



## CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY PRODUCES 6,894 GRADUATES FOR SY 2023 - 2024

Cagayan State University (CSU) recently held a series of graduation ceremonies across its various campuses, marking the conclusion of the Academic Year 2023-2024.

A total of 6,894 graduates were honored in memorable events filled with inspiring speeches from university leaders, local officials, and esteemed guests.

At the College of Medicine, 51 students celebrated their achievements during the 28th Graduation and White Coat Ceremony on July 24, 2024. Held at the Claude Andrews Convention Center, the ceremony was led by Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the President. Dr. Ibañez commended the new doctors for their perseverance, surviving years of demanding studies and training. He urged them to remain adaptable in the ever-evolving field of medicine and to carry forward the passion that drove them through medical school.

Guest speaker Dr.

Redentor B. Juan, an alumnus of CSU, encouraged the graduates to always approach their work with kindness and compassion. He reminded them to be grateful for the support of their families and to stay dedicated to their noble profession. A symbolic white coat ceremony concluded the event, marking the graduates' transition from students to medical professionals.

Meanwhile, CSU's Carig Campus held its graduation on July 11, 2024, bringing an end to the university's graduation series. Congressman Joseph Lara, who was present as a guest speaker, celebrated the accomplishments of the graduates and emphasized the importance of honoring family and maintaining faith. He also spoke about the lasting value of education. Dr. Zarah Lara shared a similar message, encouraging graduates to continue striving for excellence.

At CSU Lasam Campus, 187 students were conferred degrees on July 1, 2024.

The ceremony highlighted graduates from various fields, including Industrial Technology and Education. Dr. Ibañez spoke to the graduates about the importance of applying their knowledge in their future careers, while outgoing student regent Hon. Mark Jellicoe P. Rodillas expressed gratitude to parents and educators for their sacrifices and guidance.

On the same day, CSU Sanchez Mira Campus celebrated the graduation of 516 students. Dr. Ibañez emphasized resilience and the importance of embracing challenges, while Hon. Dionisio Ledres Jr., a CSU Board of Regents member, encouraged graduates to continue learning and improving their life skills.

Several other CSU campuses also held ceremonies, including Aparri with 982 graduates, Gonzaga with 422, Lallo with 333, and Piat, which braved rainy weather to confer degrees on its

students. Throughout the ceremonies, leaders like Dr. Ibañez and guest speakers encouraged graduates to keep striving for growth, embrace innovation, and make positive contributions to society.

At CSU Andrews Campus, 1,672 graduates were honored in a four-batch ceremony, with notable speeches from Dr. Ibañez and guest speaker Dr. Ma. Zarah De Guzman Lara, who urged the graduates to remain adaptable in the face of modern challenges and to cherish their education as a tool for lifelong success. 🎓







## DBM SECRETARY SPEAKS BEFORE 874 GRADUATES OF CARIG AND ANDREWS CAMPUS

**D**eputy Secretary of Budget and Management, Amenah F. Pangandaman, graced the 46th graduation ceremonies held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at CSU Carig and Andrews campuses as guest speaker to 874 graduating candidates.

In her message to the graduates, Sec. Pangandaman highlighted how the graduates, through their perseverance and determination has been able to get through the tough times and emerge stronger in the face of adversity, noting that the grit they have showcased in their academic journey should not wane and must not be dimmed. She likewise reminded the graduates not to forget those who have been

there for them every step of the way, and give them due gratitude and thanks, specially their parents, parent-figures, and loved ones for always believing in them.


Further, DBM Secretary Amenah Pangandaman shared valuable insights on achieving success, drawing inspiration from Roman philosopher Seneca's idea that "luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity." The Secretary highlighted that success is not merely a stroke of luck but the result of choosing to be passionate, dedicated, and persistent about one's dreams every day. She emphasized the importance of equipping oneself with the right mindset and skills to be ready when opportunities arise. "Set

yourself up for growth," she advised. "Never stop building your values, as this positions you to harness opportunities when they come."

She encouraged individuals to learn from their experiences and from others, stressing the need for preparation and long-term goal setting. "What are your dreams? What are you passionate about? What do you hope to achieve? Identifying these answers can lead you to the right opportunities," she said.

Secretary Pangandaman also pointed out that while skills and abilities are crucial, one's attitude determines success. Sharing lessons from her two decades in public service, she listed key principles for achieving success: there is

no substitute for hard work, find your passion and advocacy, build real relationships, be agile and adapt, foster critical thinking, always show kindness, be proud of your heritage, be grateful at all times, and lastly, take care of the environment.

