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SAVING BATANES, ONE STONE AT A TIME: CSU COLLABORATION EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The centuries-old stone houses of Batanes tell stories of resilience, identity, and craftsmanship. Today, they also tell a story of science and innovation.

A collaborative project involving Cagayan State University has gained national recognition after the GMA Integrated News documentary *Stone by Stone, Saving the Heritage Houses of Batanes* received the DOST-PCIEERD KabalikAT Best STI Feature Award.

The documentary brought national attention to the

groundbreaking research Assessment, Development and Preservation for Typhoon and Earthquake-Resilient Ivatan Houses, an initiative that blends traditional Ivatan building knowledge with modern engineering and architectural interventions.

The project documented heritage houses throughout Batanes, analyzed indigenous construction materials, designed structural improvements, and constructed a prototype house capable of withstanding stronger typhoons and earthquakes while preserving the distinctive character of

Ivatan architecture.

Developed through the collective efforts of CSU, DOST, Batanes State College, NCIP, the Provincial Government of Batanes, local government units, and the Ivatan community, the initiative exemplifies how research can serve both people and heritage.

More than preserving structures, the project protects culture, strengthens community resilience, and demonstrates that innovation is most meaningful when it empowers communities while honoring their traditions.

For CSU, the recognition reflects its continuing mission to produce transformative research that creates lasting impact—where science, culture, and sustainable development come together for the benefit of future generations. 🏡



This is the official quarterly newsletter of the Cagayan State University-Office of the President, featuring news articles, stories, and updates from across the CSU community.

CSU, UNIVERSITAS MUHAMMADIYAH JAKARTA FORGE ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP IN INDONESIA



Cagayan State University (CSU) led by Officer-In-Charge Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and Universitas Muhammadiyah Jakarta (UMJ) spearheaded by Officer-in-Charge Prof. Ma'mun Murod formalized a Memorandum of Understanding on June 24, 2026.

Signed in Jakarta, Indonesia, the agreement opens opportunities for collaboration in academic exchange,

research, extension, curriculum development, and capacity-building initiatives.

Under the partnership, both universities will explore faculty and student mobility programs, joint research projects and publications, collaborative conferences and trainings, and other academic endeavors designed to promote innovation and global learning. 🌐

CSU EXPANDS GLOBAL FOOTPRINT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICA'S DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

As Cagayan State University (CSU) continues to strengthen its presence in the international academic community, another milestone has been achieved through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Durban University of Technology (DUT), one of South Africa's leading universities of technology.

The partnership signifies both institutions' shared commitment to advancing quality higher education through collaborative research, faculty and student exchanges, academic mobility, international conferences, joint publications, and innovative learning initiatives.

Designed as a five-year agreement, the MOU lays the

groundwork for interdisciplinary collaboration and mutually beneficial programs that will enhance instruction, research, extension, and global engagement.

Among the priority areas of cooperation are joint research projects, exchange of faculty members and students, sharing of academic resources and research outputs, organization of conferences and workshops, and the exploration of joint academic programs.

Officer-In-Charge University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez signed the agreement on behalf of CSU, while Prof. Fulufhelo Nemavhola, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Engagement, represented the Durban University of Technology. 🌐



CSU, AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY – BANGLADESH INK INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP IN INDONESIA



Jakarta, Indonesia — Cagayan State University (CSU) and American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) entered into a Memorandum of

Understanding (MOU) at the Indonesia Convention Exhibition, June 23, 2026.

The agreement was signed by CSU Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur

G. Ibañez and AIUB Founder Member of the Board of Trustees Mr. Ishtiaque Abedin, marking the beginning of a five-year partnership aimed at strengthening international cooperation in education, research, and institutional development.

Under the partnership, both institutions will pursue collaborative research projects, joint supervision of graduate theses and dissertations, curriculum enhancement, faculty and student exchanges, and participation in conferences, seminars, and scholarly activities. The agreement

also promotes the exchange of publications, academic resources, and institutional best practices.

The partnership is expected to enhance academic excellence, research productivity, and cross-cultural understanding while creating pathways for future collaborative initiatives between the Philippines and Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ibañez was accompanied by the Vice President for Research, Development and Extension, Dr. Audy R. Quebral, who also served as one of the witnesses in the MOU signing. 🌐



CSU WELCOMES CHED CHAIR AGRUPIS FOR COMMENCEMENT AND CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chairperson Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis arrived in Tuguegarao City this afternoon, May 28, 2026, and was warmly welcomed by Cagayan State University (CSU) led by Officer-In-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, together with members of the Board of Regents, university and campus officials, and CHED Regional Office 02 officials.

Following a brief stop at

the CSU Athena Hotel, the delegation proceeded to CSU Aparri Campus where Chairperson Agrupis was warmly received with the hospitality and vibrant spirit of the host campus community.

Dr. Agrupis expressed her admiration for CSU's vision and determination, sharing that she always finds ways to include CSU in her schedule because of the university's strong drive for innovation and growth.

"There is no reason not

to come to Cagayan State University. They always make things happen. The audacity to dream is so big, even beyond what others can imagine," she remarked.

Dr. Agrupis also expressed her vision for CSU Aparri to become a premier tourism destination in the region and in the country, citing the Cagayan River development initiative as a challenge and opportunity for CSU to lead transformative development in the north.

Meanwhile, the CHED Chairperson graced the blessing of the newly renovated Villa and the soft launch of Pond De Coco, a campus initiative under the university's orchard establishment project.

Dr. Agrupis is set to deliver the commencement address for the two batches of graduates during the 48th Commencement Exercises of CSU Aparri Campus on May 29. 🌟

CHED CHAIR AGRUPIS PRESIDES OVER CSU's 101st REGULAR BOARD MEETING



Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Chair of the Cagayan State University Board of Regents, presided over the University's 101st Regular Board Meeting on June 29, 2026, at the CSU Central Administration Conference Room, with members and resource persons participating both onsite and via Zoom.

The Board deliberated

on key matters concerning academic affairs, administration, finance, research, internationalization, partnerships, and other strategic initiatives that support the University's continued growth and development.

During the meeting, newly appointed members of the CSU Board of Regents formally took their oath of office before Dr. Agrupis, including Hon. Joselito K. Luna, Hon. Noel T. Veridiano, representing the private

sector, and Hon. Julius Ceasar C. Balayan, the newly elected Student Regent.

The Board likewise honored outgoing Student Regent Hon. Kyle Aron T. Tan with a Plaque of Recognition for his exemplary leadership, unwavering commitment, and invaluable service to the University, recognizing his significant contributions to the resilience and advancement of the CSU community during Academic Year 2025–2026.

Meanwhile, the President's Report, delivered by Officer-In-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, was also highly commended by Dr. Agrupis, who recognized the University's continued excellence and remarkable gains in instruction, finance and administration, research, development, extension, and internationalization, partnership, and resource mobilization. 🌟

CSU WELCOMES AIDE INC. DELEGATES FROM MARYLAND, USA FOR INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

Cagayan State University (CSU) warmly welcomed its international partners from Maryland, USA, the officers and members of the Association of International Dynamic Educators, Inc. (AIDE), led by its founder and CEO, Dr. Lyn A. Ciocon for an international research and extension colloquium. Joining them is CESB Chair and AIDE

Inc. Executive Vice President for Professional Development, Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado.

