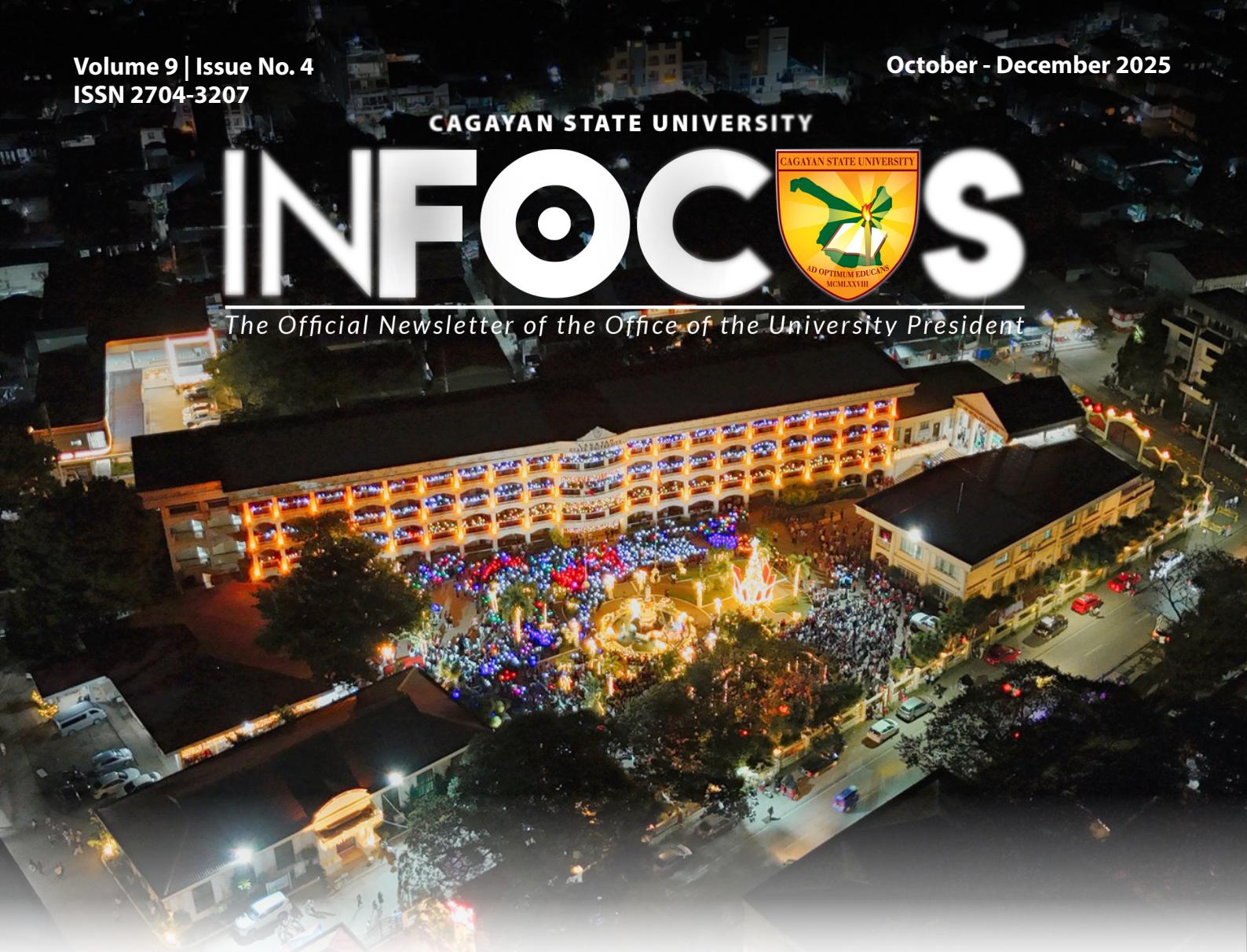


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"RANIAG. LAWAG. LIWANAG. LIGHT. IT SYMBOLIZES HOPE, DIRECTION, ACHIEVEMENT, AND PERSEVERANCE" - OIC PRESIDENT IBAÑEZ

The Cagayan State University (CSU) community illuminated the Athena Grounds with vibrant lights and festive spirit during the official opening of Raniag ti CSU 2025, held at the CSU Andrews Campus on December 2.

The event started with a stunning display of brightness and hues through the Lantern Parade competition. With a route across the city, each campus incorporated their respective niche programs to the lighting installations, showcasing innovation and creativity.

Festivities ensued as the students filled the Athena

Grounds and welcomed the lanterns of resilience and achievements with their own array of lights and colors, with a thanksgiving prayer led by University Chaplain Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino, followed by the Christmas message by OIC University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez.

"As we open this celebration with the Christmas Tree lighting, may we be reminded of Cagayan State University as the source of light—consistently and purposefully radiating for our students, our employees, and our community. CSU is the light that shines for the students standing into higher education." President Ibanez highlighted the university's

role in light of the holiday spirit.

Raniag, an Ilocano word that translates to "light", is exemplified by the CSU community, embodying its motto—Ad astra per aspera [To the stars through hardships].

The OIC University President, accompanied by CSU officials, campus executive officers, faculty and staff, and other distinguished guests, commenced the countdown and lighting ceremony, followed by a captivating performance titled "Thousand Voices" by CSU Andrews Basic PE Students.

Subsequently, CSU Andrews officials and faculty

members showcased their talents with a spirited "Dance of Joy."

The event concluded with the announcement of the winners in the lantern parade competition: CSU Piat campus emerged victorious, followed by Carig campus and Lallo campus, who secured second and third place, respectively. 🎉



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 CAPS 2025 WITH YEAR-END PERFORMANCE REVIEW, PRESIDENT'S REPORT, AND SAYAWITAN



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Cagayan State University (CSU) concluded the year with a comprehensive presentation of institutional accomplishments during its Year-End Performance Review, held on December 22, 2025, at the CSU Carig Campus Red Eagle Gymnasium.

All University Vice Presidents and Campus Executive Officers from the university's nine campuses presented their respective accomplishments through audio-visual reports,

highlighting progress across key functional areas. The presentations reflected CSU's sustained growth in instruction, administration and finance, research and development, extension services, internationalization, partnerships, and resource mobilization.

Meanwhile, the 2025 President's Report showcased the collective milestones of CSU, aligned with Ambisyon Natin 2040, the Cagayan Valley Development Plan 2024–2028, and the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs). The report emphasized how CSU continues to lead with vision and action amid the growing demands of higher education—remaining relevant, inclusive, and community-oriented.

The report underscored that the gains achieved in 2025 were the result of shared leadership and coordinated efforts across campuses, academic units, and support offices.

Adding a festive and celebratory close to the

program was the annual Sayawitan, where faculty and staff across campuses and central administration showcased singing and dance performances inspired by Filipino Christmas traditions and their chosen SDGs.

CSU Sanchez Mira Campus emerged as champion, winning ₱50,000, followed by Gonzaga Campus with ₱30,000, and Andrews Campus with ₱20,000. The remaining teams received ₱10,000 consolation prizes.



CSU HOLDS 2025 INTERNATIONAL TVET CONFERENCE; WELCOMES DELEGATES ACROSS 14 COUNTRIES



Cagayan State University (CSU) officially opened the 2025 International Conference on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) at the Claude Andrews Convention Center on October 30.

With the theme "Global Landscape: Aligning TVET and Industry for Sustainable Development," the two-day event gathered delegates from 14 countries, including the Philippines, and 44 participants from various institutions across the country.

In her welcome address, Andrews Campus CEO Atty. Carla Marie Sumigad recognized the conference as a vital platform for exchanging ideas, sharing best practices, and building partnerships that go beyond borders, adding that collective vision and collaboration are essential to aligning education with industry needs.

"This conference provides a platform for exchanging ideas, sharing best practices, and fostering partnerships that transcend borders," she said.

In addition, Engr. Roger Rumpon, CEO of CSU-Carig Campus, affirmed the university's commitment to forge inclusive partnerships toward the achievement

of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He also urged participants to work collectively in developing TVET curricula that respond to global workforce demands.

"Let us explore ways to strengthen the vital alliance that reinforces the critical education-to-employment transition and to craft and facilitate a harmonized global credential recognition," he stressed.

Moreover, CSU Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur Ibañez underscored the vision behind the international conference, saying it was founded on the belief that education rooted in skills, inclusivity, and innovation can uplift lives and build resilient communities.

He stressed that academic institutions must continuously modernize their programs and align them with emerging technologies to make learning more experiential and industry-driven.