Lastly, she assured that their office will continue to support and give education utmost importance through their strategic budget allocation for the country's education prowess. Meanwhile, Secretary Pangandaman was accompanied by DBM Undersecretary Goddess Hope O. Libiran and Undersecretary Wilford Will L. Wong. 





# CSU SHINES WITH 23 GOLD MEDALS IN ASCU-SN OLYMPICS 2024



CHAMPIONS & GOLD MEDALISTS

Cagayan State University bagged 23 gold medals during the Association of State Colleges and Universities – Solid North (ASCU-SN) Sports and Socio-Cultural Olympics. The event, held from July 2-5, 2024, at the Isabela State University Echague Campus. Standout were the gold medal-winning teams and individuals, including the exceptional players of the 4x100 meter relay (46 above), the triumphant chess team (men) and the skilled lawn tennis players in both the women's singles and doubles categories. The table tennis and badminton teams also excelled, with victories in various singles and doubles events. Led by Dr. Junel B. Guzman, Vice President for

Research Development and Extension and Dr. Giovanni Morales, University Sports Director, the CSU contingent of 150 faculty and administrative personnel-athletes displayed exceptional skill throughout the competition. The event brought together 27 state colleges and universities from Region 1, Region 2, Region 3 and the Cordillera Administrative Region in a spirit of friendly competition. In addition to their sporting achievements, CSU also made a mark in the culture and arts competition, securing accolades in various categories. The university's participation in the theme "Abante Norte: Embracing Differences, Celebrating Togetherness" was highlighted

by a second-place finish in the video documentary contest and a commendable third runner-up placement in the Search for Ms. ASCU-SN 2024, where Ms. Glenda Balisi represented CSU with distinction. Vice President Guzman expressed gratitude to all employees who represented the university at the Olympics while Director Morales thanked the athletes for their participation and commitment. Looking ahead, Dir. Morales announced that the next ASCU-SN Olympics will be hosted at the Mariano Marcos State University in Batac, Ilocos Norte, setting the stage for another much awaited round of competition.

- 4x100 meter relay (46 above): Chita Ramos, Jocelyn Diesta, Noelyn Bernal, Juvelyn Capili
- Chess (men): Ariel Misador, Jesus Anastacio, Gerald Lauigan, Romel Pebenito
- Lawn tennis (women, singles): Noelyn Bernal
- Lawn tennis (women, doubles): Noelyn Bernal, Lara Mae Balisi
- 4x100 mixed relay (46 above): Rommel Peregrino, Chita Ramos, Ricky Maribbay, Juvelyn Capili
- Table tennis (men, 39 under): Jay Asuncion
- Table tennis (women, singles, 50 above): Evelyn Saribay
- Table tennis (women, doubles, 50 above): Charito Lingan, Chita Ramos
- Badminton (men, singles, 35 under): Mark Anthony Cagurangan, Kennedy Casino
- Badminton (men, doubles, 40 above): Kristoffer Mangussad, Peter Paul Valdepenas.





# CSU FACULTY AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN UiTM SUMMER EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN MALAYSIA



Five (5) faculty members and sixteen (16) students from Cagayan State University participated in the Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Summer Exchange Program in Malaysia from July 8-12, 2024.

The faculty members serving as visiting lecturers included VP for Partnership and Resource Mobilization and Internationalization, Dr. Giced T. Battung, and the Director for Internationalization, Assoc. Prof. Kristinne Joyce A. Lara. Joining them are Asst. Prof. Bradley Invierno from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ms. Jane Quilang from the College of Industrial Technology and Asst. Prof. Arlene C. Patricio from the College of Engineering and Architecture.

The student participants are Jazelle Marie D. Cabalza (BSIT), Max Aerwin E. Dumayas (BSIT-MT), Natasha Ishi P. Ballard (BSIT), Jan Andrea C. Careng (BS Mathematics),

Leideelle B. Perciano (BEED), Rea Mae R. Villa (BEED), Jayson R. Silva (BTVTED-FSM), Justin C. Pamparo (BTVTED-FSM), Dindie P. Roldan (BTVTED-FSM), Arden P. Verzola (BTLED - Home Economics), Trisha Mae A. Tranquilo (BTLED - Home Economics), Queeny Jane Y. Corpuz (BTLED - Home Economics), Olivia Janele Okanime (BS Hospitality Management), Jeremy C. Mangulad (BS Hospitality Management), Rica Mae Sagadraca (BSED - English) and Erica Mae Pedro (BSED - Mathematics).

