization and Bulk Storage Technologies", a research project led by Dr. Jose B. Guzman and his team and supported by the Philippine

Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-PCAARRD) through funding.

In an article by DOST-PCAARRD S&T Media Services, CSU has completed pilot testing in Region I (Vintar, Ilocos Norte), Region VI (San Joaquin, Iloilo), and Region X (Claveria, Misamis Oriental). This allowed for access to new tools for peanut farmers and cooperators to upgrade their postharvest handling, processing, storage, and marketing practices.

The Peanut Stripper is a machine that separates the pods from the vines of the peanut plants using a rotating cylinder and a belt conveyor stripping assembly. The machine's performance could range from 4 to 18 times the capacity of a skilled farmer.

The Peanut Sheller, on the other hand, is utilized

for shelling small, medium, and large podded varieties by changing the concave clearance. The machine breaks and separates the kernels from the pods through impact action, and cleans the kernels through aspiration. Furthermore, it sorts the cleaned kernels into different size classes through a series of oscillating sieves.

In the case of the Peanut Bulk Storage, an aerated peanut bulk storage system is a structure used to store in-shell peanut pods. It is equipped with a system that monitors the temperature and humidity inside and outside the storage bin. The system also automatically maintains the conditions inside the bin for optimal storage conditions through automatic aeration. The system is further equipped with a remote monitoring mechanism wherein storage conditions are shown in an almost real-time manner. 🇵🇭

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## CSU & DOST ISSUES TECHNOLOGY LICENSING AGREEMENT TO ACT MACHINERIES

Cagayan State University and the Department of Science and Technology issued a Technology Licensing Agreement for the mass production and commercialization of CSU's innovated Peanut Stripper, Peanut Sheller, and Aerated Bulk Storage to ACT Machineries, a frontline producer and supplier of farm machinery in the Philippines,

on March 25, 2022.

Dr. Jose Guzman, the creator of the technology, University President Urdujah G. Alvarado, and other university officials attended the event.

Moreover, a site visit to ACT Machineries in Cauayan, Isabela was made by the President and other officials to benchmark on best practices for peanut production. 🇵🇭 -UIO





# CSU RECEIVES 2.9M GRANT FOR HEALTH RESEARCH

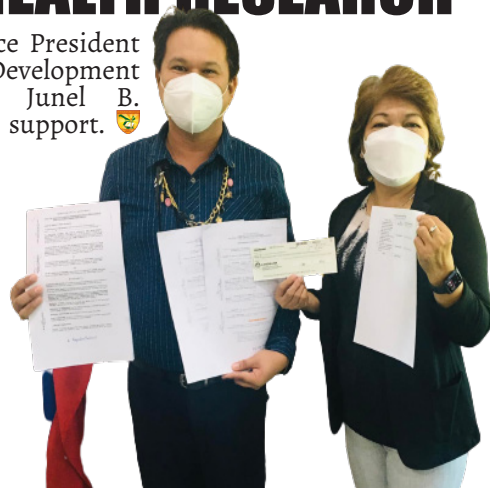
Cagayan State University, through University President Urdujah G. Alvarado and Research Director Julius Capili, received a check amounting to 2,981,471.28 php last March 22, 2022 as a research fund from the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Health and Research Development (DOST-PCHRD).

The research fund is for the mobilization of three health related projects on infection prevention and

control; on plant-infused herbal skin care products; and essential oils of fruit wastes. The project leaders for the research are Dr. Julius Capili, Prof. Jinky Marie Chua, and Dr. Ma. Angelita Rabanal.

Dr. Capili exclaimed that the research will surely be beneficial in the public health field and it will all be done in the name of public service. He also said that this achievement is for all CSUans and thanked University President Urdujah G.

Alvarado and Vice President for Research Development and Extension Junel B. Guzman for the support. -UIO



# CSU UNVEILS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ACROSS CAMPUSES

During a press conference on January 10, 2022, University President Urdujah G. Alvarado revealed to the public the infrastructure projects that CSU has undertaken on its campuses in recent years.