"Here at CSU, our own TVET programs embody the same spirit across our campuses. We offer skills-based programs in partnership with TESDA Region II. These programs open doors to employment and empower communities in the region," he added.

Over the next two days, Dr. Ibañez shared, the conference will focus on four key themes that define the future of technical and vocational education and training.

"This is part of our continuing pursuit of academic excellence, global engagement, and social responsibility. Through partnerships like this, we strengthen our commitment to quality assurance, innovation, and lifelong learning," Dr. Ibañez highlighted.

Delivering his keynote address, Professor Dr. Suresh Kumar Dhameja, Director General of the Colombo Plan Staff College, highlighted the growing global relevance of TVET. He observed that while automation and artificial intelligence (AI) continue to reshape industries, skilled professionals remain indispensable.

"AI may replace the technicians, but AI cannot replace skilled people," Dr. Dhameja said, noting that in many parts of the world, TVET graduates are already earning more than traditional degree holders, a trend expected to accelerate in the years ahead.

He also emphasized the shift toward hybrid and learner-centered education, which empowers students

to take ownership of their learning even beyond formal schooling.

"We need to move from a teacher-led to a learner-led orientation, which is vital for the students of the future," he explained.

Dr. Dhameja further highlighted the need for stronger collaboration between academia and industry to produce graduates ready to meet the evolving demands of automation, AI, and the green economy.

"TVET plays a critical role in developing a workforce capable of supporting the green economy, turning environmental responsibility into economic opportunity," he added.

The two-day conference brings together international experts, educators, and policymakers in the TVET sector to exchange best practices and address emerging challenges in the field.

With international cooperation now underway, the event is expected to generate actionable outcomes, including joint research projects, student and faculty exchanges, and resource-sharing initiatives, all aimed at enhancing TVET effectiveness in the Philippines and beyond. 🏛

CSU OPENS 2025 NEXUS SUMMIT, WELCOMES GLOBAL PARTNERS FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



Tuguegarao City, Cagayan — Anchored on the theme, "Futures Thinking in Action: Integrating Science, Culture, and Innovation for Sustainable Development", Cagayan State University (CSU) formally commenced the 2025 Nexus Summit, ushering in a three-day international convening at the CSU–Andrews Campus in Tuguegarao City.

Distinguished speakers and delegates from Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Thailand, and Taiwan, alongside representatives from numerous State Universities and Colleges across the Philippines, were warmly welcomed as CSU positioned the Cagayan Valley region as a rising hub for global academic collaboration.

CSU Andrews Campus Executive Officer Atty. Carla Marie L. Sumigad underscored the importance of unity and forward-looking partnerships. "This gathering serves as a call to action... [that] challenges each of us to share knowledge, test solutions, and build partnerships that can produce real impact," she said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ana Marie Cristina C. Caulan, Vice President for Internationalization, Partnership, and Resource Mobilization, highlighted the years of groundwork that paved the way for this milestone event.

"The Nexus Summit was not created overnight; it is a product of long-term,

meaningful relationships with our foreign higher education institution partners," she explained, noting that CSU envisioned "a different kind of conference — one that embodies CSU's vision of bringing internationalization to the countryside and a platform where global perspectives would meet local realities."

Dr. Kristinne Joyce A. Lara, Director for Internationalization, facilitated the presentation of participants representing partner institutions across Asia, symbolizing CSU's expanding global network.

In his President's Address, Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, OIC of the Office of the University President, situated the summit within CSU's broader academic agenda.

"The Nexus Summit is not an isolated undertaking. It is the natural progression of our internationalization efforts and the expansion of the red, blue, and green sustainable development goals interdisciplinary frameworks launched in 2024," he noted.

Representing CHED Regional Director Dr. Julieta M. Paras, Internationalization Focal Person Ms. Jocelyn Carag emphasized the urgent need for ASEAN cooperation

"In ASEAN, collaboration is not just a strategy—it is a survival skill," she said, pointing out that issues such as climate change, food security, and social equity cross borders "as freely as ASEAN tourists using this free entry."

She added that by weaving science, culture, and innovation together, communities can build pathways that turn insights into action and action into lasting impact.

CHED Chairperson Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis delivered the keynote address, urging the academic community toward unity and shared purpose. "Development is not only about progress and productivity but also celebrating our heritage, strengthening community bonds, and illuminating stories that define who we are as a people," she said.

The opening day continued with plenary sessions featuring three key topics: "Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence" by Rev. Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino, SJD, Ph.D., Dean of the Graduate School of Law at San Beda University; "Philippine Medical Cannabis: Legal Shifts, Scientific Evidence, and Today's Landscape" by Inv. Richard Nixon Gomez, CNP, President of BauerTek Pharmaceutical Technologies Philippines;

"Herbal Innovations for Global Wellness: A Sustainable Cultural Heritage Approach" by Dr. Rosnani Hasham, Director of the Institute of Bioproduct Development at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

The 2025 Nexus Summit continues until December 4 featuring four breakout sessions: Life Sciences, Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food; Applied Sciences, Engineering, and Technology; Teacher Education and Human Kinetics; and Future Thinking towards Sustainable Development.

In addition, participants will join campus visits and cultural immersions in various CSU campuses, including Carig's innovation centers—EMRDC, MEIC, and FIC; Piat's dairy processing and production center; Lallo's coffee plantation and processing center alongside the LGU Lallo Citronella Project; Gonzaga's Bamboo Sanctuary and MABRIC Center; and Buguey Extension campus' Crab Hatchery. 🐚



CSU HOSTS CV-ACE LEADERSHIP FORUM AMID TYPHOON PAOLO



Despite Signal No. 2 warnings brought by Typhoon Paolo, regional directors, career executives, CES eligibles, and aspirants from across the region gathered at Cagayan State University (CSU) Claude Andrews Convention Center for the Leadership Forum of the Cagayan Valley Association of Career Executives (CV-ACE).

With over 142 participants, the forum sought to strengthen leadership and promote inter-agency collaboration among regional executives, consistent with the government's thrust to advance the Whole-of-

Government approach.

In his welcome remarks, CSU OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez paid tribute to the university's past leaders, recognizing their visionary contributions that built the foundation of CSU's achievements today. He highlighted Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, CSU's former president and now CESB Chair, describing her as a true CESO who exemplifies excellence and leadership.

Dr. Ibañez also expressed gratitude to CESB and CV-ACE for choosing CSU as host of the forum, noting that it serves as a reminder of the shared responsibility to lead with integrity, serve with compassion, and collaborate

across agencies for the greater good.

He likewise congratulated the newly elected officers of CV-ACE, urging them to embody the highest ideals of leadership and inspire those they serve.

Civil Service Commissioner Atty. Luis Meirando C. Pañgulayan, ably represented by CESB Chair Alvarado, commended the achievements of CV-ACE in the region.

She lauded the group's role in selecting award-winning leaders for the Gawad CES, as well as its commitment to social missions in marginalized communities, especially in

times of disaster.

Meanwhile, the newly elected CV-ACE officers, with DENR Regional Executive Director Gwendolyn C. Bambalan as President, formally took their oath during the event.

The leadership forum also featured updates and discussions on Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions (ORAOHRA) for Executives and other CSC matters, the CES Journey and Board Policy, and Cyber Hygiene and Data Privacy for Leaders, equipping participants with vital knowledge for effective public service. ☩

CSU ALUMNI AND PERSONNEL GROUPS TURN OVER ₱266,000 IN DONATIONS FOR CALAYAN EXTENSION CAMPUS

Various alumni and personnel groups of Cagayan State University (CSU) turned over on October 3, a total of ₱266,000 in donations to CEO Rodel Francisco Alegado in support of the Calayan Extension Campus, one of the hardest hit by Typhoon Nando when it made landfall on September 23. The typhoon left campus facilities and surrounding communities in urgent need of assistance.

The donations came from different sectors of the CSU community, including Federated Alumni Associations of CSU, led by President and BOR

Member Atty. Carmelo Villacete – ₱100,000, Andrews Campus Alumni Association, headed by Dr. Nestor Ave – ₱20,000, CSU Administrative Personnel Association (APA), led by Ms. Monaliza Guzman – ₱36,000, Carig Alumni Association, led by Engr. Audy Quebral – ₱100,000, and Gonzaga Alumni Association, headed by Dr. Louie Sunico – ₱10,000 contribution included in the collective donation.

