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## NEDA donates vehicle to CatSU

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Region 5 - Bicol donated a second-hand 9-seater Mitsubishi Adventure to Catanduanes State University (CatSU) on January 5, 2023.

NEDA Director and CatSU Board of Regent, Engr. Luis G. Banua presented the vehicle to CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza at the NEDA compound in Legazpi City. The donation was in response to CatSU's request for transportation support due to the limited number of vehicles on campus.

Dr. Azanza said that the University needed the vehicle for various community engagements and linkage activities in coordination with the Local Government Unit and other national agencies. The additional vehicle will help CatSU in its goal of extending its services to the community.

Dr. Azanza also announced that the vehicle would be shared by the Office of Extension Services, and the Office of Research Development Services (RDS).

"I am happy that finally our office and the RDS office will now have a car to use in

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## CatSU Library announces EBSCO CINAHL availability

by Caroline I. Vecilles

The University Library announced on its Facebook page that students and faculty can now access the EBSCO CINAHL Plus with Full Text database 24/7.

The database offers indexing for over 5,000 nursing and allied health journals and provides full text for many of the most used journals in the CINAHL index. It covers various topics including

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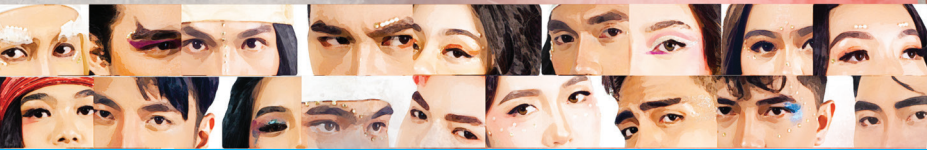
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The Catanduanes State University will host a two-day musical play directed by award-winning Director, Atty. Vince M. Tañada at the CatSU Gymnasium on February 5 and 6, 2023 at 8:00AM, 11:00AM, 2:00PM, and 5:00PM.

"Bayani Love, Heroes in Concert," is an artistic presentation of the struggles of our national heroes as they fought for freedom for the people they loved. Written by Tañada, the play is a jukebox musical that features love stories from known national heroes such as Lapu-Lapu and Bulakna, Gabriela and Diego Silang, Antonio Luna and Nellie Bousted, Juan Luna and Paz Pardo de Tavera, Jose Rizal and Josephine Bracken, and Andres Bonifacio and Gregoria De Jesús.

The production will be staged by the Philippine Stagers Foundation (PSF), a highly acclaimed organization known for its outstanding musical productions.

PSF has been recognized by the TAYO Awards Foundation, Dangal ng Bansa by the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino, and the Aliw Awards and Broadway World Awards for its multi-award-winning productions. In 2013, PSF was awarded the Best Program for Culture and the Arts at the 22nd KBP Golden Dove Awards.

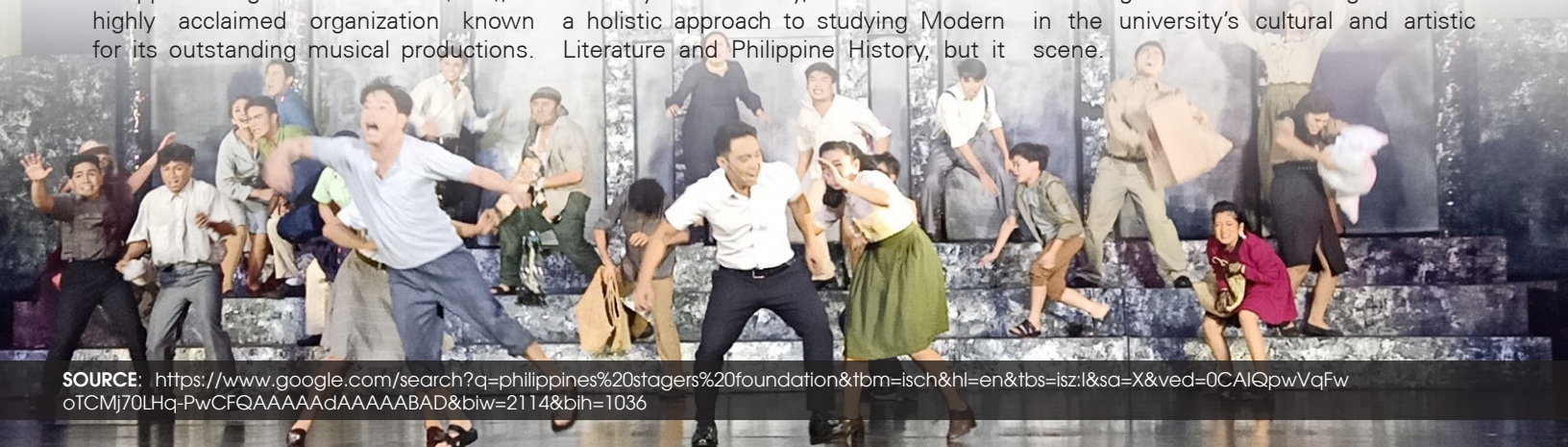
Atty. Tañada, a highly decorated awardee in FAMAS, STAR, GOLDEN DOVE, CMMA, and ALIW, and the award-winning Director of the movie KATIPS, hopes that students and teachers in the island province of Catanduanes will be able to witness the play and learn more about history, culture, and values through the medium of theater arts.

