

Japanese Professor shares Biotechnology expertise with CatSU



TAKE IT FROM THE EXPERT. Professor Satoshi Kubota of Kochi University, Japan, graciously addresses questions from faculty members and students during his presentation on Biotechnology and Molecular Systems of Food Resources and Aquatic Organisms at the CatSU Conference Room.

On his fourth visit to Catanduanes State University (CatSU), Professor Satoshi Kubota of Kochi University, Japan shared about Biotechnology/Molecular Systems of Food Resources and Aquatic Organisms with the professors and students at the CatSU Conference Room on March 1, 2023.

Dr. Kubota specifically discussed Collaborative Research under Kuroshio Science Network including the region's History and Current Status of Biotechnological Research. He also related the Outcomes-Based Education (OBE) in Higher Education to the Current Status of Biotechnology Education in the Philippines.

Kubota sensei also elaborated on the importance of the establishment of a biotechnology laboratory, such as the biotech lab in BUTC where researchers and students can have productive scientific engagements.

The Kochi University Research and Education Faculty also introduced Kochi
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CatSU President announces upcoming Master of Arts in Nursing program at the university

by Caroline I. Vecilles

Catanduanes State University (CatSU) President, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, shared the exciting news on his Facebook account that CatSU will soon offer a Master of Arts in Nursing program on the island.

According to Dr. Azanza, the CatSU College of Nursing passed the Technical Panel Evaluation that began in November 2022. Once the resolution is signed, it will be forwarded to the CHED en Banc for approval.

"The university has been dreaming of offering this program for over 15 years, and now islanders will have the opportunity to pursue their graduate degree in Nursing without having to spend a lot of money to cross to the mainland," Dr. Azanza shared.

The SUC President III of CatSU attributed the success of achieving the MA Nursing permit to "Teamwork."

He commended the team, composed of the Executive Vice President (EVP) Dr. Lily P. Custodio, then Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President Dr. Bernardino C. Abundo, then Asst. Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dean Joel T. Olfindo, for their relentless efforts to make this happen.

The president expressed his gratitude to CatSU Board of Regents Chairman and the Commission on Higher Education Commissioner, Dr. Aldrin A. Darilag, CHED Regional Director, Atty. Septon Dela Cruz, and CHED RO V Education Specialist, Dr. Pamela S. Viñas, a CatSU Nursing alumna, for their all-out support in securing the MAN permit.

He also announced that CatSU has secured a budget of 15 million pesos to upgrade the university's Nursing Laboratory facilities. He hopes to bring back the glory days of CatSU and be recognized as one of the top nursing schools in the country in terms of passing rates and having graduates who top or are in the top 10 of the Nursing Board Examination.

Dr. Azanza is optimistic that with the strong support and cooperation from everyone, the university's goals are achievable.

He also believes that with the leadership of Dr. Gemma G. Acedo and Dr. Joseph G. Zafe, the Vice President, and the Asst. Vice President for Academic Affairs, respectively, the permits for Law and Medicine, which are currently underway, will also yield positive results.





PREPARING FOR SUCCESS. College of Education faculty members and students diligently prepare for the upcoming licensure examination, ensuring a bright future for CatSU's aspiring teachers.

PAGGIYA: The Making of Quality Learners, Board Passers, and Topnotchers

by Caroline I. Vecilles

Passing the Licensure Examination for Teachers is part of the registration process for obtaining a license to be considered a professional teacher, as stipulated in RA 7836 or the

“Act to Strengthen the Regulation and Supervision of the Practice of Teaching in the Philippines and Prescribing a Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) and for other purposes.”

The Catanduanes State University College of Education (CatSU-COEd) is the only Higher Education Institution (HEI) on the island that offers various teacher education programs, including Bachelor in Elementary Education, Bachelor in Secondary Education, Bachelor of Culture and Education (BCAEd), Bachelor in Physical Education, and Bachelor of Technical – Vocational Education (BTVTEd).

The Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSED) has six specializations: English, Filipino, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Values Education. Like other HEIs or Technical Education Institutions (TEIs) in the country, CatSU-COEd aims to produce a high percentage of LET passers and, most importantly, topnotchers.

In the almost two years of struggling with online learning due to the pandemic brought by the Covid-19 virus, the world’s situation was nearly chaotic, and all aspects of life were adversely affected, particularly the education sector.

It is for this reason that Dr. Maria Sheila R. Gregorio, Dean of the College of Education, came up with an idea on how to assist especially the COEd graduates of SY 2021-2022. Along with her able group of faculties who started it all through informal talks and merienda cena meetings, PAGGIYA was born.

“PAGGIYA is a Pre-Board Examination Program that aims to help our newly Education graduates be prepared for the tough challenge,” said Dr. Gregorio.

PAGGIYA was a brainchild of Dr. Gregorio when she was still a member of the Faculty in February 2022, who decided to approach the then Vice President for Academic Affairs, now Executive Vice President, Dr. Lily P. Custodio, along with the rest of the COEd faculties, to propose PAGGIYA.