In addition, the Andrews Campus Alumni Association also extended ₱20,000 in aid to Barangay Babuyan Claro, one of the most severely devastated barangays in Calayan Island. ☩



CSU CONDUCTS TRAINING-WORKSHOP ON PEDAGOGY, ASSESSMENT METHODS, AND TEST CONSTRUCTION IN OBE FRAMEWORK

To strengthen faculty competence in Outcome-Based Education (OBE), Cagayan State University conducted a Two-Day Training-Workshop on Pedagogy, Assessment Methods, and Test Construction in the OBE Framework on October 2–3, 2025.

The activity aimed to equip non-education graduates and new faculty members with essential knowledge and practical skills in teaching, assessment, and test construction aligned with OBE principles.

On the first day, Dr. Princess Zarla Raguindin and Dr. Alvin B. Barcelona of the

Philippine Normal University facilitated sessions on the Basic Concepts and Principles of Assessment and the Table of Specifications, and led workshops on test construction and processing of outputs.

The second day featured lectures on Scoring Rubrics, Constructive Alignment as the Core of OBE, and Student-Centered Pedagogies, led by Dr. Raguindin and Dr. Ferdinand B. Bulusan of Isabela State University. Participants actively engaged in workshops that applied the concepts discussed.

The training-workshop successfully enhanced the participants' capability to design outcome-based

assessments and adopt student-centered teaching approaches, contributing to the continuous improvement of instruction and learning outcomes at CSU.

The activity was a joint

initiative of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, headed by Dr. Mariden V. Caulan, and the Office of the Director of Instruction, led by Dr. Lirio Gudina C. Mangawil. 🏛



TUGUEGARAO CITY HONORS CSU FOR NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN EDUCATION AND GOVERNANCE

Tuguegarao City — The City Government of Tuguegarao has passed three separate resolutions commending Cagayan State University (CSU) for its outstanding achievements in academic excellence and public service accountability.

During the 9th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod held on August 26, 2025, the City Council approved City Resolution No.

82-10-2025, commending CSU for producing the Seventh Placer (National Topnotcher) in the August 2025 Medical Technologists Licensure Examination.

Likewise, CSU was commended for being the Top 6 Performing School in the September 2025 Librarians Computer-Based Licensure Examination.

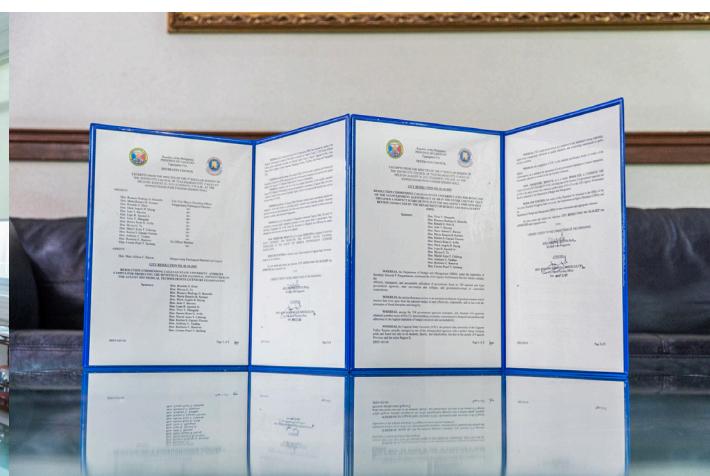
The resolution recognized the exemplary performance of CSU

graduates as a reflection of the university's commitment to quality education and the pursuit of global competitiveness through excellent instruction, innovative research, and responsive community engagement.

In the same session, the Council also approved City Resolution No. 83-10-2025, commending CSU for being one of only 14 government agencies out

of 308 nationwide to obtain a perfect score of 5 in the 2024 Agency Performance Review conducted by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

The review assessed transparency, efficiency, and fiscal discipline in government institutions, recognizing CSU's sound financial management and adherence to the highest standards of accountability and good governance. 🏛



CTED OPENS NEW OFFICE FACILITIES AT CSU ANDREWS ATHENA BUILDING

The Cagayan State University - College of Teacher Education (CTED) officially opened its new office facilities on October 8, 2025, located on the second floor, right wing of the Athena Building. The new offices provide wider and more functional spaces designed to enhance administrative efficiency and faculty operations.

Dr. Chita G. Ramos, Dean of CTED, expressed optimism that the new

offices will inspire continued excellence and growth. "This marks not just the renewal of our physical space but also a fresh beginning for our college," she said.

Campus Executive Officer Atty. Carla Marie L. Sumigad thanked the central administration for its consistent support, saying, "These new offices would not have been possible without the leadership and assistance of our OIC President and vice presidents."

In his message, Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez reiterated the administration's commitment to support all colleges and offices, emphasizing that "it is the duty of the central administration to provide for your needs," adding that every effort of the university is ultimately directed toward the welfare and development of students.

Former University President Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, who also graced the event, commended the

administration's strategic leadership and its capacity to transform ideas into meaningful initiatives.

The inauguration was attended by OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, Vice President for Finance and Administration Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, former University President Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, and CEO Atty. Carla Marie L. Sumigad. 🎉



GATE 4: ENHANCING CAMPUS ACCESSIBILITY AND TRAFFIC FLOW

Cagayan State University (CSU) Andrews officially inaugurates Gate 4, a new access point designed to improve traffic flow and ensure smoother entry during the upcoming November and December campus activities.

Funded through the Campus Fund, this newly opened access point strengthens CSU's commitment to creating a safer and more efficient environment for students, employees, and visitors. 🎉



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CSU SECURES IMPROVED PBB 2023 FINAL SCORE FOLLOWING AO25 IATF DECISION; EMPLOYEES TO GET 6.5% ADDITIONAL PAY

The Inter-Agency Task Force on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring, Information, and Reporting Systems (IATF-HNGPMIRS) has approved Cagayan State University's (CSU) appeal regarding its final eligibility assessment for the 2023 Performance-Based Bonus (PBB) cycle.

In a letter, Budget and Management Assistant Secretary Leonido J. Pulido III, chair of the AO 25 – IATF Technical Working Group, informed CSU Officer-In-Charge Dr. Arthur G. Ibanez that, after revalidation and reassessment by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), the university's score was improved.

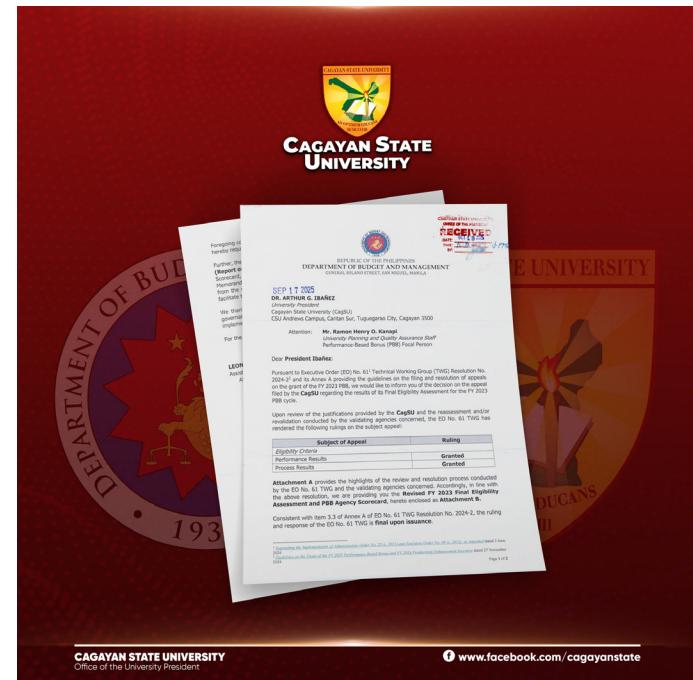
As a result, CSU's total points increased from 70 to 80, earning an additional 10 points. Under the PBB 2023 guidelines, an institution with 80 points is eligible for a bonus equivalent to 52% of its employees' monthly basic salary.

Initially, CSU was approved in January to release funds for 45.5% of employees' basic salaries, based on a 70-point score. With this latest development, employees now have the opportunity to receive an additional 6.5%, reflecting the higher score.

To qualify for the PBB, institutions must score at least 70 out of 100 points and achieve a rating of 4 or higher in at least three of the four accountability dimensions, according to the PBB Scoring System.

The revised final eligibility assessment of CSU for Fiscal Year PBB 2023 is available on

the university's Transparency Seal at www.csu.edu.ph.