Tañada, who is also the Founder and Artistic Director of PSF, assures that the musical play will benefit the audience not only academically, as it focuses on a holistic approach to studying Modern Literature and Philippine History, but it

is also an artistic masterpiece in theater production that has never been seen before in the Philippines.

Dr. Ramon Felipe Sarmiento, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs (VP REPA), is thrilled about the upcoming musical play that the University will be hosting. The VP REPA expressed his excitement over the rare opportunity to host and witness a musical play, and emphasized the importance of promoting it to students as a unique experience.

In addition, Dr. Sarmiento, a multi-talented writer, screenwriter, and director with several awards to his name, sees this musical play as a chance to relaunch the University's cultural group, the Hablon Dawani. He believes that the event will help bring attention to the group and encourage more students to get involved in the university's cultural and artistic scene.





# CEA gathers for Student Research Colloquium

by Caroline I. Vecilles

The College of Engineering and Architecture (CEA) at the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) recently hosted its first annual Student Research Colloquium from January 25-27, 2023 at the CatSU Auditorium.

The goal of the event was to provide students with a platform to showcase their research projects, improve their public speaking abilities, and receive feedback from experts in the field.

Participated in by students and faculty from Civil Engineering and Computer Engineering, the third-year students

served as facilitators, with Engr. Dexter M. Toyado and Engr. Ronnie B. Santelices as the overall coordinator. Panelists included Ms. Mae Ezra Abundo, Director of Information Technology Services (ITS), and Mr. Neil B. Arajo, Technical Specialist of ITS.

“Students have the opportunity to work closely with a mentor, who can be a faculty member or experienced researcher, through the faculty-initiated research colloquium,” says Engr. Nanette Valeza, Focal Person of BSECE. “We are grateful for the support of the Information Technology Services in providing

feedback to our students and enhancing their research outputs.”

Ms. Abundo, in her message, emphasized the significance of research in filling knowledge gaps and encouraged students to develop their research skills. The colloquium was designed to provide fourth-year students with an opportunity to present their research results and improve their presentation abilities.

“The Research Colloquium is an ideal place to learn something new, hone problem-solving skills, and challenge themselves in new ways through research. We also want to allow



**EMPOWERING FUTURE ENGINEERS:** College of Engineering and Architecture students attentively listen to a research presentation.

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student researchers to share important information and findings from their studies with the academic community,” Ms. Abundo said.

Mr. Arajo, on the other hand, added that the colloquium was a valuable chance for students to become familiar with the research world and prepare for their final defense. He noted that it allowed students to revise their projects, produce writing samples, and become comfortable with the academic conference environment.

The overall coordinators of the research colloquium, Engr. Toyado

and Engr. Santelices, expressed their gratitude for the successful outcome of the event.