The UiTM Summer Exchange Program provides an enriching experience that combines academic coursework, cultural activities and excursions. This exchange aimed to strengthen international collaboration, giving them a deeper appreciation of the diverse cultures and educational systems in Southeast Asia.

## CSU RECOGNIZED AS TOP 2 PERFORMING SCHOOL NATIONWIDE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING BOARD EXAM

In a momentous event held at the Manila Hotel during the oath-taking ceremony of new chemical engineers on July 4, 2024, Cagayan State University was honored with a prestigious plaque for being recognized as the Top 2 Performing School nationwide in the May 2024 Chemical Engineering Board Exam. CSU achieved an outstanding institutional passing rate of

92.59%, a remarkable feat that has garnered praise and admiration from the Professional Regulation Commission and the Professional Regulatory Board of Chemical Engineering.

Professor Jane Calagui, in a heartfelt Facebook post, expressed her joy and gratitude for the achievement, emphasizing the university's motto, "Ad astra per aspera,"

which translates to "To the stars through difficulties." She acknowledged the challenges faced along the journey but highlighted how these obstacles catapulted CSU to greater heights and ultimately led to this accolade.

Professor Calagui also credited the university's administration for providing the necessary resources and conducive environment for

both students and faculty to thrive, this playing a crucial role of support in achieving such remarkable success. OIC President Arthur Ibanez extended his well wishes and heartfelt congratulations to the Department of Chemical Engineering faculty and all the passers who contributed to CSU's outstanding performance in the board exam.







## CSU HOSTS PATHESCU INC.'s 26TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND TRAINING

Cagayan State University hosted the Philippine Association for Technology in Home Economics of State Colleges and Universities, Inc. (PATHESCU, Inc.) for the conduct of its 26th annual national conference and training, a 3-day conference and training event held at the Claude Andrews Convention Center from July 11-13, 2024.

With the theme: A CRITICAL UPDATE: PREPARING FOR HOME ECONOMICS 4.0, (The Interface of the discipline of Home Economics, Technology and Livelihood Education, and Industrial Technology), the event launched a series of activities and plenary sessions aimed at analyzing the gaps in the curriculum of Home Economics to meet the requirements for Industrial Revolution 5.0.; Understanding technology transfer routes as applied in teaching, research, and product development; Enriching competencies in research and intellectual property protection;

Appreciating the role of preparing for Home Economics 4.0 in different fields, schools, homes, communities, and industries and Establishing linkages and camaraderie among Home Economists and professionals from related fields.

Participating State Universities and Colleges likewise engaged in research and poster making presentations along with a training - workshop on Intellectual Property Rights. Meanwhile selected faculty members showcased their expertise during the skills demonstration activity, specifically on the discipline of Arts and Crafts Demonstration (Beads Crafting-Ball Pen Holder), Food Demonstration (Nutri-Doughnuts), Food Product Development Demonstration (Utility Model or Patented Product), and Still Life Painting Using Oil Paint Demonstration, fostering a culture of innovation and progress in their respective niches.

The event's fellowship night conducted on the second day highlighted key officials of the organization through an awarding ceremony, applauding their commitment and dedication in the service of technology in home economics. While Cagayan State University, Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University, Ilo-ilo Science and Technology University, University of the Philippines - Diliman Campus, Isabela State University, Cavite State University, Technological University of the Philippines, Eastern Visayas State University, University of Eastern Philippines, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, Our Lady of Perpetual Succor College Marikina, Cebu Technological University, University of Southeastern Philippines, Benguet State University, and State University of Northern Negros also received various awards hailed from different categories.

Among the Notable Awardees is CSU's very own

Dr. Eva Nebril Flores from the College of Industrial Technology, for being awarded with PATHESCU Inc's Lifetime Achievement Award in Home Economics, the highest award conferrable to its members. This award recognizes the lifetime achievement of home economics professionals who have reached the pinnacle of their career in the discipline, the award recognized all her accolades and contributions in the field of food science nutrition, which significantly advanced academic and community endeavours.

The conference culminated with an educational/technical tour in the campus, featuring the Food Innovation Center Located in Carig Campus and Cagayan Meat Processing – Cagayan Chicharon. The City tour likewise included a visit to the Ybanag Lighthouse Cooperative, showcasing various delicacies and places CSU and Tuguegarao has to offer. 🍽️





# INTRODUCING 3 POWERFUL COFFEE BLENDS

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## BLENDS FIT FOR ROYALTY; CSU INTRODUCES TWO NEW COFFEE BLENDS DURING EXECOM-MANCOM

Following the successful introduction of the Olivante robusta blend last July 2024, Cagayan State University launched two additional powerful coffee blends, King Arthur dark roast and Urdujah premium blend, during the Execom-Mancom held at CSU Lal-lo campus on Friday, August 9, 2024.