Upon Dr. Custodio’s recommendation, the proposal was approved by the SUC President III, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza.

A total of 185 CoEd graduates mainly from the CatSU Main, and Panganiban campuses registered for the March 7, 2023, Pre-Board Examination.

“We are happy to note that we did not only cater to our very own graduates of 2022. During the registration period,

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a number of graduates from other schools outside CatSU and the island came and requested to participate since they have not been able to go through a formal review in a center due to a lack of financial capacity," Dr. Gregorio proudly shared.

PAGGIYA's objectives include orienting and reorienting teacher education graduates to the LET process, conducting the pre-board exam for teachers, evaluating the results towards conducting the LET Enhancement Program, and continuing to provide it to teacher education graduates, ultimately ensuring that teacher education graduates will pass and top the March 2023 LET.

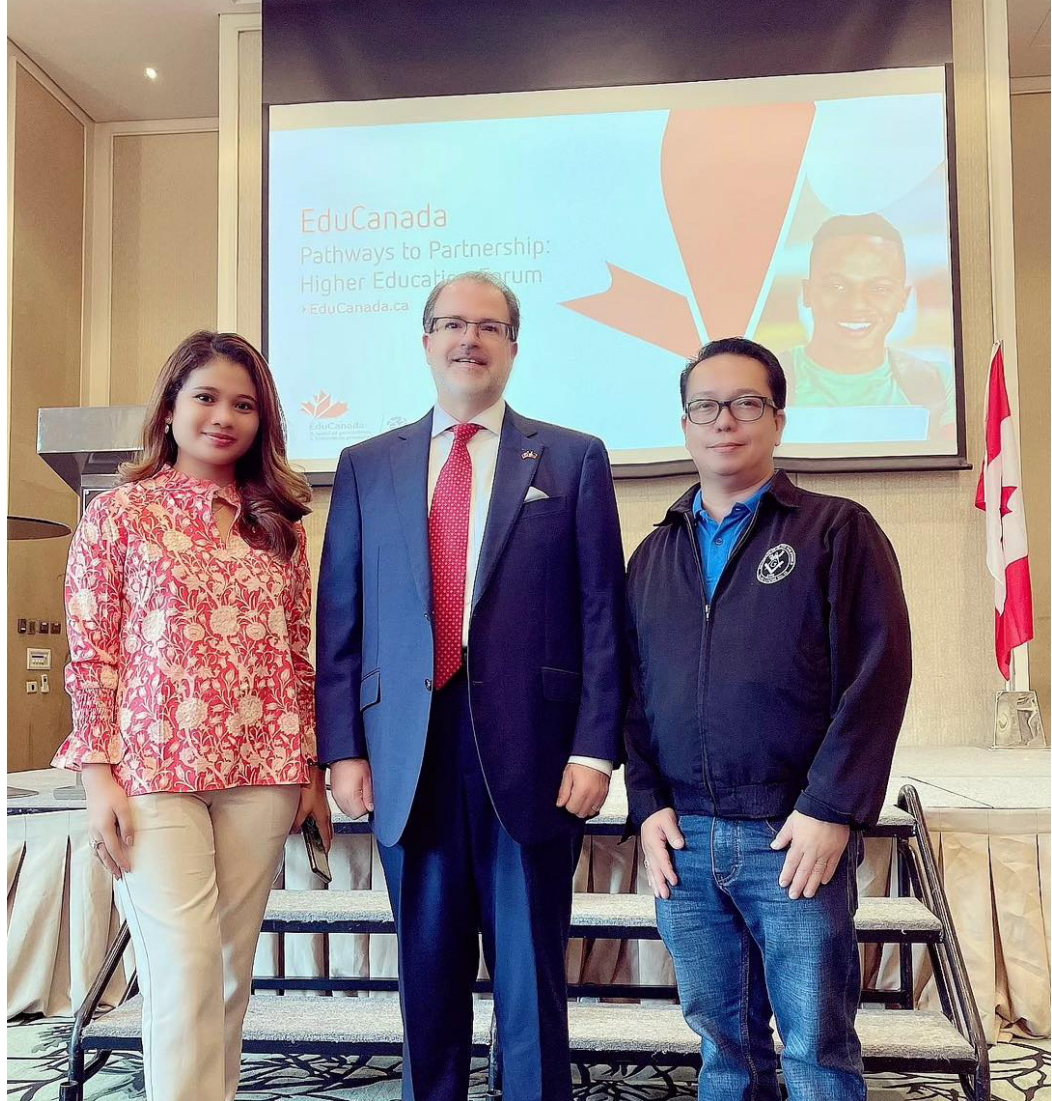
"This is just the first step. Our robust faculty who contributed to formulating the test questions and all other guidelines for the pre-board exam will evaluate and identify the points of weaknesses and where to focus strength on, conduct final coaching, as we proceed to the next step, which is the Enhancement Review," Dr. Gregorio said.