“As the CEA’s research coordinator, the CEA’s Research Colloquium 2023 has provided an excellent platform for student researchers to present their research, as well as its effects and community benefits. Similarly, healthy collaborations among the panel of evaluators were encouraged for the improvement of the aforementioned endeavors,” Engr. Toyado, said.

“Junior engineering students had the

opportunity to participate and express themselves, which provided them with an understanding of colloquium conventions. Finally, the success of the first research colloquium served as a springboard for CEA’s ongoing pursuit of excellence in classroom, research, and extension projects,” Engr. Santelices shared.

Dean Pedro A. Arcilla also expressed his gratitude to the students and faculty for their participation in the colloquium.





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## NSTP holds orientation for students this second semester

by Caroline I. Vecilles

The Office of the National Service Training Program (NSTP) at Catanduanes State University (CatSU), under the direction of Prof. Emlyn C. Lanon, conducted a General Orientation and Meet & Greet for NSTP student trainees for the 2nd semester of the 2022-2023 academic year.

The event that took place at the university gymnasium on January 28, 2023 aimed to inform new NSTP coordinators, instructors, and support staff about their responsibilities in training and seminars, ensuring proper implementation of NSTP at the university.

Prof. Lanon led the first half of the orientation, which began with an orientation dialogue between all faculty trainers and a discussion of the achievements from the first semester and its evaluation. She also provided a brief overview of the legal basis and revised IRR of NSTP and presented the topics and learning activities for the second semester.

The second half of the event, the Meet & Greet Proper, allowed faculty trainers to meet the students, finalize class lists, schedules, and room assignments, conduct student profiling, and elect new class officers.

The orientation had a total of 2,453 student-trainees from the nine (9) colleges, together with their respective faculty trainers. Also present are the 2 NSTP Coordinator and the NSTP/NSRC Director.

After the orientation, the NSTP Office provided the attendees with the NSTP course syllabus and calendar of activities to help with the implementation of NSTP at CatSU during the 2022-2023 academic year, including community immersion.

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our extension services and research activities. This will make us work harder,” Dr. Adem Nalu V. Rubio, Extension Services Director said.

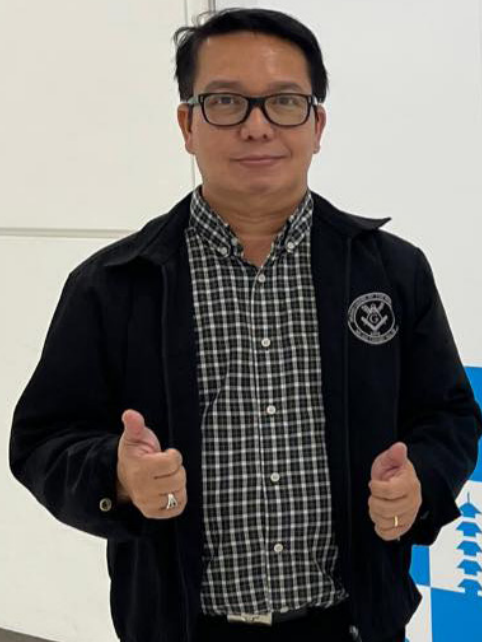
Dr. Rubio, along with Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs Dr. Ramon Felipe Sarmiento and RDS Director Dr. Jose Tria, expressed their gratitude to NEDA Director Banua and Dr. Azanza.



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## CatSU President to present research study at SEACE 2023 in Singapore

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

Catanduanes State University (CatSU) SUC President III Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza has been selected to present his latest research study at the Southeast Asian Conference on Education (SEACE2023) at the Singapore EXPO Convention & Exhibition Centre in Singapore on February 10 to 13, 2023,

His research study, co-authored by Prof. Jane Rose C. Azanza, and Patricia Marie Azanza, titled

“Modular Learning as an Alternative to Face-to-Face Teaching: An Evaluation,” has passed the rigorous blind peer review process and has been accepted for oral presentation at the conference, according to a letter sent by Dr. Joseph Haldane, Chairman & CEO of The International Academic Forum (iAFOR), the organizer of the event.

This will be the second international forum where Dr. Azanza’s research will be presented this year.