Organized by the CSU Graduate School in collaboration with AIDE Inc., the BalikSaliksik International Research and Extension Colloquium blends academic learning with community service. Running from June 24–27, 2026, the four-day event features research presentations, expert lectures,

and community initiatives, including medical and dental missions, nutrition education, and school-based interventions.

Upon their arrival, the delegation visited CSU Carig for a brief welcome program, followed by a campus tour aboard the innovative electric vehicles developed by the campus' Electromobility Research and Development Center (EMRDC). They also

toured the Food Innovation Center (FIC) before heading to the Central Administration for a courtesy call at the Office of the University President at the CSU Andrews Campus.

The AIDE delegation also visited CSU Lal-lo and CSU Gonzaga to explore the Coffee Hub, the Mangrove and Bamboo Research and Innovation Center (MABRIC), and the Bamboo Sanctuary. 🌿



CSU HOSTS BALIK SALIKSIK INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM TO ADVANCE RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Cagayan State University (CSU), in partnership with the Association of International Dynamic Educators, Inc. (AIDE), successfully hosted the Balik Saliksik International Academic and Extension Colloquium at the CSU Andrews Convention Center, June 26, 2026.

The colloquium brought together international scholars and educators, including Dr.

Melreta Mai Herring, Ms. Brenda Holmes, Mr. Byogah Jefferson, and Dr. Emmanuel Lambon, who shared insights on authentic educational leadership, classical learning in the classroom, information technology integration in education and governance, and mental health among occupationally exposed groups.

The first day concluded with a cultural presentation,

fellowship, and the conferment of AIDE Author Citation Awards to CSU faculty researchers whose scholarly works were published in the AIDE Interdisciplinary Research Journal and indexed in Google Scholar.

Meanwhile, simultaneous activities continued on June 27, 2026, including the continuation of the international research colloquium and the community

extension programs at Namabbalan Integrated School and Annafunan Integrated School in Tuguegarao City.

Through the Balik Saliksik initiative, CSU continues to strengthen international collaboration, interdisciplinary research, and community-responsive extension programs that contribute to sustainable local and global development. 🌿



CSU, HUACHIEW CHALERMPRAKIET UNIVERSITY FORGE ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP THROUGH HEALTH PROFESSIONS SYMPOSIUM, MOU SIGNING



Cagayan State University and Huachiew Chalermprakiet University of Thailand formally strengthened academic ties through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during the Health Professions Tomorrow: Bridging Competence and Compassion Symposium held on June 23, 2026, at the Claude Andrews International Convention Center.

Signed by CSU Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and HCU President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Uraipan Janvanichyanont, the five-year

MOU provides a framework for cooperation in faculty and student mobility programs, joint educational initiatives, collaborative research projects, exchange of publications and learning materials, curriculum innovation, and the development of new educational tools and programs.

Representing Huachiew Chalermprakiet University were Dr. Jonathan Rante Carreon, Vice President, and Dr. Siriwt Rungruang, Associate Dean, who served as resource speakers during the event.

Complementing the MOU

signing was a series of academic lectures delivered by Dr. Carreon who discussed emerging opportunities beyond traditional healthcare careers, while Dr. Rungruang, emphasized the value of compassion, connection, and meaningful learning experiences in health sciences education.

In the afternoon session, campus executive officers, university directors and deans, and campus officials participated in a lecture on Building a World-Class Green Campus: Tips to Excel in the UI GreenMetric Rankings, which provided

insights on sustainability practices and environmental stewardship in higher education institutions.

The initiative was spearheaded by the Office of the Campus Executive Officer of CSU Andrews, led by Mr. Terence Alfred Roberto Tejada, through the Domestic and International Partnership Office headed by Mr. Edmer Sibbaluca, in collaboration with the College of Allied Health Sciences under the leadership of Dr. Julius Capili. 🇵🇭

CSU, SRI SRI UNIVERSITY EXPLORE COLLABORATION IN HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Cagayan State University (CSU) Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez welcomed Dr. Tirthankar Ghosh, Dean of the Faculty of Health and Wellness of Sri Sri University, India, during a courtesy visit held this afternoon, June 17, 2026.

The visit comes after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between

CSU and Sri Sri University aimed at strengthening academic cooperation and advancing shared goals in education, research, and community development.

The partnership focuses on collaborative initiatives in health and wellness, physical education, sports sciences, public health, and yoga, alongside faculty and

student exchanges, joint research projects, curriculum development, and academic capacity-building activities.

Dr. Ghosh is scheduled to deliver his second presentation tomorrow, June 18, 2026, featuring a global classroom training module focused on ergonomics and sports equipment as part of the university's Internationalization

at Home (IaH) initiative.

This follows his primary lecture, "The Future of Athletic Excellence: Trends in Sports Physiology and Technology Integration," which was conducted for DepEd teachers under the global community engagement program of the CSU Carig – College of Human Kinetics. 🇵🇭

CSU WELCOMES NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026–2027



Cagayan State University (CSU) officially welcomed new and returning students across its campuses as Academic Year 2026–2027 formally opened through the University's traditional "Salubong" celebration, June 22, 2026.

In his video message, Officer-in-Charge University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez greeted both new

and returning students, emphasizing that CSU remains committed to nurturing future leaders, innovators, professionals, and nation-builders through quality and inclusive education.

"Your success remains our priority. Every program, initiative, and service we provide is designed to help you achieve your goals and prepare you for a meaningful

future," Dr. Ibañez said.

To ensure a smooth transition into university life, the different campuses organized a variety of activities, including orientation programs, campus tours, student engagement activities, and information sessions.

These initiatives aim to familiarize students with university services, academic

policies, campus facilities, and support systems while promoting a sense of belonging within the CSU community.

The annual Salubong serves as CSU's enduring tradition of warmly welcoming its student body as they embark on another year of learning, growth, discovery, and excellence. 🇵🇭

CSU, DICT REGION 02 LAUNCH DATA SCIENCE TRAINING TO STRENGTHEN RESEARCH AND ANALYTICS CAPABILITIES



Cagayan State University (CSU), in partnership with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Region 02, officially commenced the two-day Data Science and Analytics with R Programming Training on June 17, 2026, at the Hermes Hall of Athena Hotel, Andrews Campus.

The training brings together deans and faculty members of the College of Information and Computing Sciences from CSU's nine campuses, along with Research, Development, and Extension personnel

from the University Central Administration.

During the opening program, Dr. Charmie S. Calvo, University Director for Special Projects, emphasized the growing significance of data science in higher education and the importance of equipping faculty researchers with advanced analytical competencies.

CSU Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez encouraged participants to utilize data analytics in addressing institutional challenges and generating

innovative solutions that contribute to academic excellence and community development.

Meanwhile, DICT Assistant Regional Director Atty. Jeoy Laverinto, representing DICT Region II Assistant Secretary and Regional Director Engr. Pinky T. Jimenez, restated the agency's commitment to supporting educational institutions in building a culture of innovation and evidence-based decision-making.