The Enhancement Review is set on March 13, 2023, at the CatSU Auditorium, with Ryan A. De Mesa, LPT, MAEM, iMind Review Coordinator, and National Reviewer for Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET), Civil Service Examination (CSE), and National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) examination.

"This is a collaborative effort from amongst the core faculty of College of Education and College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and College of Science. With the teamwork and cooperation from everybody, I am hopeful that these activities will yield us positive results, towards achieving our goals," Dr. Gregorio concluded.

It is worth noting that Dr. Azanza announced on his Facebook page on March 1, 2022, that he had made efforts to bring board review sessions to the island, with CatSU providing the venue, and the best reviewers being assigned for CatSU students at negotiated reasonable rates from review centers.

He also initiated the efforts of finding sources of incentives for CatSU students who will top the board exam: 50K cash for those who will land in the Top 10 and 100K for Top 1.



CatSU President participates in EduCanada forum for Higher Education Partnerships

by Caroline I. Vecilles

As part of the current administration's efforts to provide the best quality of education to its students, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, Catanduanes State University (CatSU) President, attended the EduCanada Pathways to Partnerships: Higher Education Forum held on March 8, 2023, at the Makati Diamond Residences in Makati City.

During the forum, Dr. Azanza and his wife, Prof. Jane Rose C. Azanza, met with Canadian Ambassador David Hartman and exchanged discussions about the higher education sector, various approaches towards internationalization, including plans and programs useful to education delivery and research, as well as potential opportunities for collaboration towards internationalization.

The event was attended by

representatives of Canadian colleges and representatives from state universities and colleges (SUCs) in the Philippines.

"As we aim to achieve our target sustainable development goals for the university, it is very important and useful to become a part of this forum as we will also be able to apply and mirror the partnership opportunities here in CatSU," Dr. Azanza said.

Presentations during the forum included an overview of Canadian colleges, institutes, and polytechnics to establish international partnerships, delivering micro-credentials, and enriching applied research.

Moreover, the forum highlighted the one-on-one meetings between Canadian and Philippine Higher Education institutions, including Catanduanes State University.

CatSU CIT, DTI conduct skills training on Pili-based pastries at SSF Foodlab Center

by Caroline I. Vecilles



Local bakers and pili processors showcase a selection of their finished products.

The Shared Services Facility (SSF) or Foodlab Center, under the auspices of CatSU College of Industrial Technology (CIT), was filled with bakers and local pili processors participating in a Skills Training on Pili-based pastries held on Friday, March 10, 2023.

The training is a collaborative project of CatSU CIT and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) under its One Town product (OTOP) program, aimed at developing food products utilizing pili nuts as one of the main ingredients to strengthen the Pili Industry Cluster of the province.

"We are always excited about skills training like this being held here in CatSU and really glad to note that we are a part of the community members' learning and growth in business," said Ms. Jessa Tria,

CatSU SSF Supervisor.

DTI Provincial Director Ma. Belma Q. Escueta expressed her gratitude and thanks to CatSU President, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, for the strong partnership and providing a venue within the CatSU premises for business learnings and undertakings.

Dr. Azanza responded that the university is here to serve a purpose, not just for its students and clientele, but for the community as a whole.

"The university is for everybody; we exist not just as a higher learning institution in developing students to become future professionals, but also as a university that offers its services, expertise, and resources to help every individual in building their dreams and creating value-laden lives."

Pastry Chef Marlon Dy, an Albay-

based Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprise engaged in the same line of business, served as the Guest Trainer for the day. Mr. Dy shared his Mayon Treats recipes and techniques and was also joined by Mr. Medel Pasion of RFM Corp.

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Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, and Dr. Satoshi Kubota's meeting at the President's Office.



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University, the Kuroshio Science Program, and other postgraduate scholarship opportunities to the attendees. The activity concluded with a forum in which Dr. Kubota and the participants discussed possible collaborations and partnerships in the future.

"We want to strengthen our partnership, and we are always committed to collaborating with Catanduanes State University, especially in knowledge generation and technical support in research," Dr. Kubota said.

This was also emphasized by the Japanese professor in his last visit on February 21, 2019, when he said that collaboration is a must, and that the aim at Kochi University is for their students as well as exchange students not to be constrained in the laboratory.

Dr. Kristian Q. Aldea, the Assistant Vice-President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs (AVP-REPA), expressed his gratitude for Sensei's timely visit and discussion of biotechnological research updates. According to him, the visit brought new ideas and development

to the dynamic biotechnological field, which is applicable in many instructional and research undertakings for students and faculty members alike.

Dr. Aldea, a graduate of Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Science at the Benthic Ecology at the Kochi University, Japan, emphasized the need for stronger linkage and collaboration among institutions in the Kuroshio region to achieve regional development. The visit of his Sensei highlighted the importance of biotechnological innovations and their role in advancing the field of marine science.

Meanwhile, after his lecture, Dr. Kubota went to the College of Agriculture and Fisheries to check its Soil Laboratory. Several inputs were suggested to the Dean, Professor Jugie Ramos, on how to improve the laboratory's operation.