Recently, his paper “Problems Encountered by Teachers During Online Learning

at the Time of the Covid-19 Pandemic: The Catanduanes State University Experience,” and his wife, Prof. Jane Rose C. Azanza’s research “Modular Learning Approach at the Catanduanes State University During the Covid-19 Pandemic,” were accepted for oral presentation at the 8th International Academic Forum (IAFOR) International Conference on Education and the 3rd International Conference on Arts and Humanities on January 5 to 8, 2023, in Honolulu, Hawaii, and online.

The SEACE2023 conference is organized by The International Academic Forum (iAFOR) in partnership with its global and event partners.



Prof. Jane Rose C. Azanza



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## COEd conducts pinning, torch lighting ceremony

by Caroline I. Vecilles

The Director of the Center for International Relations and Continuing Professional Development Services (CIRCPDS), Ms. Zyra Mae T. Tumala, has qualified for the 3-Week Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Training Program under the University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP).

The training program, which started on January 20, 2023, consists of asynchronous activities that participants

will complete independently, as well as three mandatory 90-minute synchronous meetings. The program will conclude on February 3, 2023.

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**LEADING THE WAY IN HEALTHCARE EDUCATION:** The College of Health Sciences (CHS) faculty members, headed by Dean Prof. Joel T. Olfindo, stand united in this photo.

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# CHS holds first Nursing Clinical Graduation since Covid-19 Pandemic

by Caroline I. Vecilles

The College of Health Sciences (CHS) of the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) marked a historic moment on January 30, 2023 with the holding of its first Nursing Clinical Graduation at the CatSU gymnasium.

The day began with a Eucharistic Celebration at the Risen Christ Chapel, led by Father Eric John T. Rojas.

After the Mass, the opening ceremony officially kicked off with a welcome address from the Dean of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Joel T. Olfindo. Prof. Mary Ellaine T. Tapel presented the candidates for Clinical Graduation, while former College Dean and Senior Faculty member, Dr. Jocelyn Ll. Jordan, led the lighting of the Nightingale's Lamp.

"Today marks a special day in your journey towards becoming professional nurses. Keep striving to reach your goals and make your ambitions your inspiration. I thank the parents for their unwavering support and for keeping their children in prayer," said Dean Olfindo.

The Ring Hop Ceremony, a highlight of the day, saw the graduates, assisted by the Dean, and Dr. Lily P. Custodio, Executive Vice President (EVP) received their rings. In his message, Dr. Custodio expressed her pride and joy for the graduates, most especially to their parents. She also gave challenged the student nurses to bring excellence in having toppers very soon.

During the ceremony, several awards were also given to the students, including the Leadership Award, Achievement Award, Best in RLE award, Best in Case Study, Best in Thesis, and Outstanding Student Nurse. EVP Dr. Custodio, Dean

Olfindo, Dr. Alma V. Tabirara, Program Chair, and Prof. Tapel, Clinical Supervisor, presented the awards and certificates.

Dr. Ma. Pamela S. Viñas, Education Supervisor II of the CHED Regional Office and a College of Nursing alumna, served as the keynote speaker of the event.

Dr. Vinas encouraged future nurses to challenge themselves to bring success to their chosen profession. She emphasized the importance of being prepared and stressed that success can only be achieved through dedication, commitment, and passion.

Meanwhile, Ms. Hannah Eden Santos, the Outstanding Student Nurse, Class of 2022, delivered a message of gratitude. Dr. Jordan recited the Nursing Pledge of Allegiance, while the CHS faculty members performed a musical number. Dr. Alma V. Tabirara gave the closing remarks, wrapping up the celebration of the students' hard work and dedication.

The Clinical Graduation marked the end of the students' clinical exposure in hospitals and the community for the Class of 2022. The students completed a total of 2703 duty hours over four years, fulfilling a requirement for their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. This was the first Clinical Graduation to be held since the pandemic. To celebrate the event, the Batch of 2023 hosted a send-off party in the evening at the gymnasium.



**Dr. Ma. Pamela S. Viñas**, Education Supervisor II, CHED Regional Office



# CatSU, EBMC partner to prepare nursing students for RLE

by Caroline I. Vecilles

The College of Health Sciences at the Catanduanes State Colleges and the Eastern Bicol Medical Center (EBMC) held an orientation for second, third, and fourth-year students on January 25, 2023, to prepare the students in their Related Learning Experience (RLE).