Despite the pandemic, CSU has made sure that students will be coming home to a better campus as infrastructure construction and building rehabilitations are in the works to assure students of a more conducive and productive place for learning once the face-to-face

classes resume.

CSU-Carig Campus had the highest number of construction and rehabilitation efforts with 18 finished projects, which include the campus rotunda that features CSU-Carig's eagle emblem and other academic and research buildings. Furthermore, the Carig Campus also has 11 more on-going construction projects on the way.

CSU-Gonzaga students will also be welcomed with new facilities such as the two 2-storey Academic and Laboratory Buildings for the

College of Information and Computing Sciences and the College of Hospitality Management.

In the case of other campuses, one completed building for CSU-Andrews Campus (5-storey CBEA Building), CSU-Piat (College of Agriculture), CSU-Sanchez Mira (College of Teacher Education), and CSU-Aparri (Academic Cum Laboratory Building) were all finished at the end of 2021.

On the other hand, CSU-Lasam Campus has a 2-storey Academic and

Laboratory Building which is 56% completed. CSU is also currently minting the 9th campus in Iraga, Solana which is also under construction.

Furthermore, University President Alvarado said that there will surely be more projects in the months to come as the university is lucky to have partners in making sure that quality education is provided by CSU.

Rest assured, CSUan students will surely have a better academic home waiting for them! -UIO



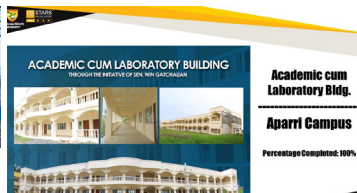
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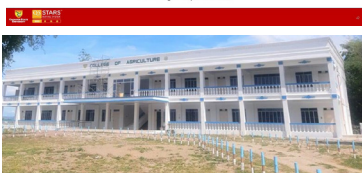
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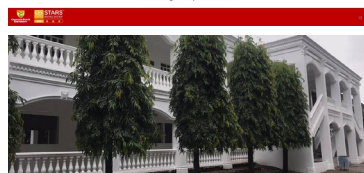
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REHABILITATION OF COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BUILDING AT CSU PIAT  
Percentage Completed: 100%



COMPLETION OF COLLEGE OF TEACHER EDUCATION BUILDING AT CSU SANCHEZ MIRA  
Percentage Completed: 100%



CSU IRAGA EXTENSION CAMPUS

# CSU RECOGNIZED AS TOP 8 UNIVERSITY IN PH BY AD SCIENTIFIC INDEX

Cagayan State University is ranked as the Top 8 University in the Philippines by the AD Scientific Index (Alper-Doger Scientific Index). This is according to its Top Universities in the Philippines Ranking for the year 2022.

Furthermore, it also ranked Dr. Maria Nilda M. Munoz, CSU Senior Scientist and a DOST Balik Scientist, as the "Best Scientist in University". Dr. Munoz is the inventor of

the Sunberry (Bignay) Food Supplement of CSU, which incorporates Bignay, a fruit that is particularly abundant in the Cagayan Valley region and is commonly used for respiratory-related health problems.

The AD Scientific is a university ranking system that categorizes academic institutions based on their scientific performance through the ranking of academic journals and the added value of the scientific productivity of individual scientists in the university. -UIO

1	MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY ILAGAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	7	CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
2	UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES	8	CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
3	DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY	9	DE LA SALLE LIPA
4	UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN	10	UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
5	ATENEDE DE MANILA UNIVERSITY	11	UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS

**TOP UNIVERSITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES IN 2022**  
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## CSU COLLEGES RECEIVE SAFETY SEAL CERTIFICATION FROM LGU TUGUEGARAO

In accordance with published announcements that face-to-face classes are now allowed for localities under Level 1 restriction, Cagayan State University prepared for the safe conduct of face-to-face classes for priority academic

programs that are identified by the national government.