He emphasized that the ability to convert data into meaningful insights is

increasingly important in strengthening institutional performance and enhancing educational outcomes.

The first day of the training featured lectures facilitated by Mr. Karl Steven Maddela, DICT 02 Project Development Officer III, covering fundamentals of data analytics, R programming, and data exploration.

The activity was a joint initiative of the Office the Director for Special Projects, spearheaded by Dr. Calvo, and the Office of the Director for Research and Development, led by Dr. Anderson G. Gonzales. 🇵🇭

DEPDEV CONCLUDES RIAC 2026 WITH KNOWLEDGE SHARING SESSION AT CSU



After five days of intensive learning, collaboration, and field exposure, the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) Luzon Regional Offices successfully concluded the Regional Investment Appraisal Course (RIAC) 2026 through a Knowledge Sharing Session hosted by Cagayan State University (CSU) on April 17, 2026.

The culminating activity gathered participants from DEPDev regional offices in CAR, Regions I, II, III, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, and Bicol Region, along with representatives from the DEPDev Central Office, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and CSU faculty members.

During the session, CSU

presented key development initiatives, including the Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP) by Engr. Matthew Miguel H. Custodio, proposed Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects by Dr. Ian Roger M. Francisco, and emerging electromobility technologies for regional investment by Dr. Florentina A. Dumlaog.

The event featured messages from university and DEPDev officials. Regional Director Dir. Dionisio C. Ledres Jr. expressed his appreciation for CSU's warm hospitality and highlighted the significance of the training in strengthening competencies in project evaluation. A message on behalf of Undersecretary Joseph J. Capucino was delivered by OIC Assistant Regional Director

Calixto Mangilin Jr., who emphasized the importance of investment appraisal in ensuring efficient and well-justified public spending.

In his message, Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, Officer-in-Charge of CSU, expressed his appreciation for DEPDev's partnership, noting that the University's goals are aligned with those of the agency. He also shared CSU's future initiatives, including the development of dormitories across campuses, the establishment of solar farm projects for board approval, and plans for a golf course, which will form part of the University's Income-Generating Projects.

The session also included an open forum with stakeholders, fostering collaborative discussions on regional development.

The program featured cultural performances by the Athena Performing Arts Bureau, Athena Rondalla and Saliw Athena Chorale, and the Balik Tanaw Dance Troupe, showcasing CSU's vibrant artistic community.

The activity was initiated by the CSU University Planning and Development Office (UPDO), spearheaded by Dr. Ian Roger M. Francisco, in collaboration with CSU Andrews Campus under the leadership of Campus Executive Officer Terence Alfred Tejada. Also in attendance were University Vice Presidents Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, and Dr. Audy R. Quebral, along with other university and campus officials. 🇵🇭

STEADY VOICE, UNYIELDING SPIRIT: SHEVONNE ALEJANDRO TRIUMPHS AT THE NATIONAL STAGE



In a field of the country's most compelling voices, Ma. Shevonne Nataniela Alejandro emerged as Champion in Declamation during the PASUC National Culture and Arts Festival 2026, held at West Visayas State University in Iloilo City. Her victory is not merely a testament to talent, but to

discipline, composure, and an enduring commitment to craft.

Shevonne's formative years were spent in Oman, where she was raised alongside her two younger siblings by parents working abroad. As the eldest, she developed early a sense of responsibility and quiet resilience—traits that would later define her presence on

stage. Her transition to the Philippines during her Senior High School years marked a pivotal shift, one that required adaptation not only academically but culturally and artistically.

Now a first-year student at the CSU Andrews - College of Allied Health Sciences, pursuing a degree in Medical Laboratory Science, Shevonne balances the rigor of scientific training with the demands of performance. This duality—precision and expression—finds synthesis in her declamation style: measured, deliberate, and deeply felt.

From the outset, Shevonne demonstrated a determined and steady character. She approached training with openness, receptive to critique while maintaining a distinct voice of her own. Her original piece, "Flesh and Blood," stood

as a clear articulation of her artistic identity. Notably, even during her initial presentation, the piece required only minimal refinement—reflecting a high level of conceptual clarity and performance readiness from the outset. The few adjustments recommended were carried out with precision and immediacy, demonstrating her discipline and responsiveness to critique.

Her progression from the University Meet to the Regional level, and ultimately to the National stage, was marked by consistency. At each level, Shevonne remained composed, focused, and anchored in her interpretation of the piece. Even under the pressure of last-minute revisions during the final competition, she sustained control over her delivery.

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On the national platform, Shevonne distinguished herself through a performance characterized by power and restraint. Her delivery did not rely on excess; instead, it drew strength from clarity, timing, and emotional precision.

This balance enabled her to command both the judges' evaluation and the audience's attention.

Her achievement reflects not only individual excellence but also the effectiveness of disciplined preparation and

intellectual engagement with the piece. In Ma. Shevonne Nataniela Alejandro, the institution presents a performer who embodies both artistic integrity and academic seriousness—an individual prepared not only for

competition, but for sustained growth in her chosen fields.

Her victory stands as a benchmark for future performers: that mastery is not always loud, but it is always deliberate. 🏆

CSU AND LGU GONZAGA PARTNER TO EMPOWER FARMERS, WOMEN, AND YOUTH THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Cagayan State University (CSU) and the Local Government Unit of Gonzaga formally signed a Memorandum of Agreement for a collaborative extension and livelihood project focused on sustainable agriculture, enterprise development, and community empowerment.

The project seeks to empower women, youth, senior citizens, and farmers through the integration of tissue-cultured banana, camote, potato, bamboo, livestock, and poultry into community-based farming systems.

Signed by CSU OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, and Gonzaga Mayor Hon.

Rellie Simbe-Almaceda, the agreement establishes a three-year partnership aimed at promoting food security, ecological sustainability, and inclusive rural development.

As part of the agreement, the university, through CSU-Gonzaga, shall provide laboratory facilities, technical expertise, research support, training, and technology transfer programs, including bamboo-based product innovations and livestock integration technologies. The LGU-Gonzaga, on the other hand, committed annual funding support amounting to ₱800,000 for project implementation and beneficiary assistance. 🌱



CSU OPENS INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION AND MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITY OF DA NANG IN VIETNAM

Students and faculty members of Cagayan State University (CSU) will soon gain access to expanded international learning and professional development opportunities following the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Software Development Centre (SDC) of the University of Da Nang, Vietnam, June 18, 2026.

The agreement was formally signed by CSU Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and SDC Director Dr. Nguyen Ha Huy Cuong.

A key component of the partnership is the implementation of a Faculty and Student Immersion Program that will provide CSU participants with practical exposure to software

development processes and industry practices within SDC's technology ecosystem.

In addition to immersion activities, both institutions committed to developing joint research programs, exchanging scholarly publications and research materials, and facilitating collaborative initiatives that contribute to technological advancement and

knowledge generation.

The agreement also supports the exchange of students, faculty members, and non-academic personnel through international internship and mobility opportunities.

This activity is an initiative of CSU Lasam - College of Information and Computing Sciences. 🌐



CSU UNDERGOES AACCUP 2ND SURVEY RE-VISITS FOR KEY ACADEMIC AREAS



Cagayan State University (CSU) is currently undergoing the 2nd Survey Re-Visits conducted by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) from May 4 to 6, 2026 via Zoom.