EBMC OIC Chief Nurse, Ms. Salve Tabo, led the orientation and discussed the hospital's rules and regulations, protocols, and organizational structure with the Bachelor of Science in Nursing students. She also emphasized the importance of charting and answered any questions raised by the students.

Ms. Tabo noted that RLE is a crucial part of the nursing discipline and allows students to apply the theories and knowledge they have learned in the classroom to real-life situations.

EBMC's Dr. Jay Sorreda also spoke about the hospital's Infection and Control, and Prevention Protocols. The hospital has a mandatory orientation policy before students are allowed to start their duties. Dr. Sorreda expressed his satisfaction that the orientation was successfully completed for the students.

"We want to make sure our students are prepared for this learning opportunity that will advance their competencies in various health situations. That's why we are grateful for the support of EBMC in catering to our student nurses for RLE," Dean Joel S. Olfindo said.

**PREPARING FOR THE REAL WORLD:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing students from the College of Health Sciences (CHS) attentively listen in preparation for their Related Learning Experience (RLE).

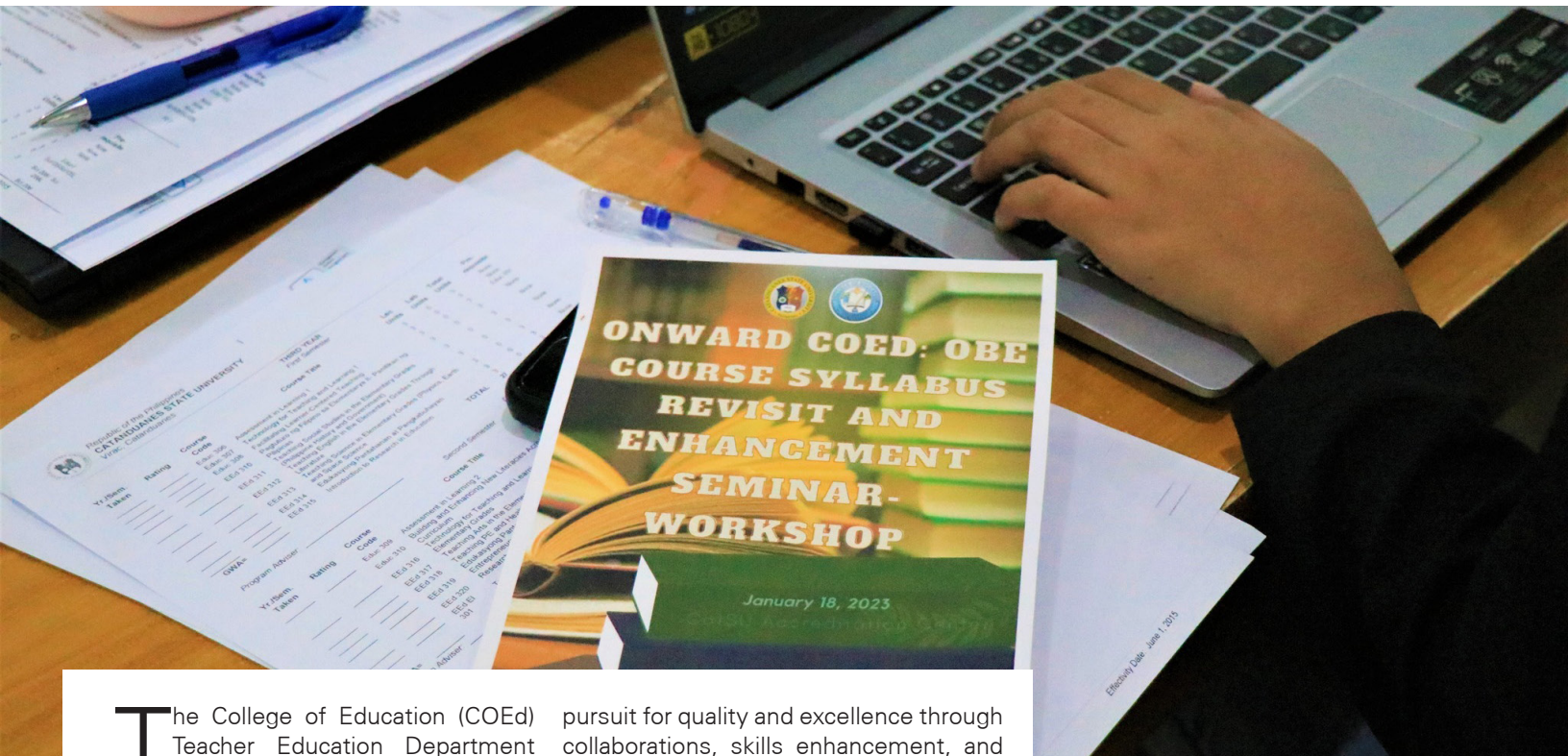
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# COEd faculties convene for a seminar-workshop to enhance OBE course syllabus