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CSU OIC PRESIDENT IBAÑEZ JOINS SUCs IN STRENGTHENING AGRI-AQUA INNOVATION THROUGH RAISE COMMITMENT

Cagayan State University (CSU) OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez joined other State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in the region for the signing of the Regional Agri-Aqua Innovation System Enhancement (RAISE) Wall of Commitment during the opening program of the RAISE Summit Week on October 13, 2025, at Hotel Casiana, Tagaytay City,

Cavite.

The activity is part of the DOST-PCAARRD National RAISE Program, which brings together 94 State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Research and Development Institutes (RDIs) from 15 regions across the country.

Anchored on the theme "Building Bridges through ALIGNment, CONNECTION, and SYNChronization for Agri-Aqua Innovation," the summit provides a venue for

knowledge sharing, policy discussions, and collaborative solution-building in the agriculture and aquaculture sectors.

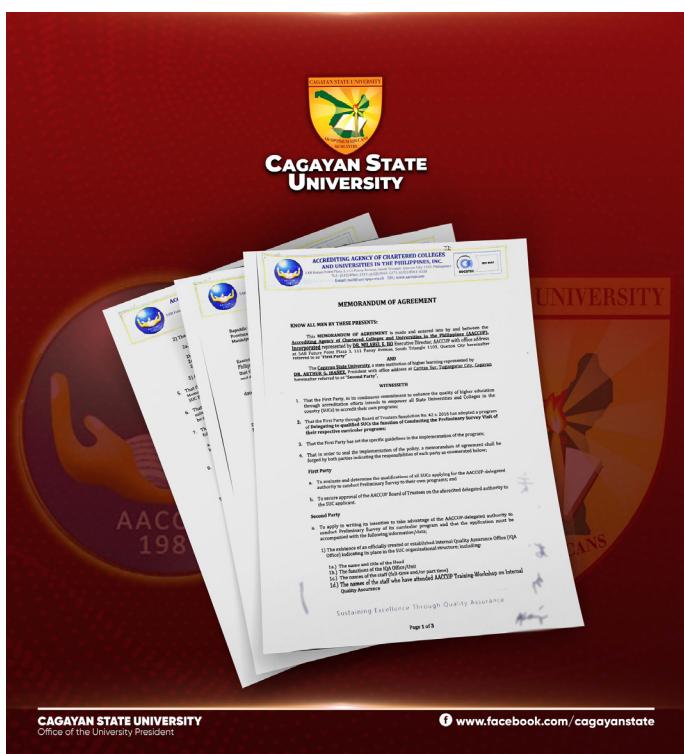
The week-long summit features interactive sessions, exhibits, and innovation showcases designed to accelerate science-based innovations, promote community-led practices, and strengthen partnerships for inclusive and sustainable development in the agri-aqua

value chain.

An Agri-Aqua Technology Business Incubation Conference will follow on October 14, 2025, highlighting the role of higher education institutions in innovation, technology transfer, and commercialization initiatives within the agriculture, aquatic, and natural resources (AANR) sector.



CSU INKS AGREEMENT WITH AACCUP TO CONDUCT INTERNAL ACCREDITATION SURVEYS



capacity for sustainable quality development.

As part of the agreement, CSU will maintain a fully established Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) Office responsible for managing accreditation processes, training internal accreditors, and ensuring compliance with national quality standards.

The University will also adopt AACCUP's official instruments, rating system, and reporting formats in its internal evaluations.

Results of CSU's internal Preliminary Surveys will be reviewed and validated by AACCUP for approval and conferment of Candidate Status, and subsequently endorsed to the National Network of Quality Assurance Agencies (NNQAA) for certification. 🏫

20 CSU FACULTY AND STUDENTS COMPLETE PDOS, RECEIVE TRAVEL AUTHORITY FOR MALAYSIA CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Twenty faculty members and students from Cagayan State University have successfully completed the Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar and were subsequently issued their Authority to Travel on October 17, 2025, as part of their preparation for the UiTM Cultural Exchange Program in Malaysia.

Conducted by the

Office of the Vice President for Internationalization, Partnership and Resource Mobilization, the PDOS oriented delegates on safety and security measures, cultural and social adaptation, UiTM policies, the CSU Code of Conduct Abroad and legal and risk management guidelines. Participants also accomplished and submitted all required travel documents

as part of the University's compliance and due diligence process.

The Authority to Travel, signed by OIC University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, formally endorses the participation of the CSU delegation in the international program, affirming the University's commitment to student and faculty mobility under its internationalization

framework.

Through programs like this, CSU continues to strengthen its internationalization efforts in support of the ACHIEVE Agenda of CHED Chairperson Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, reaffirming the University's commitment to internationalization through faculty and student mobility. 🏫

CSU HOLDS CONSULTATION ON LOCALIZING SDGs WITH PARTNERS, STAKEHOLDERS

Cagayan State University (CSU) conducted a consultation session with its adopted communities, civil society

organizations, local government units, and other stakeholders on October 13, 2025, via Zoom, as part of its continuing efforts to localize the United Nations

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In his message, OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez acknowledged Dr. Gigid T. Battung, Dean of the College of Business, Entrepreneurship, and Accountancy, for her significant role in CSU's inclusion in the United Nations Localization Network.

Dr. Ibañez highlighted that the consultation serves as an important step in defining the university's path toward sustainable local action, emphasizing that the "experiences, challenges, and solutions will help define what local climate action and social development truly mean in our community."

Meanwhile, Dr. Battung explained that CSU's participation in the UN Localization Network opens opportunities for the

university to seek greater support from the United Nations in expanding its community services and contributing to the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The consultation involved nine CSU campuses, each conducting parallel sessions with their respective adopted communities and partner sectors to gather insights and recommendations for strengthening local climate action and social development initiatives.

The said initiative aligns with two upcoming international events, the World Summit for Social Development in Doha, Qatar, and the 30th UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Belém, Brazil, where CSU will present its sustainability programs rooted in local partnerships and community-driven initiatives. 🏛



CSU LEADS AWARENESS DRIVE ON INCLUSIVITY, RIGHTS, AND MENTAL HEALTH

In celebration of Mental Health Awareness Month, Cagayan State University (CSU), through the Guidance and Counseling Center, spearheaded "Accepting and Celebrating Uniqueness: Sharing Our Grand, Untold Stories" on October 20, 2025, at the Claude Andrews Convention Center.

Welcomed by the Rondalla, the activity gathered students from all CSU campuses, including Persons with Disabilities

(PWDs), Indigenous Peoples (IPs), solo parent students, and dependents of solo parents, for a day of learning, empowerment, and celebration of individuality.

OIC President Arthur G. Ibañez emphasized in his message that the university ensures both students and employees receive the services they need, especially in matters concerning their mental health. He added that CSU is committed to providing the necessary support to help them cope

with their challenges, particularly those related to mental well-being.

Experts from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) shared insights on breaking barriers, recognizing the rights of PWDs, solo parents, and IPs, understanding CHED's support services,

and exploring scholarship opportunities for marginalized learners.

Adding color and creativity to the event, students showcased their talents through the Festival of Talents, featuring storytelling, drawing, and a TikTok challenge, each performance echoing the day's theme of self-expression, resilience, and acceptance. 🎉



CAHS BUILDING: ELEVATING ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION

The inauguration and blessing of the new College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS) Building, an infrastructure designed to enhance both practical and theoretical training in the health sciences, also took place. Equipped with modern

classrooms and laboratories, the facility is intended to provide high-quality training for future healthcare professionals.

This development was made possible through the visionary leadership and collaborative efforts of Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, former

University President and now Member of the Board of Regents, Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino, former Vice President for Administration and Finance, Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta and Mr. Ramon Henry O. Kanapi, former Campus Chief Executive Officers and the current CEO

Atty. Carla Marie L. Sumigad.

The construction of the CAHS Building was funded by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) through the General Appropriations Act (GAA). 



STUDENT CENTER: A SPACE FOR LEARNING AND COLLABORATION

Blessed earlier today, the first floor of the CSU–Andrews Campus Student Center is now open for use, offering students a conducive space for learning, academic

collaboration, and co-curricular engagement.

The inauguration of the entire facility will follow upon the completion of the second floor, which has already secured funding. The project

was made possible through the generous support of CSU Board of Regents Member and Congressman Joseph "Jojo" Lasam Lara, who was represented during the ceremony by Atty. William Babaran.

CSU expressed its sincere gratitude to Congressman Lara for his unwavering support in championing student welfare and development. 



CSU PARTNERS WITH DOST, TESDA IX TO POWER SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT IN ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE



Tuguegarao City — Cagayan State University (CSU) has forged a tripartite partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region IX and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Region IX for the establishment of the country's first C-Trike Kit Developer and Training Center in Zamboanga del Norte.