The activity covers Area IX

(Laboratory) for the Master of Science in Teaching major in Mathematics at CSU Andrews and Area III (Curriculum and Instruction) and Area V (Research) for the Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology and Master of Arts in Psychology at CSU Carig.

The opening program

featured messages from key university officials, led by OIC President Arthur G. Ibañez, who emphasized that the resurvey is integral to institutional quality assurance and continuous improvement.

The evaluation was conducted by designated AACCUP accreditors namely

Prof. Yolanda C. Roberto (Bulacan State University), and Dr. Ronan M. Cajigal and Prof. Ron Erik C. Frontuna (Cavite State University), ensuring objective assessment of CSU's academic programs. 🇵🇭

USCF's NEW STUDENT LEADERS TAKE OATH, COMMIT TO ADVANCING STUDENT WELFARE AND LEADERSHIP

The newly elected officers of the University Student Federation (USCF), the highest student governing body of Cagayan State University, formally took their oath of office before Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez on June 17, 2026.

Leading the federation is newly elected Student Regent Hon. Julius Ceazar C. Balayan, together with the campus student council presidents and federation representatives from the different CSU campuses.

In his message, Dr. Ibañez assured the new Student Regent and the federation of the

University's continued support, emphasizing the crucial role of student leaders in representing the interests and welfare of more than 45,000 CSU students.

He encouraged the new officers to remain fair, objective, and responsive to student concerns, particularly during Board of Regents deliberations, while developing not only leadership competencies but also management and administrative skills essential for future service.

Outgoing Student Regent Hon. Kyle Aron T. Tan challenged the new set of leaders to remain student-centered in their decisions and initiatives,

stressing that effective student governance is measured not by the number of resolutions passed but by the positive impact and culture it leaves behind for the student body.

"It is love for the students that must drive us to act... Support our administration, who shares this burden with us. Be competent. I know you will surpass all of us," he said.

Accepting the responsibility entrusted to him, Student Regent Balayan pledged to remain grounded and committed to listening to the voices of students, emphasizing that leadership is not about titles or authority but about

genuine service and collective action.

"Let us all remember that we shall all remain grounded. Nandito tayo dahil pinagkatiwalaan tayo. It's not merely because of our skills, but it is because of the students who entrusted everything to us," he said.

Following the oath-taking ceremony, the USCF, along with their respective advisers, convened for an operational planning session to align organizational priorities, map strategic goals, and draft the General Plan of Action (GPOA) for SY 2026–2027. 🇵🇭



CSU WELCOMES LSPU DELEGATION FOR BENCHMARKING AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING



Cagayan State University (CSU), led by Officer-In-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, warmly welcomed delegates from Laguna State Polytechnic University (LSPU) for a benchmarking activity, June 9, 2026.

The visit forms part of LSPU's institutional initiative to learn from CSU's best practices in key areas of academic and administrative excellence, including admission policies,

Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program (ETEEAP), research journal management, extension systems, internationalization, Gender and Development (GAD), student services, and ICT services.

The LSPU delegation was headed by Vice President for Academic Affairs Atty. Rushid Jay S. Sancon, a CSU alumnus, together with key university officials and staff from various offices.

During the courtesy visit, Atty. Sancon expressed gratitude for CSU's hospitality, noting that the university has always been a second home and emphasizing the value of strengthening collaboration among state universities and colleges (SUCs) toward shared national development goals.

On his part, Dr. Ibañez assured the delegation of CSU's full support, encouraging them to also explore the university's innovation hubs, including its

e-mobility and food innovation centers at CSU Carig Campus, as part of their learning itinerary.

The LSPU delegation visited two campuses of the university including CSU Piat Campus for the Dairy Research and Development Center and Agri-Eco Tourism Site (Agri-Animal Integrated Farm) and CSU Aparri Campus for the Multi-Species Hatchery, Museum of Fisheries and SDG Portal. 🌱

CSU EXPANDS ACADEMIC NETWORK THROUGH MOU WITH BULACAN AGRICULTURAL STATE COLLEGE



Recognizing the value of collaboration in higher education, Cagayan State University (CSU) and Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC) formalized a strategic academic partnership through the virtual signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, June 15, 2026.

The agreement was signed by CSU Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and BASC President

Dr. Jameson H. Tan, signifying both institutions' commitment to strengthening instruction, research, extension, and innovation.

Under the memorandum, the two academic institutions will work together in implementing faculty and researcher exchange programs, student mobility initiatives, collaborative research and extension projects, academic mentoring activities, and

capacity-building programs.

The partnership will also facilitate the exchange of academic information and promote joint initiatives in agriculture, information and computing sciences, teacher education, hospitality and tourism, and other fields of mutual interest.

Through joint projects and knowledge-sharing initiatives, CSU and BASC seek to generate innovative solutions

that contribute to sustainable development and nation-building.

The University, through CSU Lallo Campus, led by CEO Engr. James B. Cabildo alongside campus officials, is set to conduct a benchmarking activity at BASC on June 17, 2026, focusing on key academic colleges, administrative systems, and innovative facilities. 🌱

CSU, LA PALOMA HOLDINGS CORPORATION PARTNER TO SUPPORT DESERVING STUDENTS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Six deserving students from Cagayan State University will soon receive financial assistance toward achieving their academic dreams following the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between CSU led by Officer-In-Charge Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and La Paloma Holdings

Corporation headed by Director Jo Anne De Asis-Valdez, June 11, 2026.

The partnership seeks to support students from economically disadvantaged families by providing monthly scholarship allowances beginning in the First Semester of Academic Year 2026–2027

and continuing until the scholars complete their respective degree programs.

The scholarship program will benefit students enrolled in BS Agriculture, BS Aquaculture, BS Library Science, BS Accountancy, and BS Hotel Industry Management.

By easing the financial burden of selected scholars, the partnership hopes to help students focus on their studies, complete their degrees, and eventually contribute to the growth and development of their communities. 🌱

CSU OFFICIALS VISIT CALAYAN EXTENSION TO ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS, STUDENT WELFARE PROGRAMS



Calayan, Island — Cagayan State University (CSU) officials, led by Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, conducted an on-site visit at the CSU Calayan Extension Campus, engaging faculty, staff, and students in a series of institutional activities focused on campus development, student support, and service delivery.

A consultation meeting with faculty and staff highlighted pressing infrastructure concerns, including the need for comfort rooms, stable internet connectivity, adequate water supply, classroom improvements, television

units for instructional support, and transportation-related challenges affecting campus operations. The conduct of a land survey of the campus is expected to commence soon.

The team also had the opportunity to meet with Municipal Mayor Joseph M. Llopis, Vice Mayor Josephus Jericho R. Llopis, the Sangguniang Bayan members, and former Mayor Alfonso M. Llopis, which they discussed the offering of additional courses and the expansion of the administration building. The CSU team extends its gratitude to them for the warm reception.

The team likewise conducted an on-site

assessment of academic buildings identified for immediate renovation and expansion, as well as the preparation of the proposed master development plan which includes the campus oval.