by Francis John B. Templonuevo



The College of Education (COEd) Teacher Education Department at Catanduanes State University (CatSU) gathered for a seminar-workshop on the enhancement of the Outcomes-based course syllabus on January 18, 2022.

The seminar-workshop, called “ONWARD CoED: OBE Course Syllabus Revisit and Enhancement Seminar-Workshop”, was aimed at ensuring the effective delivery of instructions in the upcoming 2nd semester of the academic year (AY) 2022-2023.

During the activity, faculty members who handle the same courses worked together in the preparation of syllabus to ensure that the learning objectives, activities, and assessment are aligned.

According to Dr. Maria Sheila R. Gregorio, Dean of the College of Education, the activity was prepared in relation to a seminar-workshop on TOS/ Test Construction held last December 1-2, 2022, where one of the findings in the deliberation was that the objectives or desired learning outcomes to the teaching and learning activities, and the type of assessment were misaligned.

“COEd, being a Center for Development, aims to continue the

pursuit for quality and excellence through collaborations, skills enhancement, and trainings for its faculty members. This seminar-workshop is one of the many efforts that the COEd undertakes to ensure the quality of education at CatSU,” Dean Gregorio said.

Two of the COEd’s young and promising professors, Dr. Jose Z. Tria, Assistant Professor II and Director of the Research and Development Services (RDS), who discussed the topic “Revisiting OBE Course Syllabus – (Nature, Purposes, and Salient Parts),” and Prof. Carlito T. Gelito, Assistant Professor II, who discussed “Enhancement of OBE Course Syllabus - (Constructive Alignment in Instructional Planning),” served as the resource persons of the event.

“ ..ensuring the effective delivery of instruction.. ”

Prof. Joy I. Guerrero of the College of Education



# CatSU CIRPDS Director qualifies for COIL program

by *Caroline I. Vecilles*

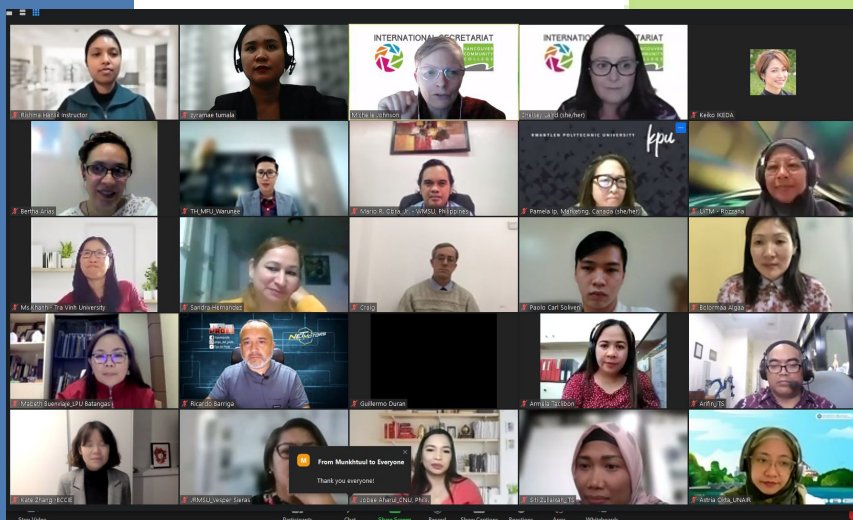
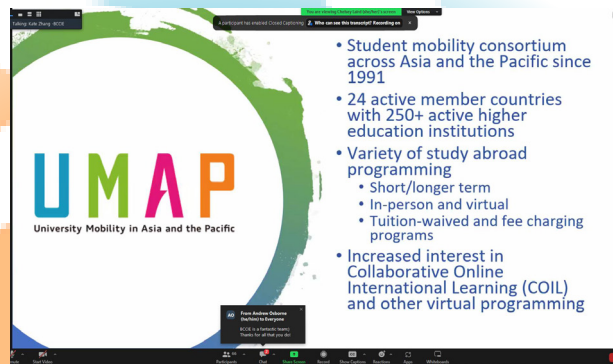
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Prof. Zyra Mae T. Tumala, CIRPDS Director (2nd from left, topmost), attends the COIL orientation via Zoom.