Through its Electromobility Research and Development Center (eMRDC), CSU developed a specialized conversion kit that transforms conventional tricycles into electric-powered C-Trikes, specifically designed for the tricycle models of Zamboanga del

Norte.

This innovation, part of the project "FASTRAC Lite: Development and Validation of the Improved Cost-effective Electric Kits for the Conversion of Conventional Tricycle to eTrike," will now be expanded through the creation of the Zamboanga del Norte Training Center, CSU's first satellite hub outside Region II dedicated to C-Trike fabrication, assembly, and training.

Under the agreement, CSU serves as the technology generator of the patented C-Trike conversion kit, while TESDA Region IX will act as the licensee, responsible for developing and training local fabricators and installers. DOST Region IX will function as the facilitating partner,

providing technical support, monitoring, and promotion of the technology across the Zamboanga Peninsula.

TESDA IX Acting Regional Director Engr. Alan C. Bacatan described the partnership as "a significant milestone not only for Zamboanga del Norte but for the entire Zamboanga Peninsula," highlighting the establishment of the center at the Dipolog School of Fisheries as a symbol of innovation, sustainability, and collaboration.

Meanwhile, DOST IX OIC Regional Director Jennifer A. Pidor lauded CSU's dedication to practical technology development, calling the initiative "a livelihood boost, a climate action, and a proof of

concept rolled into one."

The Memorandum of Agreement was signed today, October 22, 2025, by CSU OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, DOST IX OIC Regional Director Jennifer A. Pidor, and TESDA IX Acting Regional Director Engr. Alan C. Bacatan. Witnessing the event were CSU Vice Presidents Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan and Dr. Ana Marie C. Cauilan, University Technical Advisers Dr. Florentina S. Dumla and Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado (also a member of the CSU Board of Regents), along with DOST II Regional Director Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera and TESDA II Assistant Regional Director Genero Ronald C. Ibay. 🏹

CSU HOLDS "LAKASA" FORUM SHOWCASING INDIGENOUS RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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T he Cagayan State University, through the Knowledge and Technology Management and Publication Office (KTMP), in collaboration with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Region 02, conducted the "Lakasa" Forum, an online event that highlighted CSU's research and extension efforts dedicated to Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and their cultural heritage.

In his message, OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez highlighted the University's role in championing inclusivity and cultural preservation through education and

research. Director for Extension Dr. Josie Y. Basong and KTMP Director Dr. Gilbert C. Magulod, Jr. likewise emphasized the need to provide a space for indigenous voices, protect their heritage, and use science and technology to support sustainable development in indigenous communities.

The forum featured research presentations on topics such as traditional architectural practices, indigenous music and beliefs, and the use of native medicinal plants. CSU researchers also shared their extension initiatives focused on disaster preparedness, livelihood support, and

digital literacy programs designed to uplift and empower IP communities.

In her closing message, Ms. Danica Ibañez, Research Compliance and Management Specialist, reflected on the meaning of "Lakasa," an Ilocano term

that symbolizes a chest of treasures. "Ang 'lakasa' ay larawan ng yaman ng ating lahi—mga kwento, paniniwala, at karunungan dapat pangalagaan at ipagmalaki," she said, describing how indigenous heritage remains a vital part of the Filipino identity. 🏹



CAGAYAN VALLEY STARTUP WEEK 2025 KICKS OFF AT CSU, HIGHLIGHTS PARTNERSHIP WITH PCCI-CAGAYAN



The Cagayan Valley Startup Week (CVSW) 2025 officially opened on October 27, 2025 at the Cagayan State University–Claude Andrews Convention Center, gathering startups, MSMEs, entrepreneurs, government agencies, academic institutions, LGUs, investors, and development partners across the region.

Organized by the Synergetic, Innovative, and Agile (SINAG) Cagayan Valley Consortium, the three-day event carries the theme "Igniting Collaboration, Mapping Opportunities, and Transforming Cagayan Valley's Startup Landscape." It aims to strengthen the regional startup ecosystem through collaboration among the academe, industry, and

government sectors.

In his message, SINAG Chairperson and CSU OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez highlighted that innovation can flourish beyond urban centers. "Innovation does not only thrive in big cities, it must take root in rural communities," he said, emphasizing that Cagayan Valley's growing ecosystem proves that creativity and progress can begin at the grassroots.

CSU Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension and SINAG Director Dr. Junel B. Guzman echoed the message, noting that the region is working to "change the narrative" by empowering local innovators and providing opportunities in rural areas.

The opening day also featured a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing between SINAG Cagayan Valley and the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI)–Cagayan Chapter, formalizing a partnership to support startups and innovation-driven enterprises. A symbolic signing of commitment by delegates followed the ceremony.

First launched in 2021, SINAG Cagayan Valley continues to lead initiatives that recognize the vital role of local entrepreneurs in regional economic growth. This year's startup week focuses on building stronger stakeholder partnerships, aligning LGU policies, mapping the regional startup ecosystem, and advancing digital innovation in Cagayan Valley. 🏴



CSU AND PHILIPPINE ARMY INK PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Cagayan State University (CSU) and the 5th Infantry (STAR) Division of the Philippine Army formally signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to strengthen collaboration in promoting education, peace, and community development across Northern Luzon.

The agreement was signed on October 29, 2025 between CSU OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and Major General Gulliver L. Señires, Commander of the 5th Infantry Division, during a ceremony held at Camp Melchor F. Dela Cruz, Upi, Gamu, Isabela.

In his message, Dr. Ibañez expressed gratitude

to the 5th Infantry Division for the meaningful partnership, emphasizing CSU's continuing mission to produce competent and socially responsible graduates who contribute to peace and national development.

Maj. Gen. Señires, for his part, highlighted the significance of the partnership in promoting professional growth, leadership, and institutional advancement within the Philippine Army.

The signing was witnessed by Director Dionisio C. Ledres, Jr., Regional Director of the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development

(DepDev) and Member of the CSU Board of Regents, along with CEO Roger P. Rumpon, Dr. Mac Giovani Lagundi, Dr. Dennis Bacuyag, and Dr. Josephine Alejo and officers from the Philippine Army, who collectively expressed their strong support and appreciation for the

partnership.

The partnership highlights the shared commitment of both institutions to advance sustainable development, capacity building, and human resource empowerment through education-based initiatives. 🏴



CSU HOLDS EXECUTIVE PLANNING WORKSHOP EMPHASIZING A 10-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN ON FREE, QUALITY, AND INCLUSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION



To advance its development plan of providing accessible, inclusive, and quality higher education, Cagayan State University (CSU) held an Executive Planning Workshop on November 3, 2025, at Blue Coast Beach Hotel, Sta. Ana, Cagayan.

The workshop focused on key institutional initiatives aimed at expanding educational access and enhancing academic excellence, notably the proposal to establish the Calayan and Buguey Extension Sites as independent campuses and

the grant of fiscal stability to CSU Solana.

OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibanez led the discussions, joined by CSU Board of Regents Member Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, University Advisers Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino, and Dr. Florentina S. Dumla, along with university vice presidents, campus executive officers, the university planning director, and campus planning officers.

Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino, presented the legal considerations involved in converting Calayan and

Buguey into full-fledged campuses. On the other hand, VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Mariden V. Caulan, together with CEOs Dr. Rodel Francisco T. Alegado and Dr. Audy R. Quebral, discussed the academic considerations of the proposed conversion to ensure the continued delivery of relevant and quality instruction.

Administrative aspects were also tackled by Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, VP for Administration and Finance Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, and University Technical Adviser Dr. Florentina S. Dumla, who emphasized

the importance of efficient governance, sustainable resource management, and institutional alignment with CSU's strategic vision for the next 10 years of operation.

Currently, the Calayan and Buguey sites operate as extensions of CSU Sanchez Mira and CSU Aparri, respectively. Their conversion into a financially stable campuses is envisioned to bring higher education opportunities closer to underserved communities, particularly in geographically isolated areas of Cagayan. ■

DOST-PCAARRD, CSU INK MOA FOR S&T-BASED MANGO PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING PROJECT IN CAGAYAN

The Department of Science and Technology—Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD) and Cagayan State University (CSU) formalized a partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the implementation of the project "S&T Community-Based Farm on Mango Production and Processing for Enterprise Development in Cagayan Province."

The two-year project, to be carried out from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027, aims to improve the income and enterprise sustainability of the Illuru Sur Malaeug Mango Growers and Workers Association

(ISMMGWA) in Rizal, Cagayan through S&T-based interventions in mango production, postharvest handling, value-adding, and market linkage development.