Dr. Kubota, accompanied by Dr. Kristian Q. Aldea, also visited the Agohe Marine Sanctuary in San Andres and the Marilima Sanctuary in Virac. He also visited the Science laboratory of the College of Sciences and met its faculty

members.

On his arrival on February 28, Dr. Kubota was welcomed by Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, the SUC President III, and Dr. Ramon Felipe A. Sarmiento, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs (VP-REPA), Dr. Kristian Q. Aldea (AVP-REPA), Dr. Jose Z. Tria, Director of Research and Development Services (RDS), and Professor Zyra Mae T. Tumala, Director of the Center for International Relations and Continuing Professional Development Services (CIRCPDS).

"Kubota sensei's visit highlights the significance of collaborations in academic and research pursuits. Through partnerships and collaborations, institutions can achieve greater heights and contribute to regional development," Dr. Azanza said.

Prior to his visit to CatSU, Dr. Kubota also went to Benguet State University, University of the Philippines Visayas, and Bicol University. He will also visit Partido State University in Goa, Camarines Sur.



PAGMAMAHAL SA BAYAN. Pinangunahan ni Dr. Joverf R. Balunsay ang pagbabalik tanaw sa mga akda ng Pambansang Bayani, si Gat Jose Rizal sa naganap na Rizal Forum.

Rizal Forum, matagumpay na nairaos sa CatSU

by Francis John Templonuevo

Matagumpay na nairaos ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura ang pagsasagawa ng Rizal Forum na may pamagat na “Muling Sulyap sa Mga Natatanging Katha ni Dr. Jose Rizal” sa Pampahalaang Unibersidad ng Catanduanes noong Marso 1, 2023.

Pinangunahan ni Dr. Joverf R. Balunsay, Direktor ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura, ang nasabing talakayan na may layuning linangin ang kaalaman at kasanayang kultural at pampanitikan ng mga kaguruang nagtuturo ng nasabing asignatura.

Kasama sa mga dumalo sa gawaing ito ang mga mag-aaral na kumukuha ng General Education Courses na GEC 9 o ang Buhay at mga Akda ni Rizal.

Ayon sa Direktor, ang asignaturang ito ay itinituturo sa antas tersarya bilang pagtupad sa mandato ng Republic Act 1425, na lalong kilala sa tawag na Batas



Dr. Joverf R. Balunsay

Rizal.

“Sa naturang batas na ito, iniutos ang pagtuturo ng talambuhay at mga akda ng pambansang bayani bilang paraan ng paglinang sa patriotismo ng mga mag-aaral sa kolehiyo,” ani ni Dr. Balunsay.

Ilan sa mga nagbigay ng panayam ay mga dalubguro na sina Prop. Francis B. Tatel na ibinahagi ang paksang “Si Rizal sa Pananaw ni Ambeth Ocampo,” Dr. Maria Charlene A. Cantar na ibinahagi ang paksang “Muling Sulyap sa mga Tula at Sanaysay ni Rizal,” at Dr. Susan M. Tindugan na nangunasa sa paksang “Mga Nobela ni Rizal: Mga Isyu at Simbolismo.”

“Lagi at lagi nating pahahalagahan ang kabayanihang ipinamalas sa atin ng ating pambansang bayani. Ang kanyang buhay ay isang inspirasyon lalo na sa mga kabataang pag-asa ng bayan,” wika ni Dr. Balunsay sa pagtatapos ng nasabing gawain.





STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP. Dr. Ramon Felipe A. Sarmiento, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs, joins other CatSU Officials in a meeting with DILG Provincial Director Uldarico T. Razal, Jr., to foster collaboration.

CatSU, DILG partner to empower LGUs through trainings

by Francis John Templonuevo

Catanduanes State University (CatSU) and the Department of Interior Local Governance (DILG) of the province recently met on March 8, 2023, to discuss a potential partnership aimed at empowering local government units (LGUs) through training.

The meeting was held at the DILG provincial office, with Provincial Director Uldarico Razal, Jr., and Dr. Ramon Felipe A. Sarmiento, the Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs of CatSU.

The partnership aims to provide basic training on parliamentary procedure, writing ordinances and minutes, resolutions, and other related skills to communities to help them govern themselves effectively.

These trainings will be made available to LGUs in the province to enhance their capacity and capability to govern. Both parties expressed their enthusiasm and commitment to the partnership, which they believe will have a positive impact on the province's communities.

Dr. Sarmiento shared the importance of empowering LGUs to achieve inclusive and sustainable growth.

"We believe that empowering the LGUs through training will lead to more efficient and effective governance, which will ultimately benefit the people of the province," Dr. Sarmiento said.

PD Razal, Jr. also expressed his appreciation for the partnership, saying that the DILG is committed to working with CatSU to provide the necessary

training to LGUs in the province.

He also shared that the DILG Office has reference books where students from CatSU can use in their research.

"Igwa kami uyang corner na magagamit nin mga estudyante nin CatSU para sa researches manungod sa local governance. Parte pa ini nin satuyang partnership. Bukas kami pirmi sa anuman na makatabang nin opisina," the DILG Provincial Director said.