The Safety Seal Certification was secured by the colleges from the Local Government Unit of Tuguegarao. After being evaluated and marked

compliant with the minimum health standards, the College of Allied Health Sciences in CSU-Andrews and the College of Engineering and Architecture in CSU-Carig have been approved for gradual face-to-face classes.

Other colleges offering priority programs are also expected to follow suit and secure safety seals for their classrooms and laboratories before being allowed to conduct physical classes on campus. 🏆-UIO



## WOMEN'S MONTH SPOTLIGHTS CSU'S HARDWORKING JUANAS

In the spirit of March being the celebration of National Women's Month, CSU's Gender and Development Office, together with CSU-Andrews Campus, spearheaded a kick-off program honoring the valuable contributions of the female employees of the university last March 7, 2022.

In a day filled with fun and surprises, the CSUan Juanas were pampered as they received stems of red roses, were serenaded with love songs, won prizes from raffle draws, and conducted zumba

sessions.

In her inspirational message, University President Alvarado acknowledged that "CSU is blessed with hard working and dedicated Juanas who do their work with grace, passion, and grit." Furthermore, she also emphasized that gender equality needs to still be worked on as inequality and prejudice in the workplace are still a common scenario. She also encouraged everyone to reach out to the inspiring women in their lives and greet them a happy women's month. 🏆-UIO



## CSU APARRI STUDENT LEADERS WIN 3 WORKSHOP CATEGORIES

Randel C. Magara  
Student Leader, CSU Aparri



Cagayan State University-Aparri Student Leaders team bagged 3 workshop categories during the workshop's awarding ceremony in the Youth Leadership Conference on Futures Thinking with the theme, "CSU Youth Leaders for Sustainable Development" at CSU-Gonzaga on Wednesday, March 17, 2022.

CSU-Aparri bested other student leaders over other campuses- adjudged champions as Best in Key Message, Best in Public Service Announcement, and Best in B-Rolls.

Meanwhile, CSU-Andrews

won Best in Press Release, followed by CSU-Lallo, Sanchez Mira, Carig and Gonzaga. Also, CSU-Sanchez Mira won Best in By-line Article followed by CSU-Lallo and CSU-Andrews.

"It's such a surprise that you would come up with a very excellent output, kasi nga ang tatak ng CSU leaders ay magaling talaga", said Dr. Loraine Tattaog, University Student Development and Welfare Director in her closing remarks.

She congratulated student leaders' and commended their intelligence and excellence.

According to her, they are excellent because CSU mentors are excellent as well.

Moreover, CSC Adviser James Karl Agpalza also emotionally expressed his gratitude to the CSU Aparri team for a superb presentation during the workshop.

"The event was great. Ang ganda kasi it not just taught these kids to become leaders but opened their eyes and made them aware of what's happening around them. After this, I'm sure that they will become better and more responsible leaders. This event gave them another armament in their armada - becoming futuristic and preemptive leaders, helping them to better decision making," said Mr. Agpalza.

He also expressed thanks to University President Urdujah G. Alvarado, host campus CSU Gonzaga with the leadership of CSU-Gonzaga Campus Executive Officer Froilan Pacris, Jr. and its faculty and staff.

"Your warm hospitality makes us feel at home away from home. Maraming salamat po! Mabuhay po ang buong CSU at sana magkaroon pa tayo ng mga ganitong programa", he added.

Furthermore, CSC President Sales also showed appreciation to the event organizers and shared his experience with their victory.

"I attended the conference late. I read my team's messages and said they needed gadgets to be utilized to create outputs for the activities. And with the determination and bright ideas of the team, we were able to finish it and won," said Sales. According to him, they stayed up late until they finished their task.

"It was all worth it. Sulit because nothing's new, CSU Aparri is always on top", he ended.