In response to student needs, Student Regent Kyle Aron Tan facilitated the distribution of cash assistance to the two-hundred and twenty seven (227) students, aimed at providing immediate financial relief.

Further, a medical mission was conducted led by Dr. Jordan Callueng together with the human resource from Provincial Department of Health Office (PDOHO) Cagayan, extending basic health services to students,

their parents, and campus employees.

Dr. Ibañez also took time to personally interact with students through an interview session, allowing him to hear their experiences and concerns directly.

The visit culminated in an in-house proposal review session among faculty members, centered on strategic development plans for the extension campus. Serving as panel of evaluators were Vice President for Research, Development and Extension Dr. Audy R. Quebral and Director for Research and Development Dr. Anderson G. Gonzales. 🌱



Congratulations!

DR. ARTHUR G. IBAÑEZ, ASEAN ENGR., CESE

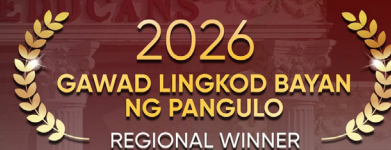
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CSC RO2 NAMES CSU EDUCATORS AS 2026 GAWAD LINGKOD BAYAN REGIONAL WINNERS

The Civil Service Commission Regional Office II named Cagayan State University Officer-In-Charge President Professor Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and CSU Aparri Professor Dr. Lenimfa P. Molina as Regional Winners of the 2026 Gawad Lingkod Bayan ng Pangulo.

The recognition honors exemplary government workers who have demonstrated exceptional public service, integrity, and impactful contributions in their respective fields.

Dr. Ibañez and Dr. Molina were among the regional awardees selected under the

Individual Category following the screening and deliberation conducted by the Regional Committee on Awards.

Their selection as regional winners qualifies them to represent Cagayan Valley Region in the national evaluation for the 2026 Gawad Lingkod Bayani.

Gawad Lingkod Bayan ng Pangulo is conferred upon public servants whose work significantly promotes public welfare, strengthens institutions, and contributes to national development through innovation and exemplary leadership. 🏆

CSU GONZAGA LAUNCHES SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



Cagayan State University–Gonzaga Campus led by Campus Executive Officer Dr. Froilan A. Pacris Jr., together with university officials and

partner agencies from the Local Government Unit of Gonzaga and the Department of Agriculture Region 02, formally launched major infrastructure and development projects

on May 13, 2026, aimed at promoting sustainability, inclusive development, and agricultural innovation.

The launched projects include the Bamboo Sanctuary

Café, the Sheep Multiplier Project under the Livestock Economic Enterprise Development Program funded by the Department

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of Agriculture Region 02, the ROOT RISE Program, and the Gender-Neutral and PWD-Inclusive Comfort Room.

The Bamboo Sanctuary Café serves as a sustainable campus café and learning hub that promotes community engagement, entrepreneurship, and the use of locally sourced products through bamboo-

inspired concepts.

Meanwhile, the Sheep Multiplier Project under the Livestock Economic Enterprise Development Program aims to improve regional sheep production, strengthen farmer livelihood opportunities, and enhance livestock-based learning and research.

Also inaugurated was the

Gender-Neutral and PWD-Inclusive Comfort Room which strengthens the university's commitment to accessibility, equality, and inclusive campus development through universal design features for all users.

Simultaneously, CSU Gonzaga launched ROOT RISE or Advancing Rootcrops through RDE and Entrepreneurial

Management for Bamboo-Based and other Farming Systems, an integrated research and extension initiative promoting sustainable root crop production, agri-enterprise development, food security, and bamboo-based farming systems through training, product development, and market linkages. 🌱

CSU LASAM EXPANDS STUDENT AND TECHNICAL LEARNING FACILITIES



Cagayan State University–Lasam Campus formally broke ground for the construction of its Student Conference Hall during a ceremony attended by university and campus officials on May 12, 2026.

University officials led by Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, together with campus officials headed by Campus Executive Officer Dr. Florante Victor M. Balatico, and

Student Regent Kyle Aron T. Tan, spearheaded the event.

The project was approved as a joint initiative to address the lack of a dedicated venue for student-led meetings, seminars, and organizational activities.

Funding for the facility includes ₱500,000 from the University Student Council Federation (USCF), ₱400,000 from the CSU Lasam Campus Administration, and additional support from the Central Administration.

The Student Conference Hall is expected to strengthen student governance and provide CSUans with a functional space for leadership and campus engagements.

Following the groundbreaking ceremony, a simultaneous blessing of newly acquired laboratory equipment for the College of Industrial Technology program offerings was also conducted. This includes a Mechanical Lifter, Lathe and Milling Machines,

aimed at enhancing students' hands-on learning experiences and technical competencies.

Also in attendance were Lasam Mayor Dante Dexter A. Agatep Jr. and Board of Regents (BOR) members Hon. Ricardo B. Casauay and Hon. Noel T. Veridiano II, joined by Vice Presidents Dr. Mariden V. Cavilan and Dr. Audy R. Quebral, along with other university officials. The inauguration was blessed by Rev. Fr. Julius M. Teaño. 🙏

CSU, UPLB PARTNER FOR DOST-FUNDED TAXONOMIC RESEARCH ON NATIVE TRUE HOPPERS

Cagayan State University (CSU) and the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) formalized a research partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to implement a DOST-funded project on the taxonomic assessment and exploration of native true hoppers (Auchenorrhyncha) for conservation and agriculture.

The agreement supports the project titled "TAXON Auchenorrhyncha: Taxonomic Assessment and Exploration of Native True Hoppers (Auchenorrhyncha) for Conservation and Agriculture," funded by the Department

of Science and Technology – National Research Council of the Philippines (DOST-NRCP).

UPLB will spearhead the project through its Institute of Weed Science, Entomology and Plant Pathology, while CSU Piat, through the College of Agriculture, will serve as a key collaborating institution and will facilitate field surveys, provide research spaces, and assist in specimen collection and regulatory compliance.

Set to run until October 2027, the project is expected to contribute to national research priorities in agriculture, environmental sustainability, and scientific innovation. 🌱



CSU HOLDS EXIT CONFERENCE WITH COA REGION 02 FOR CY 2025 AUDIT REVIEW



Cagayan State University (CSU) held its Exit Conference with the Commission on Audit Region 02 to present and discuss audit observations and to gather clarifications prior to the finalization of the University's Annual Audit Report for Calendar Year 2025.

OIC President Arthur G. Ibañez thanked the COA audit team led by Ms. Maria Kristia Maribbay and encouraged university and campus officials to actively engage, clarify issues, and utilize the recommendations to improve institutional processes.

Also present was Vice

President for Administration and Finance Theresa B. Dimalanta, who delivered the welcome remarks, highlighting the importance of constructive dialogue in promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance while Dr. Emerita P. Geron delivered the closing remarks.

The activity was attended by university officials, campus executive officers, accountants, budget officers, cashiers, supply officers, infrastructure coordinators, and Income-Generating Project (IGP) coordinators and project-in-charge. 🏆

CSU HONORS EDUCATION SUPPORT PERSONNEL IN UNIVERSITY-WIDE CELEBRATION AT PIAT CAMPUS



Cagayan State University celebrated the National Education Support Personnel Day through a university-wide gathering held at CSU Piat Campus on May 14, 2026, recognizing the dedication and invaluable contributions of its personnel and staff across its nine campuses.