The coffee blends are results of the ripe coffee hub program

under the development of the Valena heritage coffee blends project, as part of the 5 million institutionally funded Research, Development, and Extension project.

The blends concocted by the project leader Mr. Mark Gregory Asejo, with Ms. Althea Manuel and Mr. Ronald Espada as members, were made from coffee beans harvested from the Valena coffee plantation and

processed through the campus' coffee processing center. The project aims to bolster its coffee production and processing in response to their niche in coffee.

The blends' labels; King Arthur dark roast, Urdujah premium blend, and Olivante robusta blend is a resounding tribute to the university's outstanding leaders, OIC – President, Dr. Arthur Ibañez

and former President Dr. Urdujah Alvarado, and Lal-lo's respected and supportive Executive, Mayor Florante Pascual and Mrs. Maria Olivia Pascual. The coffee blends introduced are still currently under research for improvement and are intended to be commercialized and served at the coffee shop, which is now being erected under the RIPE Coffee Hub Program. 🍵

## CSU PURSUES 45,000 TREES PROJECT

Cagayan State University, under the leadership of OIC President Arthur G. Ibañez, has embarked on an aggressive project to plant 45,000 trees across its 9 different campuses. This initiative, known as the 45000 Trees Project, aims to promote

environmental sustainability and contribute to the greening efforts of the Philippine government. President Ibañez has delegated the responsibility of overseeing the tree planting activities to the Campus Executive Officers, with a target of 5,000 trees to be planted per campus.

The Office of the Vice Presidents at CSU has also been tasked with participating in the project by planting 500 seedlings each. According to the OIC, they can have the freedom to choose the campus where they would like to plant their seedlings. The OIC President believes that the involvement of the Vice Presidents, their Directors and staff will allow them to have a sense of ownership and commitment to the initiative. Graduating students, National

Service Training Program (NSTP) students, officials, faculty and alumni have been all actively involved in the tree planting activities engaging a large part of the CSU community in this important environmental project.

OIC President Ibañez's commitment to the 45000 Trees Project is in line with the greening program of the Philippine government and supports the Sustainable Development Goals. The greening program of the Philippine government aims to address environmental degradation, promote sustainable land use and combat climate change. By planting a diverse range of trees including fruit-bearing trees, coffee, narra, ornamental trees, as well as bamboo, CSU campuses are not only contributing to the country's greening efforts but also enhancing biodiversity and promoting sustainable

agriculture.

The timing of the tree planting activities during the rainy season is strategic as optimal conditions for the growth and survival of the newly planted trees are ensured. The CEOs have committed to continuously plant trees across the CSU campuses to demonstrate a long-term commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability.

OIC President Ibañez shared with the Execom Mancom an inspiring story of his personal involvement in planting trees along the road at CSU Carig Campus years back. Accompanied by a campus gardener, the younger Arthur Ibañez took the initiative to plant trees that have now grown and are providing shade for faculty and students at the campus. ➡

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## CSU WELCOMES DELEGATES OF YOUTH FUTURES EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Cagayan State University, through OIC – Office of the University President, Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, warmly welcomed delegates from Universitas Warmadewa, Universiti Teknologi Mara, and Universiti Muhammadiyah Sumatra Utara, for the Youth Futures Exchange Program lecture series, with the theme “Intergenerational Fairness and Sustainability”, August 14, 2024, at the CLAUDE Andrews convention center.

Dr. Ibañez graced the morning ceremony to formally open the lecture series. In his welcoming remarks, he emphasized how

this momentous occasion marks a significant moment in the history of CSU, as young minds from diverse backgrounds have come together to explore the critical themes of sustainable tourism development, e-marketing, internationalization, research publication and youth leadership.

Dr. Ibañez likewise highlighted CSU as one of the top universities offering quality educational excellence, achieving outstanding licensure examination results particularly in Medical Technology, Respiratory therapy and Engineering, recognized

Moreover, he further emphasized CSU's mission and vision in providing quality education, encompassing the facets of instruction, research and production, all of which are tailored to help communities and aid students dreams' turn into reality.