The team is composed of Campus Student Council (CSC) President Cedric Sales, CSC Vice President Jhon Aaron Concepcion, Senators Evan Fred Battung and Dian Francis Battung, College of Teacher Education Student Council (CTESC) Governor Randel Magara, College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (CFASC) Governor Regie Estrada, and College of Business Accountancy and Entrepreneurship Student Council (CBEASC) Board Member Roshel Lasam. 🏆



## DARE TO IGNITE: CSU HOLDS 39TH STUDENT CONGRESS

With the theme “Dare to Ignite”, Cagayan State University officially held the 39th Student Congress face-to-face last May 31-June 2, 2022 at CSU Gonzaga-Campus. Tents were set up in the bamboo-inspired camping site, which served as the location for the event.

In her inspirational message, University President Urdujah G. Alvarado encouraged the student leaders to be highly responsive to the challenges of the increasingly interdependent world and to never forget to bring

their CSUan mark to their kind of leadership. “Let your insightfulness and courageous leadership define you, let this set you apart from others. Always remember that a fire always starts with a spark. So, fuel your passion and dreams. Ignite your candles of desire to serve. At the end of the day, we aim to hone strong and principled institutions by creating more forward-thinking leaders,” she added.

This message is echoed by CSU-Gonzaga CEO Froilan A. Pacris, Jr. in his welcome remarks and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mariden

V. Cauilan in her opening remarks.

Student leaders from the 8 campuses gathered from the different parts of the province for the biggest gathering of CSU student leaders for a three-day activity in order to hone their leadership skills, make new friends, and instill the values of camaraderie and solidarity among the 30 delegates from each campus who brought their talents and skills to the various solidarity activities. The different student leaders had a socialization night that highlighted the solidarity dance to the tune of “Kilos

Kabataan” and the lighting of the torch. The student congress also featured a series of talent shows and awarding ceremonies that were surely enjoyed by the delegates.

The 39th Student Congress was made possible through the collaboration of Cagayan State University-Gonzaga Campus led by CEO Froilan A. Pacris, Jr., the Office of Student Development and Welfare under the tutelage of Dr. Loraine S. Tattao, and the University Student Council Federation headed by USCF Chairperson Jake Angelo T. Biraquit. 🇵🇭 -UIO



## CSU LASAM EXTENSION GROUP CONDUCTS A 3-IN-1 PROGRAM

By: Jackielen R. Garcia

Campus Information Officer, CSU Lasam

Cagayan State University-Lasam Campus conducted a 3-in-1 program, namely, the Capacity Building on Cacao Production and Processing,



Tree Planting, and Women’s Month Celebration in Magsaysay, Lasam, Cagayan on March 31, 2022. All the noble activities were aimed to empower the attendees, promote sustainable development, and to further heighten the morale of women in the community.

The said programs and celebration were graced by the members of the Women’s Club of Magsaysay, barangay officials, and Cagayan State University-Lasam Campus’ faculty and staff, headed by the Campus Executive Officer, Dr. Ricardo B. Casauay.

The CSU-Lasam Extension Group was headed

by Prof. Bernard P. Madarang, the Dean of the College of Industrial Technology and the Extension and Training Coordinator of the said academic institution. Professor Madarang presented the published and on-going research to the training participants in relation to the thrust of the campus to further broaden the group’s effort on Capacity Building of Cacao Production and Processing. After disseminating the social, scholastic, and scientific efforts of the campus in promoting CSU-Lasam as the cacao niche in the province, tree planting and the Women’s Month Celebration were also realized. These were all the genuine and selfless activities

of the academic institution to promote environmental awareness and gender equality among the residents of Brgy. Magsaysay, Lasam Cagayan. 🇵🇭




# COLLEGE OF MEDICINE LABORATORY BUILDING SOON TO RISE IN CSU CARIG

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the College of Medicine Laboratory Building happened on February 24, 2022 at CSU-Carig Campus. The infrastructure project is made possible through the initiative and full support of Senator Pia Cayetano as her way of pushing for the development of quality health education in the Philippines, in response to the Sustainable Development Goals. CSU is one of the fortunate universities that the senator has helped in boosting its medical education.