The project targets to enhance the capacities of ISMMGWA members, rehabilitate mango orchards using S&T-based approaches, develop a commercial-scale mango fruit bar, a CSU funded research product, and establish market linkages with at least two institutional buyers or processors.

The initiative is also expected to provide a sustainable mango supply in the province, strengthen technical competencies among growers, and improve the economic condition of the mango

growers' association while contributing to national efforts toward mango self-sufficiency.

The agreement was signed by DOST-PCAARRD Executive Director Dr. Reynaldo V. Ebora and CSU Officer-in-Charge, Office of the University President, Dr.

Arthur G. Ibañez, following the project's approval by the PCAARRD Directors' Council on September 16, 2025. CSU-Piat will serve as the implementing unit, with Mr. Macluven Gonzales as project leader, while DOST-PCAARRD will provide ₱5 million in funding support. ■



CSU ENHANCES INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE WITH QUALITY ASSURANCE ALIGNMENT MEETING



The key offices of Cagayan State University (CSU) convened for a strategic alignment session on November 21, 2025, at the CSU Hotel, to harmonize quality assurance standards and institutional deliverables with the university's vision, mission, and SUC Leveling targets.

OIC University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez graced the activity and urged all units to actively support the University's quality assurance agenda, emphasizing the importance

of coordinated efforts in sustaining excellence across all operations.

The collaborative session focused on reviewing indicators from global frameworks, including WURI, ISO, AUN-QA, Times Higher Education (THE), EduRank, UI GreenMetric, and QS Stars. These frameworks were presented to concerned unit heads and coordinators to ensure CSU's programs and systems remain globally competitive while upholding standards of excellence, sustainability, and innovation.

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The session highlighted the crucial role of unified and well-coordinated efforts across all units in driving CSU's continuous

improvement initiatives and positioning the University as a leading higher education institution in the region.

On-site participants included directors and coordinators of the Quality Assurance Office, Planning Office, and Management Information Systems, while academic, research, extension, auxiliary, internationalization, infrastructure, and partnership units joined virtually via Zoom. University Technical Adviser Dr. Florentina S. Dumla was also in attendance. 🏫

CSU ANDREWS, ALUMNI, AND OAP PROVIDE FREE EYEGLASSES TO 96 STUDENTS AND FACULTY

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CSU SIGNS MOU WITH UZBEK MINISTRY OF PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL EDUCATION



Cagayan State University (CSU) led by OIC President Arthur G. Ibañez, has formally entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Preschool and School Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan represented by Head Ministry Ms. Shaklo Rakhmonovna

Terimova, to strengthen cooperation in the field of education.

The MOU establishes a framework for cooperation between the two parties, encompassing joint events, expertise exchange, faculty and student mobility, training programs, internships, and other collaborative

activities in accordance with the respective laws of the Philippines and Uzbekistan. Under the agreement, CSU will also provide qualified English-language teachers for deployment in Uzbekistan, with candidates mutually approved in advance.

The MOU, which will

be led by the CSU College of Teacher Education and the Alumni Relations and Placement Services, provides a platform for building sustainable educational partnerships, promoting cultural exchange, and global competence among students and faculty of both institutions. 

CSU LEADS COMMUNITY ACTION AS 18-DAY CAMPAIGN TO END VAW KICKS OFF



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University GAD Focal Person Mr. Melvin M. Mora stressed that this year's theme reminds the public

that "silence does not mean safety," and urged women and communities to stand firmly against any form of violence.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan and Campus Executive Officer Atty. Carla Marie L. Sumigad emphasized that protecting women under the law requires collective action, not a struggle fought by women alone. They called on the community to work together to dismantle all forms of

violence and abuse.

Meanwhile, CSU and the Commission on Human Rights Region II signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) during the event. Vice President for Administration and Finance Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta explained that the partnership strengthens the integration of women's rights into the university's advocacies and its core functions in instruction, research, and extension.

The program also launched the university's full

lineup of 18-day activities, which includes VAW-related seminars, trainings, and workshops in partnership with CHR and the Zonta Club of Tuguegarao, along with free legal aid and assistance.

CSU students and employees also delivered a symbolic pledge of commitment, vowing to take an active stand in ending violence against women.

Other CSU campuses launched the campaign simultaneously yesterday, November 24. 

CSU, TELENTA GLOBAL SEAL MOU TO STRENGTHEN RESOURCE MOBILIZATION PARTNERSHIPS



Cagayan State University has formalized its partnership with Telenta Global Holdings Corporation through a Memorandum of Understanding centered on expanding resource mobilization efforts to support community engagement, sustainable livelihood initiatives, training, education and campus development. The collaboration aligns with OIC President Arthur G. Ibañez's strategic direction to fully harness CSU's land assets

and human resources for institutional growth.

Dr. Jack Wong, Head Director of Telenta Global, said the partnership advances the advocacy of his father, the late Vicente A. Wong—an advocacy upheld through the VAW Leadership Forum, Telenta's social responsibility arm. He noted that he is extending this legacy to CSU while building his own path of service and community empowerment through meaningful, impact-driven partnership with CSU.

During the multi-campus visit, VP for

Internationalization, Partnership and Resource Mobilization Dr. Ana Marie Cristina C. Cauilan led discussions with CEOs and campus officials, presenting CSU's niche projects, resource capacities and potential areas for collaboration. Dr. Wong expressed admiration for the innovations across CSU's nine campuses and commended President Ibanez's leadership in effectively managing and developing a multi-campus system each with a unique niche program.

He emphasized that

Telenta aims to pursue campus-specific MOAs to support CSU's core functions in instruction, research, extension and production, ensuring that resource mobilization efforts translate into broader community impact.

The partnership is expected to open industry-driven opportunities in skills development, enterprise-based training and livelihood enhancement—strengthening CSU's resource base and benefiting students and other stakeholders. ☀

CSU'S GENDER MAINSTREAMING GAINS RECOGNITION AS 3RD O-GAD CHAMPION IN CAGAYAN VALLEY

Cagayan State University (CSU) has been recognized as the 3rd Outstanding-Gender and Development (O-GAD) champion in Cagayan Valley, making it one of the leading institutions in the promotion of inclusivity and gender equality.

The Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC II) conferred the award in recognition of institutions that demonstrate exemplary leadership in advancing gender-

responsive programs and in mainstreaming GAD principles across their operations, policies, and institutional culture.

It also highlights the university as a model of effective gender mainstreaming by implementing measurable strides in promoting women's empowerment, diversity, and equitable participation in development.

This achievement aligns with the university's broader reputation as a development-oriented institution; notably,

CSU has celebrated gains in global impact metrics aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG 5 (Gender Equality).

CSU's ranking as one of the O-GAD Champions is both an honor and a challenge, an encouragement to continue innovating, measuring impact, and ensuring that gender sensitivity is not an afterthought but a fundamental principle in service delivery and education. ☀



CSU CAMPUSES UNDERGO ONLINE AACUP ACCREDITATIONS, SURVEY VISITS



To ensure that its programs meet national and international quality standards, Cagayan State University (CSU) has proactively subjected its academic offerings to Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) online accreditation survey visits this year.

On November 26, 2025, CSU formally opened AACUP's third survey visits for select programs at CSU Andrews and CSU Piat, including the Master of Arts in Education major in

Educational Management, English, Social Studies, and Technology Educational Management, as well as the Bachelor of Technical-Vocational Teacher Education, Bachelor of Elementary Education, and Bachelor of Secondary Education programs majoring in English, Mathematics, and Social Studies.

"We view this as an opportunity to grow and improve, as continuous development is essential to maintaining excellence in higher education," said OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez during the opening

program of the survey visits. "This year, about 45 of our academic programs underwent accreditation, and the final campus, CSU Aparri, will host the last third survey visit," he added.

The survey visits, scheduled to run until November 28, provide the university a platform to showcase its strengths while identifying areas for improvement.

Earlier, from November 12 - 14, CSU Sanchez Mira, CSU Lasam, and CSU Lal-lo simultaneously participated in AACUP Level III Phase II online accreditation

evaluations.

CSU Sanchez Mira presented its Bachelor of Science in Accounting Information Systems (BSAIS), Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA), and Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) programs for evaluation. CSU Lasam had its BS Information Technology (BSIT) and BS Industrial Technology (BSIndTech) programs reviewed, while CSU Lal-lo presented its Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEEd) program.

