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CatSU pioneers economic transformation with groundbreaking of Agro-Industrial and Economic Processing Zone, KIST Economic Zone

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

The Catanduanes State University (CatSU) marked a significant milestone in the province's economic development with the groundbreaking ceremony for the establishment of the Agro-Industrial and Economic Processing Zone and the Knowledge, Innovations, Science and Technology (KIST) Park on May 25, 2023.

The event was attended by esteemed guests and key stakeholders, including Governor Joseph C. Cua, Congressman Eulogio R. Rodriguez, and Director General Tereso O. Panga from the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA).

During the ceremony, Governor Joseph C. Cua expressed his optimism about the future of Catanduanes.

"In the years to come, not only will we have more jobs available for Catandunganons, but we will also be self-sufficient, as new investors that will be attracted here will introduce technologically-advanced systems and operations that shall increase our agricultural output in the years to come," Gov. Cua said.

He further highlighted the partnership between the local government and CatSU, emphasizing the collaborative efforts to realize the province's vision and aspirations.

"Maogma ako na sa pilang taon pa sanang paninirbihan ni Kuyang Doc Patrick digdi sa CatSU, pagmati mi, dekada na sa labi-labing pagbabag-o na nai-pundar ta sa unibersidad na ini. An napu-nan niyato na

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Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza

CatSU President Azanza unveils exciting prospects for Catanduanes' Economic Zone

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

In his message during the groundbreaking ceremony for Catanduanes State University Agro-Industrial and Economic Processing Zone and the Knowledge and Innovation Science Technology (KIST) Economic Zone, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza expressed his gratitude to everyone involved in turning a collective dream into a reality.

He referred to the establishment of an economic zone as the key to unlocking the full potential of Virac City and the entire province of Catanduanes.

President Azanza acknowledged the significance of collaboration and teamwork in achieving progress.

"Ini po produkto kan pagtarabang tabang nita gabos."

He extended his appreciation to all those who contributed to making this long-held aspiration come true.

The economic zone's establishment will bring Catanduanes closer to realizing the determined vision of a friendship bridge connecting Catanduanes and Camarines Sur, as advocated by Congressman Eulogio R. Rodriguez.

"The Congressman's dream of having a friendship bridge between Virac and Camarines Sur is very much possible as

he himself said that the precursor of the friendship bridge lies in the success of the economic zone which could justify the funding, the support of the construction of the friendship bridge," Dr. Azanza said.

The 7th President of CatSU underlined that the University acts as the prime mover of the collaborative initiatives undertaken by every municipality in the province. The economic zone has already attracted significant interest from investors, including two companies from the United States specializing in the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) sector, who are eager to invest in Catanduanes.

An integral aspect of the economic zone's development is the inclusion of teachers, researchers, and students in the economic activities of the locators. This provision within the contracts ensures that companies located within the economic zone become an economic playground for students. As a result, students will directly benefit from exposure to advanced knowledge and industry applications, while teachers and researchers will be duly compensated upon integration into the economic locators.

Furthermore, the compensation

received from the economic locators will be directly allocated to the advancement of laboratories and academic facilities, enhancing the learning environment for CatSU students and faculty.

President Azanza emphasized that the collaboration between the economic locators and the stakeholders of the island will be a mutually beneficial endeavor. This shared vision aims to uplift the economic status of Catanduanes while providing valuable opportunities for its residents.

The inauguration of Catanduanes' economic zone is a milestone, marking it as one of the pioneering ecozones established during the term of then Governor, now President of the Republic of the Philippines, Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos (PBBM).

The development sets the stage for a prosperous future, empowering the province and its people to thrive in a dynamic and evolving economic landscape.

"Ini po para sa future kan satuyang mga kaakian, estudyante bako sana sa CatSU kundi sa bilog na probinsya nin satuyang mahal na islang Catanduanes," Dr. Azanza said.



PEZA Director General Tereso O. Panga

PEZA Director General Tereso O. Panga commends CatSU for the establishment of a transformative Economic Zone

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Director General Tereso O. Panga of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) expressed his commendation for CatSU President Patrick Alain T. Azanza and the university's significant role in bringing to fruition the shared vision of establishing a Knowledge and Innovation Science and Technology (KIST) economic zone, as well as an Agro-Industrial and Economic Processing Zone in Catanduanes province.

"In just a year, the dream of establishing an economic zone has become a reality, marking a milestone that has the potential to change the future of the entire province and greatly benefit its residents," DG Panga said.

Director General (DG) Panga highlighted that Catanduanes is among the first economies in the ASEAN region to venture into this type of economic zone, demonstrating the province's commitment to innovation and progress.