The training is expected to start soon, and both parties hope that it will result in better governance and improved quality of life for the province's communities. With this partnership, CatSU and DILG are taking a step towards empowering LGUs and building a stronger, more resilient province.



CatSU directors attend BCAARRD workshop to strengthen research efforts

by Caroline I. Vecilles

To strengthen the research efforts and collaboration for Catanduanes State University (CatSU), Dr. Jose Z. Tria, the Director of Research and Development Services (RDS), and Prof. Abelisa D. Evangelista, the Director of Abaca Technology and Innovations Center (ATIC), attended the Research Development and Extension Strategic Planning and Workshop at Patio de San Jose Resort and Convention Center at Malilipot, Albay on March 1-3, 2023.

The workshop was organized by the Bicol Consortium for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (BCAARRD), with twenty-two consortium member institutions (CMIs) in attendance.

During the workshop, Dr. Tria and Prof. Evangelista engaged in knowledge-sharing and discussions on a wide range of themes such as research areas of BCAARRD, strategic R&D roadmap for land-based agriculture and fisheries/marine science, and developing action plans through the lens of Futures Thinking.

The workshop also covered topics like Research Development and Extension agenda, thrust, and priorities, Philippine development plans for 2023-2028, the national innovation agenda 2032, and Bicol Regional Development plans.

Notable resource speakers for the three-day workshop included Dr. Arnulfo M. Mascariñas, Chair, RRDC, Dr. Lester M. Narvaez, Dr. Marissa N. Estrella, Deputy Director, and Director of BCAARRD, respectively.

As a result of their attendance, research centers such as RDS and ATIC brainstormed and agreed to create strategic plans through collaboration with the Office of Vice President, REPA, Deans/Department Chairs and Research Coordinators, and Faculty members as well as faculty researchers, by having orientation and re-orientation for Research Coordinators about the trends and updates of BCAARRD, and assist them in preparing and the submission of consortium-type research proposals.

"We want to integrate new learnings and policies to gain from Futures thinking approach of strategic planning, as well as revisit and improve, integrate and re-harmonize the University research agenda to the regional RD&E thrusts and priorities," Dr. Tria said.

BCAARRD expressed its appreciation to all the attendees and participating CMIs for their contributions to the success of the workshop and emphasized the importance of continued collaboration among CMIs to achieve sustainable regional development.



CatSU ATIC Director, Prof. Abelisa T. Evangelista, and R&DS Director, Dr. Jose Z. Tria (standing in the back) join fellow participants from the Bicol Region.

CatSU-Koro Hubilyo showcases learnings from EDUC Program organized by Philippine Madrigal Singers, NCCA

Via *CatSU Koro Hubilyo* FB page

CatSU-Koro Hubilyo proudly presented their learnings from the Empowerment and Development of University Choirs (EDUC) Program's culminating activity, organized by the Philippine Madrigal Singers and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), held on March 12, 2023.

The Philippine Madrigal Singers, a renowned musical group, mentored

and trained aspiring singers and chorale groups from selected higher education institutions in the Philippines through sessions on vocal and conducting techniques, choral literature, and arts management. Prof. Mark Anthony Carpio, Artistic Director and Choirmaster, along with Prof. Joey G. Vargas and Prof. Anna Tabita Abeleda-Piquero facilitated the online sessions.

CatSU Koro Hubilyo was grateful for being one of the groups chosen to participate in the program and expressed their appreciation. The EDUC program helped them enhance their singing techniques and deepen their appreciation for choral music.

During the culminating activity, all the participating groups showcased their pre-recorded performances through the



Dr. Jose Z. Tria

CatSU Koro Hubilyo with retired professor, Cresencia G. Arcilla.

CATANDUANES STATE UNIVERSITY KORO HUBILYO
JOSE TRIA, CONDUCTOR

Philippine Madrigal Singers' YouTube channel, celebrating Filipino culture and music. The event showcased how music can unite people, inspire them, and foster a sense of community - an embodiment of a Singing Philippines.

The EDUC program not only improved the group's skills but also provided them with an unforgettable experience.

The platform enabled them to showcase their talents, interact with

fellow music enthusiasts, and learn from industry experts.

The CatSU Koro Hubilyo is a major performing musical group in Catanduanes State University, emphasizing Bicol cultural music to preserve and promote the rich culture of the province.

Founded in 2020 by Dr. Jose Z. Tria, the group comprises students from various programs in the institution and performs various musical genres. The

name "Hubiliz" combines the Bicol term "koro," which means choir, and "hubilyo," which means tying threads of abaca fibers to produce a strong rope. It signifies the group's mission to bring together diverse voices and instruments to produce a harmonious and well-balanced musical group.

Today, Hubiliz is on a mission to spread music throughout the island of Catanduanes.