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nursing, biomedicine, alternative/complementary medicine, consumer health, and 17 other allied health disciplines. The database also includes full-text coverage dating back to 1937, making it a valuable resource for those in the nursing and allied health fields.

The Full Text in EBSCO is enhanced with the Full Text Finder (FTF), which makes it easy to discover and access journal articles and e-books. The database also offers access to healthcare books, dissertations, selected conference proceedings, standards of practice, educational software, audiovisuals, and book chapters. In addition, it provides searchable cited references for over 1,420 journals.

Ms. Jena T. Perez, the College Librarian III, encourages students and faculty in the College of Health Sciences to take advantage of this comprehensive research database. She believes that the additional resources included, such as full-text evidence-based care sheets and continuing education modules, will be valuable in their studies.

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# CatSU bolsters partnership with law enforcement to strengthen awareness on Anti-Drug Campaign

by Giselle Zafe

The Catanduanes State University (CatSU) officials, student leaders, and representatives from the Philippine National Police (PNP) - Virac Municipal Police Station conducted a consultative meeting today, February 1, to strengthen the Anti-Drug Campaign awareness in the University.

The meeting, presided over by Dr. Maria Edna R. Inigo, the Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs (VP-AFA), also addressed other security concerns, and to find possible interventions to tighten the safety, security, peace, and order in the campus.

The Philippine National Police (PNP), represented by PSSG Antonio B Aquino, MCAD PNCO/KASIMBAYAN Focal Person, and PCPT Francis T. Tabo, DCOP, Virac MPS, discussed the significant security issues and the administration's plan to create a safer and more peaceful community.

The CatSU Student Body Organizations, led by Hon. Angelo Piolo M. Laynes, FCSC President and Student Regent, also shared their observations and suggested the importance of wearing proper uniform and school IDs for easy identification and for the security of the students as well. Prof. John Cyrus B. Francis,

the OSADS Director, also provided his recommendations on necessary interventions. He also supported the suggestions of the student leaders.

Moreover, Dr. Inigo guaranteed the university's commitment to ensure a safe and peaceful campus in all its programs and activities most especially among its students.

The VP-AFA likewise emphasized the university's continuous coordination with government entities, law enforcement agencies, and other non-government organizations through conduct of symposium, seminars, including intensified information dissemination campaigns regarding campus policies, to raise awareness among students

about compliance to laws, rules, and regulation. The aim is to create a safe and secure environment on campus, where students can learn and grow.



**BUILDING A DRUG-FREE COMMUNITY:** Dr. Maria Edna R. Inigo, Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs (VP-AFA), presides over a meeting with student leaders and PNP officers to strengthen the anti-drug campaign in the University.

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# DILG, CatSU present CapDev Analysis to assist PLGU, MLGUs in the province

by Francis John Templonuevo

The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Catanduanes Province, led by Provincial Director Uldarico Razal Jr., and the Catanduanes State University

(CatSU) Capacity Development Team presented the CapDev Analysis to the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) and Municipal Local Government Units (MLGUs) on January 31, 2023, at Rhaj Inn in Virac, Catanduanes.

to stakeholders.