The celebration commenced with a tree-planting activity as part of the Orchard Establishment Program, symbolizing growth, sustainability, and unity among CSU personnel.

During the opening program, CSU Piat Campus Executive Officer Dr. Hitler B. Dangatan thanked the university's support personnel for their sincere service, commitment, and hard work, emphasizing the importance of reconnecting, appreciating

one another, and strengthening relationships within the CSU community.

In his message, Officer-In-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez expressed gratitude to the university's support staff, acknowledging them as an essential pillar of the administration and university operations. He ensured the administration's commitment to employee welfare and to creating an environment where personnel can continue to grow and eventually retire with pride in CSU service.

Board of Regents members Hon. Noel T. Veridiano II and Atty. Carmelo O. Villacete likewise emphasized the critical role of support personnel in the success of institutions, noting that behind every effective administration and quality educational outcome

is a hardworking workforce that keeps operations running efficiently.

Highlighting the event was the seminar "You Matter: Prioritizing Mental Health and Self-Care in the Workplace" conducted by Ms. Lumine Plena C. Hernandez-Umoso, former Guidance Counselor of St. Paul University Philippines, which focused on mental wellness, workplace balance, and employee self-care.

Vice President for Administration and Finance Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta encouraged the attendees to apply the lessons from the seminar in their daily lives. "I hope you enjoyed the lecture," she stated, reminding everyone of the importance of self-preservation. "Let us take care of ourselves and prioritize our mental health."

The event also featured sports competitions in volleyball and badminton and concluded with a TikTok Challenge showcasing camaraderie, creativity, and teamwork among employees.

During the awarding ceremony, Cluster 4 (CSU Lallo and CSU Aparri) emerged as champions in the Basketball and Badminton Mixed Doubles competitions. Cluster 2 (CSU Andrews, CSU Lasam, and CSU Gonzaga) secured the championship title in Men's Volleyball, while Cluster 1 (CSU Carig, CSU Sanchez Mira, and CSU Solana) dominated the Women's Volleyball competition. Meanwhile, CSU Aparri claimed the top spot in the TikTok Challenge competition. 🏆

CSU STRENGTHENS HR SYSTEMS THROUGH ORAOHRA 2025 LECTURE-SEMINAR



Cagayan State University (CSU) successfully conducted the lecture-seminar on the Rules on Appointments, Human Resource Merit Promotion and Selection Board (HRMPSB) Functions, and Other Provisions of ORAOHRA 2025 on April 28, 2026, at the CSU Claude Andrews Convention Center.

The activity forms part of the University's continuing efforts to align its human resource management systems with the

policies, standards, and guidelines of the Civil Service Commission (CSC), particularly following the issuance of the 2025 Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions (ORAOHRA).

A total of 70 participants composed of HRMPSB Chairpersons, Chief Administrative Officer, Human Resource Management Officers (HRMOs), HR staff, Campus Administrative Officers, and members of the HRMPSB attended the seminar.

In his message, CSU Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibanez emphasized the importance of updated HR policies, noting that the University has "many positions to fill" and must ensure that only the most qualified individuals are appointed.

Vice President for Administration Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta highlighted that ORAOHRA 2025 is a critical instrument in building a merit-based and accountable bureaucracy, stressing that proper implementation of HR policies directly contributes to public trust and effective service delivery.

In her closing remarks, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mariden V. Cabilan described the seminar as an enlightening and productive experience, emphasizing that understanding the realities of management and

administration leads to more effective and mature responses to institutional concerns.

Meanwhile, resource speakers from the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Cagayan – Batanes Field Office, led by Dir. Maria Noemi S. Bustamante assisted by Atty. Anna Karizza T. Villacete, facilitated the discussions.

Initiated by the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance led by Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta and the Human Resource Management Office headed by Chief Ramon Henry Peregrino O. Kanapi, the lecture-seminar supports CSU's institutional goal of achieving Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM) Level II accreditation by strengthening recruitment, selection, and placement systems. 🌟



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CSU JOINS DBM R02 FY 2027 TECHNICAL BUDGET REVIEW, RANKS 2ND IN OVERALL PERFORMANCE



Cagayan State University (CSU), led by Officer-in-Charge President Arthur G. Ibanez, participated in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Technical Budget Hearing for State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in the region, conducted by the Department of Budget and Management Regional Office II via Zoom.

During the hearing, CSU presented its priority projects for FY 2027, particularly under its Higher Education and Research Programs. Discussions focused on the prioritization of these

projects within the available fiscal space, taking into account their implementation readiness and other key considerations in the evaluation of Tier 2 budget proposals.

Meanwhile, CSU was also recognized for its performance, ranking second overall in the FY 2025 physical and financial performance evaluation. The recognition highlights the University's consistent efforts in efficient fund utilization and effective program implementation. 🌟

43rd STUDENT CONGRESS OPENS WITH CALLS FOR PURPOSE-DRIVEN LEADERSHIP



Bannering the theme “Carrying the Legacy: 43 Years of Leadership in Service of Excellence,” the 43rd Student Congress officially opened on May 4, gathering student leaders and delegates for a four-day event centered on leadership, accountability, and service.

The opening activities began with a Eucharistic Mass presided over by Reverend Father Ranhilio Aquino, who challenged delegates to move away from recognition-driven leadership. He emphasized that doing what is right should not depend on rewards or admiration, but on conviction.

“Do it not for any reward... Do it not because you will be admired... Do it because the Gospel says so today,” he said.

The program formally opened with the parade of delegates, where representatives from nine

campuses showcased their yells and uniforms, highlighting both diversity and unity among participating institutions.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, represented by Dir. Lirio Guduna C. Mangawil, anchored leadership on impact, reminding delegates that their roles extend beyond campus activities. She emphasized that leadership should improve the lives of others and contribute to society, urging student leaders to see themselves as part of a larger system.

She also pointed to current challenges—including uncertainty and changing systems—stressing the need for student leaders to adapt and take initiative in responding to these realities.

Officer-In-Charge University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez followed with a message on accountability in

decision-making, stressing that leadership is not about conforming to the majority.

“In every decision-making, be sure that you have enough information... You may not be with the majority—you may be with the minority—but it’s okay to make decisions as long as you do things right,” he said.

Student Regent Kyle Arron Tan, who led the formal opening of the congress, challenged delegates to go beyond participation and reflect on the kind of leadership they represent. He urged student leaders to think about how they are perceived across institutions, emphasizing that leadership should be defined not by activities, but by values.

The symbolic lighting of the torch followed, representing leadership as a guiding force rooted in service. A solidarity dance reinforced unity among delegates before the program

transitioned into the evening.

Daryl Buemio, a delegate from Lasam, described his experience on day zero, noting that the host campus is welcoming and supportive, and that among the activities, the torch lighting stood out the most.

“Makikita mo doon yung spirit of unity—lahat ng student leaders nag-gather,” he said.

Buemio also shared that he hopes to gain insights from the congress that he can bring back to his campus.

“Sana maraming matutunan kami as student leaders and ma-apply namin sa campuses namin,” he added.