President Alvarado thanked the senator for supporting CSU's upgrading of facilities so that more aspiring

physicians are accommodated and provided the best medical education.

The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by some members of the Philippine Futures Thinking Society (PhilFutures), of which Senator Cayetano is a Senior Fellow, and Balik Scientist Prof. Nilda Munoz.

Mr. Emmanuel De Guia, Director and Strategic Partnership and Networking of PhilFutures, commended President Alvarado for being a strong leader with many significant accomplishments despite the many challenges she and the university faced.  -UIO



# CSU LAL-LO'S CEO & CHM DEAN HONORED AS BEST STI PARTNER, OUTSANDING EDUCATOR

**Jenerwin M. Columna**  
Campus Information Officer, CSU Lal-lo




Cagayan State University Lal-lo Campus Executive Officer Dr. Florante Victor M. Balatico and College of Hospitality Management Dean Althea A. Manuel were recognized by two separate agencies for their contributions to the community and as transformational leaders.

CEO Balatico was honored as one of the best Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) partners by the Department of Science and Technology in Cagayan province on December 1, 2021, in line with the Science and Technology week celebration.

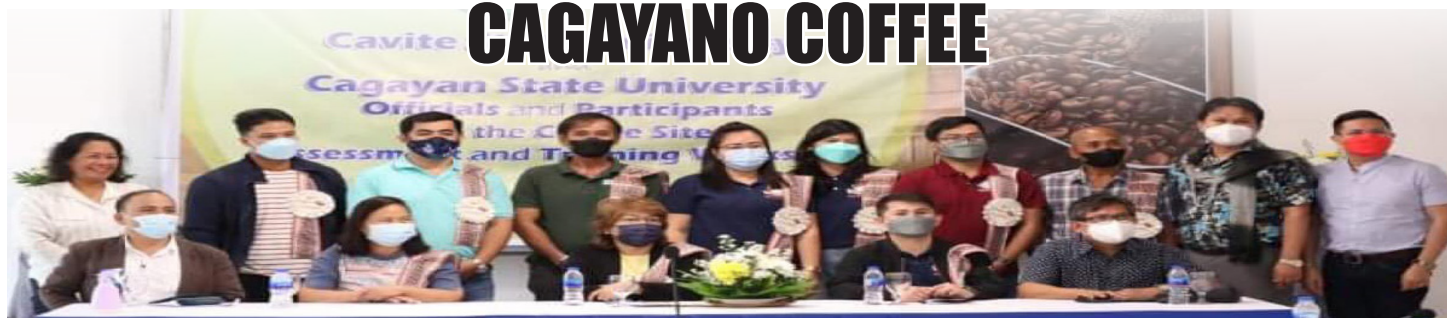
With the establishment

of Coffee and Fragrant Grass Processing centers in the campus, DOST recognized Dr. Balatico's contribution and support to the agency's STI programs, projects, and even promotions and advocacies.

On the other hand, Dean Manuel was identified as one of the "Phenomenal and Outstanding Educators of the Year" by the Alliance of Hospitality and Tourism Movers of the Philippines.

The award was given to Dean Manuel on February 14, 2022 in recognition of her efforts and contribution to uplifting the hospitality industry in the country.  -UIO

# CSU & CvSU GEARS UP TO BREW CAGAYANO COFFEE




Cagayan State University collaborates with Cavite State University (CvSU) in a training workshop on Coffee Production and Processing held on January 12, 2022 at CSU-Gonzaga Campus. The training workshop is an offshoot of the visit of CSU officials led by Pres. Urdujah G. Alvarado last December 23, 2021, where she and CvSU President Hernando Robles met and agreed to strengthen

the Cafe Valena Project and train coffee growers from other CSU campuses on coffee production, processing, and commercialization through the mentorship of CvSU. As an immediate response, President Robles dispatched eight coffee experts, led by Director Gerry M. Castillo of the CvSU National Coffee Research and Development and Extension Center, to pre-assess the CSU Lal-lo Coffee

Plantations on January 11, 2022. The pre-assessment was done to identify the current status of the existing coffee plantation, to determine the suitability of growing coffee in the expansion area, and to recommend interventions for the assessed coffee production sites. The pre-assessment findings and observations were discussed during the opening program.