“As you participate in this activity we prepared for you, I encourage you to reflect and to appreciate the beauty of our host country, the Philippines, and I urge you to embrace the spirit of collaboration and innovation. The topics we will discuss are essential tools for shaping a brighter future for our communities and our world. Together,

we can explore new ideas, strengthen our partnerships and create impactful research that transcends borders,” he added. The OIC - President also expressed his appreciation to Dr. Battung and her team for once again making another internationalization endeavor come into fruition.

The set of activities prepared for the Youth Futures Thinking lecture series, including lectures, cultural events, tree planting and campus visits, spread from August 13-18, 2024 will be held through the university campuses, while showcasing the rich and diverse culture Cagayan has to offer. 🌱

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This hands-on approach to environmental sustainability exemplifies the OIC President's commitment to leading by example and actively engaging in initiatives that promote a greener and more sustainable future. By personally advocating tree planting activities and witnessing the positive impact of these efforts firsthand, President Ibañez not only demonstrates his dedication to environmental conservation but also inspires others to take action.

At present, the campuses have planted 13, 041 trees and bamboos. More seedlings are expected to be planted in the next days. 🌱



## CSC AWARDS CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CSU – APA AND CSU CARIG ADMIN

On July 22, 2024, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) has officially awarded the Certificate of Registration for the Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) between the Cagayan State University - Administrative Personnel Association (CSU-APA) and the CSU Administration – Carig Campus effective from May 15, 2024, to May 14, 2027.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 180 (1987) and its

Implementing Rules and Regulations, the agreement has met all prescribed requirements and is now officially binding between the CSU administration and CSU-APA. Signed by Atty. Karlo A. B. Nograles, Chairperson, and attested by Director Ma. Theresa C. Fernandez, the Certificate of Registration was awarded by CSC Region 02 Chief Human Resource Specialist Jovy Miguel to CSU during the monthly

Execom-Mancom meeting of the university held in Carig Campus.

The registration of CNA brings several key benefits including protection from challenges to accreditation and no certification elections outside the freedom period to ensure stability and clarity in the collective negotiation process, contributing to a more harmonious and effective working environment at CSU. 🌱







## BRIDGING BORDERS: CSU ENHANCES ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS WITH TAIWANESE AND JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES

Cagayan State University recently hosted a conference titled “Bridging Borders: CSU’s Internationalization Initiative for Academic and Research Collaboration with Taiwan and Japan.” Held from September 2 to 5, 2024, across the Carig, Aparri and Gonzaga campuses, the event aimed to strengthen ties with international university partners through academic and research collaboration. The CSU Gonzaga Campus, under the leadership of CEO Froilan Pacris, played a key role in sponsoring the conference and ensuring a warm welcome for the foreign guests.

The conference commenced on September 2 with a roundtable discussion at the Carig campus, where OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez and CEO Engr. Roger Rumpon welcomed participants. Dr. Ibañez expressed his

gratitude to the attendees and introduced the keynote speaker during the Conference at Gonzaga Campus, Professor Ichiro Sugimoto, Dean of the Faculty of International Liberal Arts. Other distinguished participants included Mr. Phrashant Gupta, an International Doctorate Student from Soka University in Japan; Ms. Hsinju Christine Liu, Director of the International Cooperation and Exchange Center at Fo Guang University; Ms. Hui-Kuei Hsieh, Section Chief for Foreign Language Teaching and Learning at Deh Yu University; and Dr. Kuo Jung Chao, Director of the Foreign Affairs Division at the National Chung Hsing University in Taiwan.

Throughout the conference, representatives from the various CSU campuses showcased their research initiatives and proposed short-term academic programs

for collaboration. This collaborative effort aimed to identify mutual interests and establish frameworks for future partnerships, enhancing the academic offerings and research capabilities of all participating institutions.

In his remarks, Dr. Ibañez emphasized the conference’s objectives and the university’s vibrant academic environment.

“Your presence today signifies not only the importance of our collaborative efforts but also the commitment we share in advancing education, research and cultural exchange across borders. We are excited about the prospect of faculty exchange programs that will allow our educators to collaborate, share insights, and innovate together. Together, we can create pathways for academic excellence and research collaboration that will enrich our institutions and

contribute to the greater good of our societies,” the OIC said.

CSU has established Memoranda of Understanding with these international universities and aims to activate these agreements through collaborative academic and research initiatives. The Gonzaga Campus also ensured that the foreign guests had a memorable experience during their stay, providing accommodations and fostering cultural exchanges that highlighted the university’s hospitality.