PROVIDING IMPROVED FACILITIES AND EFFICIENT SERVICES: CSU ANDREWS CAMPUS UNVEILS NEWLY RENOVATED AND MORE CONDUCIVE OFFICES

Cagayan State University—Andrews Campus, together with the University's Office of Student Development and Welfare (OSDW), formally unveiled newly renovated office facilities on December 16, 2025.

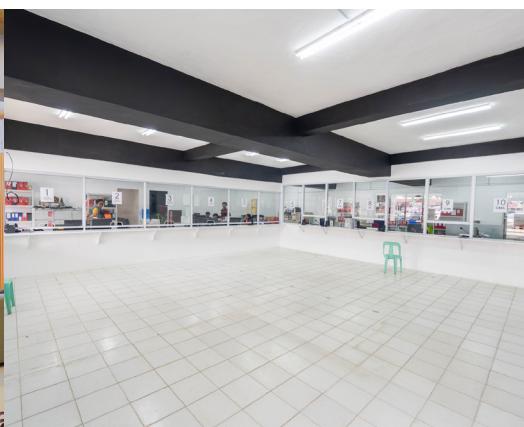
Officer-in-Charge President Dr. Arthur G.

Ibañez made an initial visit to the OSDW, where he was welcomed by OSDW Director Dr. Loraine S. Tattao. The refurbished office now offers a more welcoming ambiance and a comfortable space conducive to student services and related support functions.

Meanwhile, Campus Executive Officer Atty. Carla

Marie L. Sumigad led the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which was followed by a blessing officiated by Rev. Fr. Ma. Severino Barian. The blessing covered the newly renovated offices of General Services, Infrastructure, Supply, Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), Budget, Accounting, Cashier, and Registrar.

Funded through internally generated income (IGI), the upgraded OSDW and campus administrative offices are collective outcomes of University's continued commitment to improving its facilities and enhancing service delivery. ■



CSU IN FULL GEAR FOR ISO CERTIFICATION; WELCOMES EXTERNAL AUDITORS



Cagayan State University (CSU) officially commenced this year's ISO certification process, welcoming auditors from TÜV NORD Philippines on December 9, 2025.

The opening program, led by OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, was attended by the University Vice Presidents, Campus Executive Officers, and other office heads from the nine campuses and the central administration.

Joining them in person were Audit Team Leader Mr. Ivan Felix Herrera at the CSU Andrews Conference Hall, and team members Mr. Richard Bacomo and Ms. Axlly Rose Florentino in Gonzaga, while the rest of the audit team participated remotely.

Looking forward to the opportunities that accompany the accreditation, CSU affirms its full commitment to aligning its various deliverables with ISO standards.

Dr. Ibañez highlighted

that the certification reflects the university's broader vision of making an international impact: "This is not only our institution's step in our ongoing journey to strengthen our quality management system; it also reflects our stride toward meeting international quality benchmarks, enhancing customer satisfaction, and fostering continuous improvement."

Having undergone various accreditations and quality assessments in previous years, the University

is confident in its rigorous preparations, an assurance grounded in its steady growth and its collective commitment to quality standards.

The nine campuses and central administration offices are scheduled for accreditation to evaluate their management systems, review actions taken from previous audit findings, and verify their compliance with organizational, customer, and other relevant requirements. 🏫

CSU, DENR-RO2 SIGN MOA FOR APARRI MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH STATION



Cagayan State University (CSU) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Regional Office II (DENR-RO2) on December 16, 2025, to jointly implement the Marine Scientific Research Station (MSRS) Program in Aparri, Cagayan.

The agreement was signed by CSU Officer-in-Charge University President Arthur G. Ibañez and DENR-RO2 Executive Director Dr. Gwendolyn C. Bambalan,

institutionalizing cooperation between the academe and government in support of marine science, research, and conservation.

Pursuant to the MOA, CSU will collaborate with DENR-RO2 in crafting a comprehensive MSRS research agenda aligned with national development priorities and international environmental commitments. The University will also contribute academic oversight in facility development and lead capability-building, training, and outreach programs.

The establishment of the MSRS strengthens DENR-RO2's regional marine protection initiatives while expanding CSU's research and extension footprint in coastal governance, sustainability, and innovation.

The signing was witnessed by Dr. Audy R. Quebral, Executive Officer of CSU-Aparri Campus, and Mr. Enrique Q. Passion, OIC Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services of DENR-RO2.

Strategically located

along the northern Philippine Sea, the Aparri MSRS will serve as a hub for marine and coastal research, climate monitoring, and community collaboration. It will generate scientific data to support marine conservation, habitat restoration, and sustainable resource management, particularly in addressing climate-related risks. The facility will also function as a shared learning space with laboratories and training areas for scientists, local governments, and coastal communities. 🏴

CSU RECOMMENDED FOR ISO 9001:2015 RECERTIFICATION AFTER SUCCESSFUL AUDIT

Cagayan State University (CSU) has been recommended for ISO 9001:2015 recertification by TÜV NORD Philippines, Inc., reflecting the strength and consistency of its Quality Management System in delivering quality education and reliable frontline and support services.

The recommendation was announced during the closing meeting today, following thorough audits conducted on December 9–10 and 15–17, 2025, across selected colleges and offices

in CSU's nine campuses.

Lead Auditor Mr. Ivan Felix Herrera shared the audit team's findings, recognizing effective practices while also identifying areas where improvements can still be made.

OIC University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez commended the University vice presidents, campus executive officers, process owners, and implementers for their commitment to quality, and to TÜV NORD Philippines, Inc., along with its competent auditors. He stressed that the audit results

serve as a guide for making meaningful and lasting improvements across the University.

For her part, Dr. Theresa B. Dimalanta, Vice President for Administration and Finance, called on all units to immediately address the

audit recommendations. She highlighted the need for regular internal reviews and training to maintain compliance and strengthen CSU's culture of quality and continuous improvement.

Congratulations for a job well done, CSU! 🏆



CSU 2025 RETIREMENT PROGRAM: A HOMAGE TO THE LEGACY OF THE UNIVERSITY'S MOST COMMITTED EMPLOYEES

A retirement program is never a mark of a melancholic end; rather, it is a celebration of long, meaningful years that have shaped a resounding legacy.

In a solemn gathering, Cagayan State University paid homage to its thirty-four (34) retirees, honoring contributions that stand as the very foundations upon which the university continues to thrive.

Where Service Becomes Legacy

In a heartfelt message, Dr. Junel B. Guzman captured the essence of the moment: "...While institutions endure, the people who paved the way are unforgettable..." Nearing her own retirement, she reflected on a lifetime of service shared by colleagues who helped chart CSU's journey through decades

of transformation and growth. "You have charted new directions and built the bridges that will carry future generations," she added.

For CSU, the contributions of Dr. Guzman and her fellow retirees are not eclipsed by the closing years of their careers. Their service remains vital to the university's continuing direction and growth.

Throughout their tenure, they bore the responsibilities of their positions and took on many roles: visionary leaders, exemplary academicians, dedicated administrators, and even voluntary contributors in moments that called for duty beyond obligation.

A New Season of Purpose

The event also echoed a deeper message: retirement is not an ending but a new beginning. "Today does

not mark an ending but a celebration... a toast to the beginning of a more personal, purpose-driven chapter," said Dr. Lilia M. Tamayao, whose words resonated with reassurance and hope.

Former CSU President, now Senator Loren Legarda's representative to the CSU Board, Dr. Urdujah G. Alvarado, and University Consultant and Professor Emeritus Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino, graced the ceremony, who testified that neither retirement nor age defines one's vigor to serve and continue to contribute in contemporary matters.

Their presence continues to embody public service, proving that retirement does not close the book; instead, it opens new avenues for meaningful engagement within CSU and beyond.

Honoring the Heart of CSU

For the university's new retirees, their legacies, woven into every campus, office, and milestone, are not measured merely by the positions they once held but by the impact, dedication, and loyalty they have rendered through the years.

And for CSU, its gates of opportunity remain open to them, just as they have been for the many who remain devoted to service.

As CSU moves forward, it does so with deep gratitude to the thirty-four individuals whose names are now engraved in the institution's continuing story. Their journey as employees may have ended, but their impact endures, inspiring the next generation to serve with the same loyalty and commitment. 🎉



CSU RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AT DAYAW TI CSU 2025

Cagayan State University (CSU), through the Federated Alumni Associations of CSU, Inc., proudly honored its distinguished alumni during Dayaw ti CSU 2025, held on December 20, 2025, at the CSU Andrews Claude Convention Center.