President Alvarado in her

response, thanked President Robles for sending his coffee staff to CSU and she hopes that this initial activity will bring new frontiers in the coffee industry, especially in Cagayan. She also hopes that this may signal more synergy in research and the practice of sharing expertise among campuses as they work together towards one goal.  -UIO

# INTERNATIONAL MOU FORGED BETWEEN CSU AND NTOU, TAIWAN


Cagayan State University, through University President Urdujah G. Alvarado, virtually inks its 4th international academic partnership as it brings new ties with National Taiwan Ocean University (NTOU) through University President Tai-Wen Tsu on February 8, 2022, to mark the formal start of the future collaboration in academics and research between the two academic institutions.

During the virtual MOU signing activity, CSU and NTOU got to know each other's education and research

strengths and niches through the sharing of institutional videos, the meeting of university officials, and the exchange of tokens.

The partnership is forged to give way to the promotion of

other cooperation in capacity building programs for faculty and students through flagship programs in fisheries and exchanges of faculty and students in agriculture and marine biology programs.

CSU Aparri, the bearer of the aquamarine and fisheries niche of the university will work closely with NTOU in developing new research and sharing ideas on the field.  -UIO



# CSU PARTNERS WITH PHILIPPINE FUTURES THINKING SOCIETY

Cagayan State University partners with the Philippine Futures Thinking Society as it conducted a Project Scoping and Exploratory Meeting for Futures Thinking, which was held via Zoom on January 24, 2022.

Other participants in the meeting were state universities from Region II, which included Isabela State University and Quirino State University.

CSU was represented by University President Urdujah G. Alvarado and Vice President for Partnership and Resource



Mobilization Gigid T. Battung as members of PhilFutures orient and capacitate academic institutions regarding Futures

Thinking and Strategic Foresight. The program is expected to encourage SUCs to find their niche and create

a holistic view for the region, and develop research on SDGs using Futures Thinking.

According to VP Battung, many projects in response to Futures Thinking are lined up and expected to take place in the future, such as the conduct of Summit on Shaping the Futures of Philippine Bamboo Towards Sustainable Development Goals. She further added that key areas will be on the HIRAYA Framework and will be composed of workshops on design thinking for futures on other niche research programs, among others.  -UIO

# INSTITUTIONALIZING FUTURES THINKING AT CSU



As part of its capacity building series on strategic foresight, Cagayan State University, through the Office of the Vice President for Partnership and Resource Mobilization headed by Dr. Gigid T. Battung, successfully completed the conference on Institutionalizing Futures Thinking in CSU and the signing of Memorandum of Agreement between the Futures Thinking Society (PhilFutures) led by Dr. Lizan Perante Calina and CSU President Urdujah G. Alvarado on February 25- 26, 2022 in Sta. Ana, Cagayan.

President Alvarado said that with the present challenges brought about by the pandemic

and the unprecedented times, the policymakers of CSU realize that the university needs to equip itself with new perspectives responsive to the challenges of the present and the obstacles of the future.

She emphasized the importance of arming the officials with the right mindset, skills, and abilities to be future-ready especially as leaders of a learning institution.

She further thanked Senator Pia Cayetano, a Senior Fellow of PhilFutures, and Dr. Emmanuel De Guia, PhilFutures Director for Strategic Partnership and Networking, for bringing Futures Thinking in CSU.


"We are appreciative of

the help you have continuously given us from the funding of the soon CSU Carig College of Medicine Laboratory Building and increasing the capacity of our Allied Health Sciences Programs, to the introduction of the Hiraya Strategic Foresight to help us prepare for the future. We are grateful for the utmost support that you have given us", she said in her opening remarks.