This conference was organized by the Office of the University President, through Executive Assistant and University Information Officer Dr. Ana Marie Caulan, as an offshoot to her participation in a CSU delegation visit to universities in Taiwan and Japan, further supporting the university’s internationalization goals. 🇹🇼

## OIC PRESIDENT ARTHUR IBANEZ WELCOMES NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO CSU BOARD OF REGENTS

In a recent courtesy call, the OIC extended a warm welcome to John Lester Sabalo Jaime, Chairperson of the University Student Council and the newly appointed student representative to the CSU Board of Regents. A fourth-year student majoring in Hospitality Management, Regent Sabalo succeeds Mr. Mark Jellicoe Rodillas in this important role. 🇹🇼







# CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY HOSTS STRATEGIC PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR 2025-2028

**B**aguio City, September 4-6, 2024 — Cagayan State University convened a strategic planning conference titled “Crafting the Strategic Plan 2025-2028: Conversations on the Future of Cagayan State University” in Baguio City, bringing together key university officials and planning officers to discuss the university’s direction for the next four years.

The event featured a lineup of distinguished plenary speakers who addressed critical themes relevant to the future of higher education. Professor Ichiro Sugimoto, Dean of International Liberal Arts at Soka University in Tokyo, Japan, spoke on the topic of “Internationalization in Higher Education.” His insights and sharing of best practices emphasized the importance

of global collaboration and cultural exchange in enhancing educational experiences.

Dr. Dionisio Ledres, Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and a member of CSU’s Board of Regents, presented on the “Regional Research Agenda,” highlighting the need for research initiatives that align with regional development goals. His remarks underscored the university’s role in addressing local challenges through innovative research.

Dr. Florentina S. Dumlao, former President of Nueva Vizcaya State University and current university consultant discussed the guidelines for strategic planning while Dr. Urdjah Alvarado, a member of the Career Executive Service Board and former CSU President, discussed

“Directions for Research, Extension, and Production.” Her presentation focused on the integration of research and community outreach to foster sustainable development.

Fr. Ranhilio Callangan Aquino, Dean of the Graduate School of Law at San Beda University and university consultant, challenged participants to “Rethink the Goals of University Education.” His discussion encouraged a reevaluation of educational objectives to better prepare students for the complexities of modern society.

Throughout the conference, CSU’s Vice Presidents and Campus Executive Officers presented their departmental and campus plans, which were met with constructive feedback from a panel of reactors. This panel included Director Ledres, Atty. Carmelo Villacete,

a member of the CSU Board of Regents, and university consultants Dr. Alvarado, Dr. Dumlao, and Dr. Rex Navarro. Their collective insights aimed to refine the university’s strategic approach moving forward.

The culmination of the event was the development of an Operational Performance Commitment Review (OPCR) for the University President, which integrates all identified priorities for the years 2025 to 2028. The conference concluded with a covenant signing, where all participants committed to the strategic vision established during the discussions.

The successful event was organized by the Office of the University President, in collaboration with the Planning Office led by Planning Director, Dr. Ian Roger Francisco. 🇵🇭

# CSU WELCOMES DELEGATION FROM UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA MALAYSIA FOR YOUTH

**S**eptember 15, 2024 — Cagayan State University welcomed a delegation of 12 faculty and student visitors from Universiti Teknologi Mara or UiTM Malaysia as part of the Youth Leadership Towards Sustainable Development Goals Exchange Program. Running from September 15 to 20, 2024, this initiative by former Vice President Gided Battung aims to foster cross-cultural understanding and collaboration among future leaders.

As part of the cultural exchange, participants engaged in a meaningful community outreach activity, visiting a local Muslim community where they distributed tokens and gifts to children. The delegation also took the opportunity to visit a nearby mosque.

In addition to the visitors from Malaysia, 10 student participants from CSU will be joining the group. This initiative not only promotes international friendships but also supports CSU’s strategic goals for student and faculty

mobility.

During the welcome program, CSU and UiTM renewed their Memorandum of Understanding, reinforcing their commitment to ongoing collaboration in education and research.

President Arthur Ibanez emphasized the significance of the exchange program in achieving the university’s internationalization targets and commended Dr. Battung and Internationalization Director Kristine Joyce Lara. “We are happy to welcome our

friends from UiTM and look forward to the experiences that this collaboration will bring to our student and faculty participants,” he said.