Organized by the Office of the Director for Alumni Relations and

Placement Services, the event celebrated alumni whose excellence in their professions, dedication to public service, and commitment to community development have brought honor and distinction to their alma mater. Their achievements stand as living proof of CSU's mission to develop competent, values-driven, and service-oriented leaders.

The 2025 Dayaw ti CSU awardees are:

- Dr. Julius T. Capili – CSU Andrews alumnus
- Dr. Melanie C. Villarao – CSU Aparri alumna
- Dr. Rashelle L. Lopez-Salvatierra – CSU Carig alumna
- Judge Ramses Serna Peralta – CSU Gonzaga alumnus

- Ms. Sylvia Sienes-Castillejo – CSU Lasam alumna
- Dr. Marvin Luis – CSU Lal-lo alumnus
- Dr. Ricardo B. Casauay – CSU Piat alumnus
- Dr. Joefrey D. Cacatian – CSU Sanchez Mira alumnus



CSU CONDUCTS EXIT CONFERENCE FOR AACUP PRELIMINARY SURVEY VISIT; CSU APARRI COMPLETES THIRD SURVEY VISIT

Cagayan State University's Andrews and Carig Campuses concluded the AACUP Preliminary Survey Visit (PSV) with an Exit Conference that gathered accreditors, university officials, deans, and task force members for a comprehensive presentation of findings and recommendations.

The session served as the culminating activity of the five-day evaluation held from December 8 to 12, 2025, marking the first PSV conducted by CSU while holding its Institutional Accreditation status valid from February 1, 2025, to January 30, 2030.

Dr. Loraine S. Tattao, OIC-Vice President for Academic Affairs, in her opening remarks, emphasized CSU's commitment to continuous quality assurance. Dr. Arthur

G. Ibañez, Officer-In-Charge of the Office of the University President, delivered a message highlighting the university's strategic direction for academic development.

Dr. Marie Claudette M. Calanoga, Coordinator of the 5-day survey visit, presented the General Impressions, highlighting strengths in instruction, faculty competence, student support services, and research productivity, while also identifying areas for enhancement to strengthen program outcomes.

Deans of the surveyed programs, namely Dr. Chita C. Ramos, Dr. Generino P. Siddayao, Dr. Dennis M. Bacuyag, and Dr. Jomel B. Manuel, affirmed their Pledge of Commitment to uphold academic excellence and sustain the university's culture of quality.

Internal accreditors were

also recognized during the Awarding of e-Certificates: Dr. Maribei Ma. Benita E. Balagan (BS in Human Services), Dr. Eden Joy A. Manuel (BS in Information Systems), Dr. Hans Freyzer B. Arao (Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education), Ms. Shelley T. Pascual (BS in Social Work), Mr. Ronaldo Sumait (BS in Library and Information Science), and Ms. Charmaine Masuli (Library area). The conference closed with the remarks of Dr. Maricel F. Campañano, Campus

Academic Director of CSU Carig.

Meanwhile, CSU Aparri, led by CEO Audy R. Quebral, successfully completed its AACUP Third Survey Visit on December 10, 2025, covering six academic programs: BEED, BSED, BSAIS, BSHM, BSIT, and BS Criminology. The evaluation was led by Coordinators Dr. Job D. Paguio of Bataan Peninsula State University and Dr. Reynaldo G. Salamat of Bulacan State University. 🏫



CSU HONORED WITH CHED ICONS AWARD; OIC IBAÑEZ, DEAN BATTUNG RECEIVE IZN LEADERSHIP AWARD

On behalf of Cagayan State University (CSU), President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez received a prestigious national award at the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Internationalization Champions of Nation-Building and Sustainability (ICONS) Awards 2025, held at the Philippine International Convention Center.

CHED Chair Shirley Agrupis, herself a former ICONS awardee during her tenure as university president of Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU), personally presented a certificate of commendation to Dr. Ibañez.

This recognition underscores the university's recent accomplishments as a leading higher education institution (HEI), notably ranked 1,001-1,500 in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025 and 21st in the World University Rankings for Innovation 2025.

Assisting the chair in presenting the award were Commissioners Ricmar

Aquino, Myrna Mallari and Michelle Ong. The ICONS Awards annually honor public and private HEIs that demonstrate outstanding contributions to the internationalization of Philippine higher education, fostering global competitiveness and nation-building.

CSU received the same award last year, reaffirming its continued commitment to excellence in internationalization and innovation.

This recognition highlights CSU's dedication to remaining a competitive, future-ready, and globally acclaimed HEI—an essential step toward achieving SUC Level IV status.

Dr. Ibañez emphasized that the award motivates the university to further strengthen its internationalization efforts and elevate the presence of Philippine higher education on the global stage.

In addition to the institutional recognition, CSU also garnered individual

awards on the same occasion. Dr. Ibañez was named second runner-up in the "Internationalization Leadership Award" category, while CSU's Times Higher Education focal person and UN SDGs Champion, Dr. Gigid Battung, dean of the College of Business Entrepreneurship and Accountancy, was also awarded second runner-up in the "ICON Emerging

Leadership Award" category.

After the ceremony, CHED Regional Director Julieta Paras greeted the OIC and congratulated him for the awards received.

This collective recognition affirms CSU's unwavering commitment to advancing higher education excellence and fostering global partnerships. ■



CSU PARTNERS WITH CHED FOR CAGAYAN RIVER CONSERVATION TRAINING PROGRAM

Today, Cagayan State University (CSU) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) signed a Memorandum of Agreement for the implementation of a training program for Cagayan River conservation and sustainable management next year.

OIC President Arthur G. Ibañez and CHED

Chairperson Shirley Agrupis were the signatories while Dr. Ian Roger M. Francisco, university planning and development director, and Atty. Cinderella Filipina S. Benitez-Jaro, CHED executive director, served as witnesses.

To be funded by the commission, the training program aims to equip 100 faculty-researchers, non-teaching personnel engaged

in research and select community folk particularly fisherfolk living along the banks of the mighty Cagayan River with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively participate in the conservation and sustainable management of the longest and the largest river in the Philippines.

Recognizing the river's vital role in supporting the

communities along the river basin, agriculture, biodiversity, and the overall ecosystem, the training program emphasizes awareness, conservation techniques and strategies through research and development, and community engagement. ■



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FIRST-TIME TAKERS 92% (92/100)	INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE 89.52% (94/105)	NATIONAL PASSING RATE 51.04% (21,967/43,035)
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LICENSURE EXAMINATION**

CSU is TOP 10
PERFORMING SCHOOL FOR
PHYSICIANS NATIONWIDE

(with 50-90 examinees and at least 80% passing percentage)

FIRST-TIME TAKERS 95.92% (47/49)	INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE 86.11% (62/72)	NATIONAL PASSING RATE 77.46% (4,570/5,900)
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53 PASSERS OF OCTOBER 2025
CHEMICAL TECHNICIAN
LICENSURE EXAMINATION**

FIRST TIMERS PASSING RATE 91.23% (52/57)	INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE 88.33% (53/60)	NATIONAL PASSING RATE 83.88%
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to the
40 PASSERS OF OCTOBER 2025
VETERINARIAN COMPUTER-BASED
LICENSURE EXAMINATION**

FIRST TIME TAKERS 86.36% (19/22)	INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE 71.43% (40/56)	NATIONAL PASSING RATE 77.32% (1,108/1,433)
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**Congratulations!
TO THE
59 PASSERS OF OCTOBER 2025
FISHERIES PROFESSIONAL
LICENSURE EXAMINATION**

FIRST-TIME TAKERS 81.36% (48/59)	INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE 72.84% (59/81)	NATIONAL RATE 69.61% (1,507/2,165)
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PASSERS OF OCTOBER 2025
LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE 40.32% (25/62)	NATIONAL PASSING RATE 34.02% (3,460/10,171)
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**Congratulations
to the 18 PASSERS OF
NOVEMBER 2025 CIVIL ENGINEERS
LICENSURE EXAMINATION**

INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE 41.86% (18/43)	NATIONAL PASSING RATE 30.39% (4,268/14,043)
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**Congratulations
PASSERS OF THE NOVEMBER 2025
AGRICULTURIST LICENSURE EXAMINATION**

OVERALL PERFORMANCE

GONZAGA CAMPUS 86.96% (20/23)	LAL-LO CAMPUS 85.29% (29/34)	SANCHEZ MIRA CAMPUS 82.76% (24/29)
PIAT CAMPUS 57.52% (65/113)	NATIONAL PASSING RATE 68.55% (6,678/9,742)	

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