As a prelude to a series of upcoming seminars and workshops with CSU on Futures Thinking, Dr. Emmanuel De Guia, Director, Strategic Partnership and Networking, Dr. Lizan Perante-Calina, President, PhilFutures, Prof. Michville Rivera, Director

for Membership and Strategic Education, PhilFutures and Dr. Reginald Ugaddan, Director, Strategic Foresight Research, PhilFutures talked about Philippine Futures Thinking Society and strategic foresight and its relevance to the academe, particularly on research and policy making.

Futures Thinking research proposals were also presented by faculty researchers for possible funding.

The president hopes that this activity will mark the beginning of a journey towards making CSU a hub for Futures Thinking in the region and aligning the campus niches and projects towards this direction.  -UIO

## PRESIDENT ALVARADO TALKS ABOUT WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



“Sparking change and working for development are not solely women’s responsibility. To all men, gender equality is your issue too, as you are also faced with gender-specific issues when it comes to gender norms. We

cannot move forward without recognizing the role of both sexes in eradicating the line that divides what a man and what a woman can do.”

This excerpt is from University President Alvarado’s inspirational message during the 2020 Women and Men

in Cagayan Valley Data Dissemination Forum that was sponsored by the Philippine Statistics Authority Region II last March 31, 2022 at Crown Pavilion, Tuguegarao City.

The forum was meant to release the highlights of the 2020 Women and Men

Cagayan Valley Findings. Moreover, the implications of the findings on the policies and programs in different sectors, which include: Vital Health and Family Planning, Social Welfare and Development, and Peace and Human Rights were also discussed. -UIO

## COLLEGE OF LAW SENDS-OFF BARISTAS FOR THE 2020-2021 BAR EXAMINATION

Cagayan State University’s College of Law conducted a virtual send-off to the CSUan aspiring lawyers who took the 2020-2021 Bar Examination.

To give the bar examinees a boost of morale, University President Urdujah G. Alvarado delivered an inspirational message in which she said to trust that the training they received in the university and the strength and resilience that they have exhibited in studying

hard in order to reach their dreams despite the pandemic has rendered them ready to take on the bar examination.

Moreover, Vice President for Administration and Finance Ranhilio C. Aquino also advised them to “not equate your self-worth with the results or outcome of the examination.” He reiterated that passing the bar examination is good. However, it does not make them less human if the results are not in their favor. -UIO



## CSU LAL-LO SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE AGRICULTURE PRC EVALUATION

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The College of Agriculture at Cagayan State University at Lal-lo successfully passed the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) monitoring and evaluation last March 9-10, 2022, with its existing conditions and programs in instruction, research, extension, and production.

According to Dr. Maribel Fernandez, dean of the College of Agriculture, the two-day evaluation involved an in-person inspection and monitoring of conditions to maintain high professional, ethical, and technical standards in the practice of agriculture as a profession.

“With only weeks of



preparation, I am happy to hear positive feedback and comments from the evaluators. Although we have some areas that need to be improved, the college has passed the evaluation,” she said.

Led by PRC Region 2’s Chief Professional Regulations Officer, Dr. Arnel M. Melad,

and Professional Regulatory Board for Agriculture Chairperson, Hon. Emma K. Sales, the team examined the duties and responsibilities vis-à-vis the qualifications and credentials of the faculty and staff, observed the conditions affecting the practice of the agriculture profession,

including the facilities and equipment, compliance with the professional, ethical, and technical standards of practice; and the curriculum, faculty, library, facilities, and the overall administration of the program offered. The college was found to be strong in research, production, extension, and facilities.

The Dean said the college needs to improve its faculty profile since the college has only 10 permanent faculty members and has not yet complied with the requirement set by the Commission on Higher Education to at least have 16 faculty members with plantilla positions. -UIO

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