As the week progresses, participants will engage in various workshops, discussions and cultural activities at CSU Piatt and Sanchez Mira Campuses, all aimed at enhancing their leadership skills and global awareness. 🇵🇭







## CSU CELEBRATES STUDENT CENTER GROUND BREAKING AND ATHENA CONVENIENCE STORE RIBBON CUTTING

Cagayan State University Andrews campus celebrated the ground breaking of the Andrews Campus student center and Ribbon cutting of the Athena Convenience Store on September 10, 2024, at Andrews campus with CSU Board of Regent member, Joseph jojo Lara and his wife who is a benefactor of CSU, Dok Zarah Lara gracing the event

The momentous occasion began with the ground breaking and blessing of the Andrews campus student center,

facilitated by Rev. Fr. Ranhilio Aquino. The student center is a realized rehabilitation and improvement project from the proposal of former Student council President Xyrene Keith G. Medrano to Cong. Lara who sought for its funding. The student center is envisioned to promote peer collaborations through a modern and comfortable lounge designed to be a central gathering place where students can study and engage in social activities.

The ribbon cutting of the Athena Convenience store followed immediately after

the groundbreaking, the store offers an accessible alternative where students and employees may purchase goods.

During the ceremony, Andrews Campus Executive Officer, Ramon Henry Kanapi said that the store will also be an avenue where Students from the College of Business Administration and Accountancy may promote their output products, moreover, by year 2025, the same college department is likewise projected to handle the accounting of the business.

In his message, Cong. Lara expressed his delight in the construction of the Student Activity center, emphasizing that this endeavor is aimed at providing students with a conducive area for conducting studying and other learning activities.

He further highlighted his promise in the continuance of providing permanent solutions to the needs of students. The 4.8 million project is expected to be finished by November this year, and utilized by students before holiday break. 🇵🇭

## CSU CARIG CAMPUS CELEBRATES 15TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY WITH NEW STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER SET TO RISE

The Cagayan State University Carig Campus came alive with excitement as it marked its 15th Founding Anniversary on September 23, 2024.

The vibrant celebration was made even more special by the groundbreaking ceremony of the much-anticipated Student Activity Center, set to become a new hub for student life on campus.

The event was graced by several distinguished guests, including Congressman Joseph Lara, a member of the CSU Board of Regents, Dr. Zarah Lara, and key university officials such as Dr. Mariden Cauilan

(Vice President for Academic Affairs), Dr. Teresa Dimalanta (Vice President for Finance), Dr. Recto Aguirre (University Alumni Director), Carig CEO Engr. Roger Rumpon, Piat CEO Dr. Hitler Dangatan, Aparri CEO Dr. Audy Quebral, Prof. Kristine Lara (Campus Coordinator for International Linkages), and other campus officials.

The Student Activity Center—an initiative proposed by former Student Regent John Michael Pattugalan, now serving as Carig Campus OSDW Director—will serve as a dynamic space for student organizations, events, and

gatherings. It will provide students with a venue for meetings, workshops, and social activities, enriching their overall experience on campus. It will become a central spot for collaboration, creativity, and community building, strengthening the bonds within the campus.

Congressman Joseph Lara, a longtime supporter and benefactor of CSU, has generously provided funding for the project, amounting to ₱5,000,000.00. The construction is expected to be completed by March 2025.

Additionally, a tree planting event was organized to support

the current administration's 45,000 Tree Project, led by OIC President Arthur G. Ibañez.

The five-day anniversary celebration is packed with activities, including intramurals, showcasing the talents and skills of both students and employees. From sports competitions to cultural presentations, the festivities are designed to promote camaraderie and the spirit of togetherness. The celebration will run from September 23 to 27, 2024. 🇵🇭







## MAKING WAVES: CSU HOST SECOND BATCH OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND LECTURERS FROM INDONESIAN AND MALAYSIAN UNIVERSITIES

Following the recent culmination of the international leadership last August 2024, CSU kicks-off second wave of International Training on Leadership and Futures Thinking Towards Achieving Sustainable Development Goals 2024 on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at CSU Sanchez Mira Campus.

The 2024 International Training on Leadership and Futures Thinking Towards Achieving Sustainable Development Goals is a critical initiative that confronts and addresses global challenges of sustainable development. Attended by Cagayan State University, Universitas Wamadewa (UnWar), Universitas Muhammadiyah Sumatera Utara and Universiti Teknologi Mara, the event was set on a 2-day leadership program aimed at cultivating

a dynamic exchange of ideas, skills and cultural perspectives necessary for the empowerment of next generation leaders.