The congress featured plenary sessions, team-building activities, and the election of a new set of USCF officers—aimed at strengthening leadership skills and fostering collaboration among student leaders. 🇵🇭

CSU LASAM AND SSS INK AGREEMENT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE OF PERSONNEL



The Cagayan State University–Lasam Campus and Social Security System (SSS) formalized a Memorandum of Agreement to extend social security coverage to Contract of Service (COS) and Job Order (JO) personnel, April 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Republic Act

No. 11199, the agreement ensures that qualified personnel are covered under the SSS Self-Employed Program, granting protection against contingencies such as sickness, maternity, disability, old age, and death.

Under the agreement, CSU Lasam Campus shall facilitate registration, contribution

collection, and remittance, while SSS shall provide registration, monitoring, and support services, including seminars and UMID enrollment.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Vic Byron T. Fernandez, Vice President of Luzon North 2 Division, and Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, Officer-In-

Charge President, witnessed by Vice President for Finance & Administration Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, CSU Lasam Campus Executive Officer Dr. Florante M. Balatico, and Campus Accountant Ms. Alice C. Bassig.

FIRST QUARTER PHYSICAL, FINANCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS HIGHLIGHTED IN PERFORMANCE REVIEW



The 2026 First Quarter Physical and Financial Performance Review initiated by the University Planning and Development Office headed by the UPDO Director Dr. Ian Roger M. Francisco, was held on April 15, 2026 at the OP Conference Room, marking a critical juncture for Cagayan State University as it rigorously evaluated its progress for the first three months of the year.

This comprehensive session was far more than a routine meeting; it served as a strategic “pulse check” to ensure that every administrative and academic move aligns with the university’s mission of global excellence and social responsibility.

Under the leadership of Arthur G. Ibañez, PhD, OIC-

University President, the activity fostered a culture of radical transparency, where the transition from morning protocols to intensive campus presentations highlights a collective commitment to accountability and data-driven growth.

The heart of the review lay in the detailed reporting of planning officers, budget officers and accountants from nine distinct campuses--Solana-Lara, Sanchez Mira, Gonzaga, Lasam, Aparri, Piat, Lallo, Carig, and Andrews--each laying out their physical and financial accomplishments.

These reports were subjected to the keen scrutiny of a high-level Panel of Reactors/Reviewers, a diverse group of experts including Dr. Mariden V. Cavilan (VPAA), Dr. Theresa B.

Dimalanta (VPAF), Engr. Audy R. Quebral (VPRDE), represented by Dr. Charmie S. Calvo and Dr. Ana Marie Cristina C. Cauilan (VIPRM), represented by Dr. Kristinne Joyce A. Lara, alongside university directors and specialists in instruction, quality assurance, research, development and extension, and administration and finance. This panel acted as a “critical friend,” offering the necessary friction to turn raw data into actionable insights that will refine the university’s trajectory for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The importance of this activity cannot be overstated, as it allows the university to identify bottlenecks and implement course corrections in real-time rather than waiting for year-end evaluations. By reconciling Performance-Based

Bonus-General Appropriations Act) (PBB-GAA) physical and financial targets with actual accomplishments, CSU ensures that it remains a faithful steward of public funds while maintaining high standards of service delivery. This proactive approach bridges the gap between planning and execution, ensuring that the university’s vision is not just a statement on a wall, but a lived reality across all its campuses.

As the session concluded with a closing message from Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, the CSU community emerged with a clearer, more unified roadmap toward sustainable development and academic leadership.



CHED GRANTS COPC TO CSU UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Cagayan State University (CSU) has been granted Certificates of Program Compliance (COPC) by the Commission on Higher Education for selected undergraduate and graduate programs effective Academic Year 2026–2027.

The approval, conveyed through CHED Regional Office II and affirmed under CHED En

Banc Resolutions Nos. Ro37-2026 to Ro40-2026 includes the Bachelor of Science in Legal Management and Master of Business Administration (Academic Track) at CSU-Andrews Campus.

Also granted COPC are several graduate teacher education programs across CSU campuses: Master of Arts in Physical Education at Carig

Campus; Master of Arts in Education major in Educational Management at Sanchez Mira Campus; and at Andrews Campus, Doctor of Philosophy in Education major in Educational Management, Master of Arts in Education major in Filipino, Master of Arts in Education major in Technology Education Management, and Master of Science in Teaching major in

Physics. Meanwhile, Aparri Campus received approval for the Master of Arts in Education major in English.

The COPC issuance certifies that these programs meet CHED standards, strengthening the university's commitment to quality instruction and academic excellence. 🏆

CSU LASAM ORCHARD PROJECT TO SERVE AS RESEARCH HUB FOR CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRICULTURE

A 6,000-square-meter orchard established at CSU Lasam Campus is set to become a research hub for climate-resilient agriculture under the Campus Resilience, Environmental Enhancement, and Knowledge Systems Integration for Development (CREEKSIDE) Project, launched on April 14.

Campus Executive Officer Dr. Florante Victor M. Balatico emphasized that the initiative will provide agriculture students and faculty with a venue for studying fruit-bearing trees and

their adaptability to Cagayan's climate.

Initiated by Officer-In-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, the project advances research on how various fruit species can thrive under local environmental conditions, forming part of CSU's broader greening and sustainability agenda.

In his message, Dr. Ibañez acknowledged the challenges faced by the university in implementing large-scale programs, particularly due to budget constraints. Despite this, he expressed gratitude to

various partners who continue to support CSU through assistance, services, materials, and financial contributions, emphasizing the university's openness to collaboration with stakeholders who share its vision for sustainable development.

Plans are underway to expand the project to 50 hectares by June and 100 hectares by December, with support from the Department of Science and Technology through research funding.

Representing Mayor Dante Dexter A. Agatep Jr., Municipal Administrator Benefranco

Alvarez commended the initiative, describing it as a practical step toward both environmental sustainability and community development.

The orchard promotes climate-resilient agriculture while supporting key Sustainable Development Goals such as Zero Hunger and Climate Action.

Around 250 fruit-bearing trees, including durian, pomelo, santol, avocado, mangosteen, lansones, and guyabano, were planted during the ceremonial launch. 🌳



KADIWA: A PARTNERSHIP BORN FROM FARMERS' STORIES TAKES ROOT AT CSU



What began as a conversation with farmers in Sto. Niño has now grown into a meaningful partnership.

On April 13, 2026, Cagayan State University, together with the Department of Agriculture Region II and the Local Government of Sto. Niño, launched an initiative centered on DA's KADIWA marketing strategy at the Claude Andrews Convention Center.

Standing for "Katuwang sa Diwa at Gawa para sa Masaganang Ani at Mataas na Kita," the initiative aims to bridge the gap between local food producers and consumers.

During the program, Dr. Arvin Alonzo, CSU Andrews Campus Administrative Affairs Director, shared vivid accounts of farmers' struggles, stories of long days in the fields, rising costs, and harvests sold at prices too low to sustain their families.

These realities were witnessed firsthand by DA Undersecretary Cheryl Marie Natividad Caballero during her visit to the province. Moved by what she saw and heard, she, along with former CSU President and now member of the Board of Regents, Dr. Urdjah G. Alvarado, helped inspire a partnership aimed at creating real solutions.