CatSU OSADS conducts re-orientation for students this 2nd Sem, S.Y. 2022-2023

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

The Office of Student Affairs and Development Services (OSADS) of Catanduanes State University (CatSU) has started its re-orientation program for all college students for the second semester of the school year 2022-2023.

The program aims to educate and inform the students about the existing Student Handbook (version 2018) and other laws related to their behavior, discipline, and conduct as premier university students.

The OSADS has set objectives that will enhance the understanding of the students in various academic and non-academic approaches. The students will learn the proper ways of addressing issues and concerns that may arise from time to time in their respective colleges.

Specific topics such as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drug Act, Bomb Threats, and Anti-Sexual

Harassment Law and Violence Against Women and Children and Safe Space Act will be discussed.

In addition, the re-orientation program will include reminders on the use of university facilities, University Traffic Laws and Rules, and Respect and Appreciation for Individual and Socio-Cultural Differences.

The program is aimed to educate and equip the students with skills to educate their co-students about the appropriate behavior as a student of a premier university of the Island-province.

The OSADS believes that this program will help the students to be aware of the laws that are eminent for human existence and to act accordingly.

The program facilitators were the Chief of Police - Virac, PMAJ Robert Kevin T Caparriso, PSSG Antonino B. Aquino, PMCS Josephine Bergonio, Prof. John Cyrus B. Francis, Dr. Ryan T. Timbal,

Mr. Noly T. Benavides, Ms. Janette O. Labayani, and Engr. Benjamin Hannycel T. Nuyda.

The schedules of the University-wide Re-Orientation were as follows: College of Agriculture and Fisheries (March 2), College of Education (March 3), College of Engineering and Architecture (March 6), College of Humanities and Social Sciences (March 8), College of Science (March 13), College of Business and Accountancy (March 15), College of Health Sciences (March 16), College of Industrial Technology (March 17), and College Information and Communications Technology (March 20).

Prof. John Cyrus Francis, OSADS Director, hopes that with the re-orientation program, CatSU is confident that its students will become responsible and disciplined citizens who will be instrumental in nation-building.



CatSU IAS leads ISO 9001:2015 awareness

by Caroline I. Vecilles



Engr. Rafael O. Santelices leads an ISO 9001:2015 training session for new Heads of Offices and Directors at the Accreditation Room.

CatSU Internal Audit Team Head, Engr. Rafael O. Santelices, conducted an ISO 9001:2015 training awareness session at the Accreditation Room on March 7, 2023. The aim of the training was to enhance the knowledge of the newly designated Heads of Offices and Directors regarding the fundamentals of the ISO 9001:2015 Standard.

“The adoption of a quality management system is a strategic decision for an organization. In our case at CatSU, we always want to continually improve overall performance and provide quality services to our clients and stakeholders,” Engr. Santelices said.

The Internal Audit Services is the university’s unit responsible for facilitating opportunities to enhance the clientele’s service experience. They ensure that service delivery is demonstrated in conformity to the specified quality management system requirements, based on the international standard for ISO 9001:2015.

“Let us always intensify the connection and processes in organizing

quality policy and adhering to the quality standards. It is in providing the best quality services that will yield excellent customer satisfaction,” Engr. Santelices emphasized.

One of the participants, Prof. John Cyrus B. Francis, Director of the Office of Student Affairs and Development Services (OSADS), emphasized the significance of being aware of the intention of the ISO and being fully guided in terms of office document familiarization.

“We will need to be able to identify correction-immediate action in order to solve issues and concerns on a per cause-basis. There’s the preventive action as well as corrective action, best practices to pick up in order to achieve the consistency of providing quality services to the students, very useful in my case being the office that takes charge of student affairs and development concerns,” Prof. Francis said.

“Ultimately, we are bound to understand the fundamentals of Quality Management Systems parallel to the State College and University (SUC) standards, and the Vision, Mission, and

Developmental Goals of CatSU,” he added.

Prof. Gregorio Angeles, Jr., Extension Coordinator from CatSU Panganiban Campus, recalled his learnings from the activity.

“The core of ISO is customer satisfaction. It is in our commitment and strong-will to continue the thrusts and efforts for improvement, and to ensure the attainment of excellence in quality management for societal advancement, that we can achieve customer satisfaction,” Prof. Angeles said.

“Let us always intensify the connection and processes in organizing quality policy..”

CatSU-R&DS empowers faculty researchers with research proposal writing skills in seminar-workshop series

by Caroline I. Vecilles



CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Catanduanes State University's Research and Development Services (R&DS) recently organized the Seminar-Workshop Series 1: Research Proposal Writing to improve the quality and quantity of research conducted by faculty researchers on March 15-16, 2023, at the CatSU Accreditation Room.

The workshop aimed to equip faculty researchers with the skills and tools needed to write a feasible research proposal, which is crucial for securing internal and external funding. Additionally, the event sought to encourage innovative approaches to writing the key elements of a research proposal, including the problem statement, literature review, research methodology, justification, outputs, and expected results. The workshop also focused on refining the research proposals submitted to the R&DS.