The CatSU CapDev Team is composed of SUC President III Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, Executive Vice President Dr. Lily P. Custodio, Assistant Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs Dr. Arthur I. Tabirara, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Bernardino Abundo Jr., and Associate Professor V and BS Economics Program Adviser Dr. Noel De Leon.

The presentation aimed to inform the PLGU on the areas they can assist the MLGUs with in capacity development and the interventions needed to address their CapDev needs.

Dr. Tabirara stated that CatSU is commended by the DILG Region and the Province for providing an area-wide perspective and supporting shared development outcomes. This is in response to the implementation of EO 138 – Full Devolution of Certain Functions of the Executive Branch to Local Governments.

The PLGU, headed by Governor Joseph C. Cua and represented by Provincial Administrator Lemuel Surtida, attended the event along with the Municipal Mayors, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators, Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, CatSU CapDev Analysis Team, and other stakeholders.

According to Section 10 of EO No. 8 s. 2021 on the Mandanas-Garcia Supreme Court Ruling, LGUs are required to prepare DTPs as requirements for the implementation of full devolution. These DTPs need to be analyzed to determine common and unique capacity priorities and to communicate the analysis results



Dr. Arthur I. Tabirara



The PLGU along with the Municipal Mayors, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators, Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, and CatSU CapDev Analysis Team



# CatSU Officials Honored with Asia Awards by ACLADEB

by Caroline I. Vecilles



Dr. Kristian Q. Aldea



Dean Ma. Jugie R. Ramos

CatSU Assistant Vice President for Research, Extension and Production Affairs, Dr. Kristian Q. Aldea, and College of Agriculture Dean, Prof. Ma. Jugie R. Ramos, were honored by the Asian Council of Leaders, Administrators, Deans, and Educators in Business (ACLADEB) during the 9th ACLADEB Convention, held on January 26-27, at the Vigan Convention Center in Ilocos Sur.

Dr. Aldea received the Distinctive Leadership Excellence in Education Asia Award, and Prof. Jugie was awarded the Outstanding Educator Asia Award.

The recognition was in appreciation of their contributions to education development and their ability to inspire others.

Dr. Aldea is recognized for his research, particularly in the Natural Science Department of the College of Science, where he is a mandated professor. He believes that research can lead to marketable results and therefore has economic value. He also feels that developing products from local resources can lead to a thriving local economy.

"There is a business in research. We should be able to convert research into

something that is marketable, and that in a sense, is business," he said.

Dr. Aldea expressed gratitude for the award and the recognition of the university's role as an educator on the island and the country. He is inspired and committed to continuing their initiatives and encouraging others to join them.

"I am grateful to receive this award on behalf of the University. Thank you ACLADEB for this recognition, and to Dr. Azanza, thank you for the endorsement. This kind of recognition emphasizes our significant role as educators on the island and in the country. Together with the whole CatSU community, I am more than inspired, motivated, and committed to continuing the programs we have started and encouraging everyone to join us in these initiatives," Dr. Aldea shared in an interview.

Meanwhile, Prof. Ramos shared that she was surprised by the recommendation for the Asian awards, by none other than the CatSU President, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza. She believes that leadership, friendship, and service are her guiding principles and that her duties and responsibilities were the reason for the award.

Moreover, Dean Ramos is excited about the development of modern agriculture, including initiatives like EduTourism and Gyneculture (including hydroponics, aquaponics, and aeroponics), as well as the continued adoption of commercial hydroponics.

"Basically, agriculture itself is a business, and business is anchored from production. Right now, we are very excited about the offering of EduTourism, an initiative of the President in the development of modern agriculture as well as Gyneculture, which includes hydroponics, aquaponics, and aeroponics. Also, we are going to continue and adopt the Commercial hydroponics that was started by our former Dean, to focus on the production of off-season products."

The Asian Council of Leaders, Administrators, Deans, and Educators in Business (ACLADEB) is a global network promoting the advancement of business and entrepreneurship in ASEAN+ countries. Its goal is to share best practices and implement the ASEAN Integration 2015, particularly in regard to educational standards and the liberalization of trade and licensing requirements.