In the opening ceremony, OIC President, Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, ASEAN Engr., Represented by Dr. Ana Marie Cristina Cauilan, Vice President for Internationalization, Partnerships and Research Mobilization Expressed his warm welcome to the international delegates, “The world is our classroom, and there is so much to learn from one another. Let us forge lasting partnerships that transcend borders. Together, we can create a vibrant network of educators and scholars dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and the betterment of society. let us be bold, let us be innovative and let us be united in our quest for a sustainable and equitable future.” Moreover, Dr. Ibañez extended

his appreciation to CEO Rodel Alegado for exemplifying CSU’s hospitality and camaraderie most especially while in the midst of a typhoon. He likewise recognized the efforts of Dr. Gigid Battung, Prof. Kristine Lara, the Internationalization, Partnership and Resource Mobilization Office and youth futures team for their invaluable efforts in the event’s endeavor.

Rooted on the IPRM’s purpose, the training is geared towards fostering leadership skills and futures thinking among students and faculty, thereby nurturing a generation that is not only aware of the Sustainable Development Goals but is also prepared to implement innovative solutions that promote sustainability, equity and social justice. It also aims to create a vibrant learning environment where participants can explore

new paradigms and develop actionable strategies that align with the SDGs by focusing on critical thinking, strategic foresight and collaborative problem-solving.

The leadership training includes hands-on activities for students and comprehensive lectures for faculty, designed to bridge the gap between theory and practice, meanwhile, the interactive activities, workshops and scholarly discussions are tailored to enrich the participant’s learning experiences and foster a sense of global citizenship. Ultimately, participants are projected to gain invaluable insights into diverse perspectives and practices, and collaborate on innovative approaches to education and community engagement. 🏆

## CSU GONZAGA TRIUMPHS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY JINGLE COMPETITION

Cagayan State University (CSU) Gonzaga Campus emerged victorious as the top contender in the Science and Technology Jingle Competition held today, September 27, 2024, during the Regional Science and Technology Week (RSTW) Celebration of DOST Region 02

at SM City, Tuguegarao. Competing under the theme “Siyensiya, Teknolohiya, at Inobasyon: Kabalik at Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Kinabukasan,” CSU outperformed five other state universities and colleges with their winning jingle titled “Best Life Ever,” composed by Mr. Jun

Clifford Mape, and arranged by Mr. Jerick Morla.

The twelve student-participants from the College of Teacher Education, College of Business, Entrepreneurship, and Accountancy, and College of Information and Computing Sciences, were awarded a cash prize of P20,000, along

with individual certificates of participation, a certificate of merit for their coach, Ms. Jaenezxey Jean T. Seguirre, and a certificate of recognition for Cagayan State University Gonzaga. 🏆







# CSU WELCOMES DOST SECRETARY SOLIDUM AND PARTY TO LAUNCH NEW RESEARCH FACILITIES AND eTRIKE TECH COLLAB

Cagayan State University (CSU) Carig welcomed on September 25, 2024, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary, Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., along with other key officials, Undersecretaries Sancho A. Mabborang, and Dr. Leah Buendia, for the inauguration and turnover of the Electromobility Research and Development Center (MIRDC-MEIC) facilities, signing of the E-Trike Technology Agreement, and the Technology Licensing Agreement with various partner agencies.

Developed in collaboration with DOST – Philippine Council for Industry, Energy,

and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST – PCIEERD), the MIRDC – MEIC facilities have various equipment and technologies to support electromobility research in the region and beyond.

Meanwhile, the MOA signing, focused on the fabrication, assembly, and distribution of the DOST-NICER technologies on electric tricycles, is a tripartite partnership of CSU led by OIC President Arthur G. Ibañez, Central Isabela Agri Manufacturing Corporation (CIAMC) led by President Eugene T. Gabriel, and the CHRGC Electric Vehicle Technologies Inc. led by

President Leo Allen S. Tayo.

Under the agreement, CSU will provide CIAMC with essential technical documentation, including technical drawings, CAD renders, and comprehensive manuals for vehicle fabrication. CSU will also train CIAMC personnel on the production of the eTrike prototypes.

CIAMC, on the other hand, commits to providing trained personnel, securing necessary accreditations from government entities, and adhering to the agreed standards for electric vehicle production. CIAMC will also handle the compliance of the DTI-prescribed standards for electric vehicles.

On the part of CHRGC, the company will contribute by providing technical training on the electrical systems of the eTrikes and supplying the necessary electronic kits and charging technologies, ensuring that the eTrikes are equipped with state-of-the-art technology for optimal performance.

This event was part of the Regional Science and Technology Week (RSTW), an annual celebration of DOST highlighting their commitment to innovation and development in the region. 🇵🇭



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