The write shop began with a discussion of various topics such as the institutional research process, ethical considerations, structure of a scientific proposal, population selection and sampling, Gantt chart and budgetary considerations, and effective citations and referencing.

The resource speakers, who are experts in their respective fields,

provided practical tips and advice on how to write effective research proposals. The plenary sessions were conducted and facilitated by Dr. Lily P. Custodio, Executive Vice President (EVP), Dr. Ramon Felipe A. Sarmiento, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs (VP-REPA), Dr. Jose Z. Tria, R&DS Director, Dr. Jimmylen Z. Tonio, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUMSS), Prof. Anne F. Gianan, Assistant Professor of the College of Science (COS), Dr. Lilibeth I. Tubalinal, Associate Professor II of College of Health Sciences (CHS) and Ms. Bernadeth T. Garcia, R&DS Statistician II. Participants engaged in discussions and various activities held online and offline.

The workshops provided a hands-on approach to research proposals writing, allowing participants to put into practice what they learned from the resource speakers. Their respective Research Coordinators and the R&DS staff facilitated the workshops, providing guidance and feedback on the proposed studies.

At the end of the event, participants refined their research proposals, taking into account all the learnings and experiences gained in the activity. The output of the event was research

proposals expected to be submitted by the proponents on or before March 31, 2023.

The R&DS expressed gratitude to everyone who participated in the Seminar-Workshop's success. Dr. Tria emphasized that the University should primarily focus on generating knowledge that benefits its community and that everything starts with a research proposal. After such, other research activities such as implementation, presentation, publication, extension, utilization, commercialization, and citation will automatically follow.

Moreover, Dr. Tria said that this research activity is anchored in the current administration's Vision of HOPE which encourages CatSU faculty members to engage in capacity building activities to enhance the quality and quantity of research.

The University's next research-related activity will be "INVENTouring: A Proposal Enhancement Writeshop for Filipino Inventors," to be held on March 28-30, 2023, in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology – Technology Application and Promotion Institute (DOST – TAPI).



Proposed Student Development Center of CatSU

CatSU to construct student development center after 62 years

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

After 62 years, the students of Catanduanes State University (CatSU) will finally have their own building to be managed by the student council.

This was the good news shared by CatSU President, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza in his Facebook account.

According to his post, under the General Appropriations Act 2023, the first phase of the Student Development Center, worth 25 million pesos, has been approved as one of the major projects of the current administration. The center will house all the student body organizations of each college of CatSU, together with the Office of Student Services and the Office of Student Scholarships and Assistance. Construction will commence this March 2023.

He also said that the building will be equipped with meeting rooms and a student lounge with internet connection. The building will be constructed adjacent to the Men's Dorm which is a walking distance to the Ladies Dorm, and the Sports Complex.

Once completed, the building will be turned over to the Federated College Student Council (FCSC) for them to manage and decide how to use the facility.

The FCSC, having its own bank account, holds the responsibility of deciding how to spend student funds, subject to COA rules, the CatSU President added.

Dr. Azanza also recognized the efforts of Former Student Regent Renz Mickenley T. Tanael, now a Municipal Councilor of the Municipality of Bato, who was also part of the planning of this project. He also thanked the incumbent Student Regent Angelo Piolo M. Laynes who also extended his support to this initiative.

Moreover, Dr. Azanza said that with the construction of the Student Development Center, CatSU students can look forward to having a space of their own for activities and events, as well as a center for student services and assistance.



CatSU PESO manager commended as one of Top 3 Best in Catanduanes

The Department of Labor and Employment, Catanduanes Provincial Office (DOLE-CPO) and Public Employment Service Office have commended CatSU's PESO Manager and Alumni Relations Officer, Prof. Maricel S. Cariaso, as one of the Top 3 Best PESO Managers in Catanduanes.

The PESO - Catanduanes State University was also recognized for its partnership with DOLE in the effective implementation of its programs and services for the PESO Year 2022.

Furthermore, CatSU PESO was also acknowledged as the Best PESO in SPES and LEGS implementation.

The awarding was held during the 1st Catanduanes Provincial Federation Meeting on March 8, 2023, at Amenia Beach Resort, Palawig, San Andres.

Earlier, Prof. Cariaso represented CatSU Pres. Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza in the Stakeholders Consultation meeting conducted by DOLE-CPO with DOLE 5 Regional Director, Ma. Zenaida A. Angara-Campita, CESO III, at Gran Isabel Function Hall in Constantino, Virac, which aimed to ensure the alignment of DOLE-CPO's targets, priorities, and budgets for a more systematic and efficient implementation of their programs and services.



CBA faculty members attend seminar-workshop on TOS preparation, test item construction

The Catanduanes State University - College of Business and Accountancy (CBA) conducted a seminar-workshop for its faculty members on the Preparation of Table of Specifications (TOS) and Test Item Construction on March 8, 2023.

The event was held at the CBA Function Hall and was led by Dr. Jose Z. Tria, the Director of Research and Development Services and an Assistant Professor III from the CatSU College of Education.