In his message, Officer-In-

Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez emphasized that CSU's mission extends beyond academics. "We are here to stand with our farmers," he said, committing the university to programs that bridge the gap between producers and markets.

The Department of Agriculture Region II, through Regional Executive Director Rose Mary G. Aquino, expressed strong support for the initiative and commended the leadership of CSU.

Director Aquino highlighted that this partnership marks a milestone, noting that CSU is the first State University and College (SUC) in Region II to

implement such initiative under KADIWA.

She further underscored DA's willingness to support CSU through access to KADIWA trucks, which can help transport and market agricultural produce from farmer groups and associations supported by the university's research, development, and extension programs.

Beyond its formal launch, the event signified a shared promise, to turn empathy into action and create opportunities for farmers to thrive.

Meanwhile, similar initiative has also been launched at the CSU Carig Campus. 🌱

CSU RECEIVES ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFICATION VALID UNTIL DECEMBER 2028

Cagayan State University (CSU) has officially received its ISO 9001:2015 certification from TÜV NORD Philippines, Inc. on April 13, 2026.

Encompassing all CSU campuses, the certification is valid until December 1, 2028. It was granted following a rigorous audit, assessment, and certification process conducted in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 standards.

The certification covers CSU's core operations, including the design, development, and delivery of tertiary and advanced higher education, alongside its frontline and support services.

The certificate was formally awarded by Mr. Daniel Demition, Sales and marketing assistant of TÜV NORD Philippines, Inc., to CSU Officer-in-Charge President Arthur G. Ibañez. 🌱



CSU AT 48: SETTING THE BAR HIGH



At Cagayan State University excellence is the culture.

I can still remember when I first walked through the gigantic arc of Cagayan State University-Carig Campus and as a wide-eyed freshman, my goals felt simple. The campus revealed a road ahead stretched out into an uncertain future. But today, as I stand in the middle of the crowded CSU-Carig field as a fourth-year student, I am watching the university's ultimate purpose come to life.

The air carries the hymn of university marking its 48th year. Looking across the pavilions of Research, Development, and Extension (RDE) Innovation Showcase, the transformation feels personal. For nearly four years of staying in the institution, I have seen the evolution firsthand, witnessing the living embodiment of Ad Optimum Educans—our mantra that promises nothing less than “Educating for the best.” At 48, CSU stands fortified—unwavering in its legacy,

resilient through change, and fiercely ready for the future.

Driven by Innovation

The anniversary festivities officially came to life with a grand walk from the Andrews Campus to Carig. While the energy was high all morning, what truly caught my attention was the incredible sense of unity on display. Seeing all nine campuses of the CSU system marching together, side by side under one banner, was a powerful sight. It was a massive, synchronized celebration of a single, unified university family.

Right at the united crowd, the energy peaked as the procession was proudly led by CSU's very own, locally developed electric vehicles.

It served as a tangible reminder that in less than a decade, the institution has transitioned from a traditional academic setting into a high-tech innovation hub capable of engineering its own green transport solutions.

Academic Mastery

“At CSU, we don't just reach

for the standard; we define it.”

These words from one of my professors perfectly capture the mindset driving CSU's academic journey.

During my stay here, I have watched our peers consistently top national board examinations in medicine, engineering, respiratory therapy, and teacher education. Seeing CSU at the very peak of national rankings has completely rewritten our collective mindset. The academic foundation is now FORTY-fied, built on a string of consistent victories.

Developing Research and Beyond

CSU's influence now benchmarks the nation, largely driven by the establishment of the country's first DOST-funded Electromobility Research and Development Center (EMRDC) on university.

The administration has pioneered the design of energy-efficient e-Trikes and “C-Trikes” (converted electric tricycles) as sustainable, zero-emission solutions for public transport.

These breakthroughs are no longer confined to the lab; the university has successfully commercialized its patented electric conversion kits and forged national partnerships to build training centers beyond the region. By leading the transition toward green electromobility, CSU proves that its research is a powerful engine for both environmental sustainability and economic growth.

As the festivities of the 48th anniversary wind down, the university finds itself at a new threshold. CSU has moved past its “comfortable avenue,” stretching its reach far beyond the Cagayan province to wherever global opportunity lies.

From every topped board exam to pioneering breakthroughs, each milestone is a deliberate step in a 48-year journey to gold.

At 48, CSU isn't just following the path of excellence—it is setting the bar high for everyone. 🏆

CSU AT 48 CONCLUDES WITH STATE OF UNIVERSITY ADDRESS AND MAGPASIKAT TALENT EXHIBITION



Cagayan State University culminated its 48th Founding Anniversary Celebration on June 11, 2026, with the presentation of the University's Way Forward and the highly anticipated Magpasikat Talent Exhibition, bringing together employees, officials, and stakeholders from across the CSU System.

During the culminating program, Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez delivered a comprehensive State of the University and Way Forward Address, highlighting CSU's accomplishments over the past three years and outlining the University's strategic priorities for 2026 and beyond.

Dr. Ibañez emphasized that the University's achievements are the result of the collective efforts of its students, faculty, staff, alumni, partners, and stakeholders.

"The Journey to Gold continues," he said, reiterating CSU's commitment to becoming

a globally competitive, future-ready, and socially responsive institution.

Among the University's priorities are sustaining top performance in licensure examinations, expanding ETEEAP and micro-credentialing programs, advancing distance education, strengthening international accreditations and global rankings, enhancing faculty development and regularization, activating new research centers, expanding electromobility initiatives, advancing sustainability programs, and strengthening international partnerships and resource generation.

He likewise highlighted major infrastructure and development plans, including the establishment of the University Sports Complex at CSU Lal-lo Campus, the Coffee Shop Project at CSU Piat Campus, the continued implementation of the 45,000 Trees Project, and the

development of a 100-hectare orchard program.

The address also stressed CSU's efforts to support legislative initiatives seeking the conversion of Baggao, Buguey, and Calayan extension campuses into regular campuses.

Meanwhile, the university, through Dr. Ian Roger M. Francisco, university director of UPDO, also announced the results of Panaddaman: The Journey of CSU Toward Gold, a memorabilia competition celebrating the institution's rich history and legacy.

The initiative serves as the first step toward the establishment of the proposed CSU Heritage Corner, which will officially open during the University's Golden Anniversary Celebration in 2028 at CSU-Carig Campus.

In her message, Vice President for Administration and Finance Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta reminded the CSU

community that the Journey to Gold is a continuous pursuit of excellence, encouraging everyone to uplift one another, embrace opportunities for growth, and work together toward even greater milestones for the University.

The anniversary celebration concluded with the Magpasikat Talent Exhibition, where employees from the different campuses and the Central Administration showcased their talents through performances in music, dance, and theater.

Emerging as Champion was CSU Lal-lo Campus, followed by CSU Central Administration as First Runner-Up and CSU Aparri Campus as Second Runner-Up.

The 48th Founding Anniversary celebration carried the theme of honoring CSU's legacy while advancing its vision of excellence, innovation, sustainability, and service as it continues its Journey to Gold toward its Golden Anniversary in 2028. 🏆