During the seminar, Dr. Tria discussed the guidelines in crafting the TOS and appropriate tests. The faculty members collaborated on their outputs, presented their work, and shared their impressions.

Attendees included Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Gemma G. Acedo, who expressed appreciation for the

college's timely event in preparation for the scheduled Midterm Examinations.

College Dean, Prof. Ian V. Aranel, also expressed gratitude to all the faculty members who participated, as well as the non-teaching staff, interns, and student assistants.





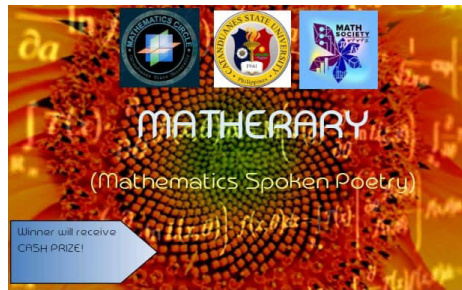
CatSU Math Dept. celebrates International Mathematics Day

BS Mathematics students and those enrolled in the Math in the Modern World course at Catanduanes State University (CatSU) participated in the first-ever International Mathematics Day on March 14, 2023.

The event, organized by the Mathematics Circle, aimed to showcase the power of numbers and explore the depths of Mathematics in real-world applications. Activities included engaging games and exciting prizes prepared by the organizers.

Professors from the Mathematics Department supported the event and encouraged students to face their fears and apprehensions in the world of Mathematics. They emphasized that embracing math is an effective way to build mental discipline, foster logical reasoning, and develop mental rigor.

Congratulations to all the members of the Math Circle, Math Society officers, facilitators, and advisors who collaborated to make the event a success.



Pagpaplano ng KWF para sa mga Sentro ng Wika at Kultura, isinagawa

Isinagawa ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF), sa pangunguna ng kanilang chair na si Dr. Arthur P. Casanova, ang isang pagpaplano ng samahan sa Puerto Princesa, Palawan noong Marso 8-10, 2023.

Nagtipon-tipon sa gawain na ito ang mga kinatawan mula sa iba't ibang State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) sa buong Pilipinas.

Dinaluhan ni Dr. Jovert R. Balunsay, Direktor ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura ang pagtitipon na ito.

Layunin ng samahan na makapagplano ng mga gawain, proyekto, at programa para sa mga sentro ng wika at kultura sa buong bansa.

Ang saklaw ng mga pinaplano ay mula 2023 hanggang 2025, na nakabase sa mga tunguhin ng KWF. Nakatuon ang mga layuning ito sa patuloy na pagpapayaman ng wikang Filipino, mga rehiyonal na wika, at mga nanganganib na wika.





CatSU welcomes Bb. Pilipinas Catanduanes representative, Ms. Candy Völlinger

Catanduanes State University (CatSU) recently hosted a visit from their own Binibining Pilipinas Catanduanes representative, Miss Candy Völlinger.

Dr. Candy's visit to CatSU was part of her itinerary during her team's trip to the island, where she sought support from fellow Catandunganons in her Binibining Pilipinas journey.

Her visit coincided with the university's reorientation event for college students.

Additionally, Dr. Candy paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Lily P. Custodio, the Executive Vice President of CatSU.

CatSU extends its best wishes to Miss Völlinger as she represents the Happy Island and competes for the prestigious Binibining Pilipinas crown.





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CatSU-NSTP participates in seminar-workshop on designing contextualized NSTP, leadership development

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The Catanduanes State University-National Service Training Program (CatSU-NSTP) participated in a seminar-workshop at Albert Hall, Teacher's Camp, Baguio City, from March 1-4, 2023.

The event was conducted by the Center for Human Research & Development Foundation (CHRDF) Inc. in partnership with the University of the Philippines Baguio (UP Baguio).

The seminar-workshop aimed to provide participants with a better understanding of the National Service Training Program (NSTP) Law, by revisiting and unpacking IRR and IGP for NSRC, and aligning NSTP with the vision and mission of the institution.

The seminar-workshop also focused on delivering NSTP courses through a learner-centered approach and recalibrating NSTP of each Higher Education Institution (HEI) through designing contextualized NSTP.

The four-day Seminar-Workshop held a series of simultaneous sessions for NSTP directors, coordinators, teachers,

and students of the participating HEIs in the country.

Concurrently, the National NSTP Student Leadership Conference 2023 was also conducted, which aimed to provide leadership competency development among Filipino youth, instilling the value of patriotism and nationalism.

The Director of CatSU-NSTP, Prof. Emlyn M. Lanon, was accompanied by two NSTP student-trainees, Ms. Karyl M. Tugay from the College of Education-Bachelor of Secondary Education-English, and Mr. Thomas Miguel T. Delapeña from the College of Engineering and Architecture-Civil Engineering.

The conference aimed to train students to fully appreciate and understand how NSTP should be regarded as not just a college course but a way of life, as they are expected to develop a deeper sense of its purpose and significance. The program is a source of life skills, a part of social responsibility, and a passion for lifelong learning.