"The newly established economic zone is designed to harness the synergy between industry and academia, promoting research, development, and innovation," he said.

DG Panga also emphasized the numerous benefits that will arise from the economic zone, including the attraction of foreign companies to locate within its premises. This influx of businesses will create job opportunities for graduates of CatSU, enabling them to find employment within their own province instead of seeking opportunities in Manila or other cities.

According to the Director General, the establishment of the economic zone will also uplift the economic life of the people of Catanduanes, with the potential to increase local revenues for the Local Government Units (LGUs). The partnership between PEZA, LGUs, state universities, and stakeholders is crucial in the development of ecozones across various communities, as it serves as a catalyst for economic progress in their respective areas.

Director General Panga pledged PEZA's unwavering support in promoting this new and vital economic zone in Catanduanes.

"This groundbreaking initiative will open doors to the Pacific, presenting opportunities for growth, development, and increased trade in the region."

The realization of the KIST economic zone and Agro-Industrial and Economic Processing Zone in Catanduanes stands as a testament to the province's commitment to fostering innovation, economic development, and a brighter future for its residents. With the support of PEZA and the collaborative efforts of stakeholders, Catanduanes is poised to embark on a transformative journey towards sustainable growth and prosperity.



Cat'nes Governor foresees economic growth, self-sufficiency for Catanduanes with Agro-Industrial, Economic Processing Zone

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Cat'nes Governor foresees economic growth, self-sufficiency for Catanduanes with Agro-Industrial, Economic Processing Zone

Governor Joseph C. Cua of Catanduanes expressed his optimism for the future of the province during his address on the groundbreaking ceremony of the Catanduanes State University's Agro-Industrial Economic Processing Zone, and, the Knowledge and Innovation Science Technology (KIST) Economic Zone on May 25, 2023.

The three-termer Governor highlighted the tremendous opportunities that lie ahead, emphasizing the creation of more jobs for Catanduanons and the province's journey toward self-sufficiency.

Governor Cua revealed that new locators would be attracted to Catanduanes, introducing technologically-advanced systems and operations that will revolutionize the agricultural sector. These advancements are expected to significantly increase agricultural output

in the coming years.

"Maogka ako na sa pilang taon pa sanang paniribihan ni Kuyang Doc Patrick digdi sa CatSU, pagmati mi, dekada na sa labi-labing pagbabag-o na nai-pundar ta sa unibersidad na ini. An napu-nan niyato na mga proyekto para sa probinsya sa paagi nin partnership nin lokal na gobyerno asin kan CatSU, padagos niyatong mamanteneron tanging dakol pa sa mga bisyon asin pangarap ta para sa probinsya an mangyari asin magkatotoo," Gov. Cua said in his address.

Through effective leadership, unity, and cooperation, Governor Cua emphasized that they have been able to exceed expectations and set higher standards for future generations. This progress serves as a testament to the province's commitment to excellence.

He also expressed his hope that the recent event would ignite further movements and initiatives within Catanduanes. He encouraged advocacy and championing the development of the province and the well-being of its people.

"I hope that this event sparks more movements and initiatives in Catanduanes— one that advocates and champions the development of our province and the Catandunganon People," Gov. Cua said.

The governor's vision encompasses not only economic growth but also the preservation of Catanduanes' cultural heritage and the overall improvement of the quality of life for its residents. He believes that by fostering an environment of progress and collaboration, Catanduanes will thrive and create a brighter future for all.

As the province continues to forge ahead, Governor Cua remains steadfast in his commitment to promoting sustainable development, fostering partnerships, and nurturing the aspirations and dreams of the Catandunganon people.



Congressman Eulogio R. Rodriguez

Lone District Representative of Cat'nes praises the establishment of the Ecozones in CatSU

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

Congressman Eulogio R. Rodriguez, the Lone District Representative of Catanduanes, expressed his enthusiasm and support for the establishment of the ecozones in the province through the Catanduanes State University as the prime mover.

Cong. Rodriguez views this significant milestone as the beginning, the first step toward an incredible economic leap for

Catanduanes.

In a heartfelt message addressed to CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, Congressman Rodriguez acknowledged his passion for development, innovative thinking, and dynamic approach. He credited President Azanza as the driving force behind the realization of the long-standing dream of economic independence and prosperous

lives for the people of Catanduanes.

Congressman Rodriguez recognized the potential of the ecozones to bring about transformative changes to the province's economic landscape. According to him, this initiative will create new opportunities for growth, attract investments, and pave the way for a brighter future for Catandunganons.

The establishment of the ecozones is a testament to the collective efforts and determination of the leaders, stakeholders, and the entire community of Catanduanes. Congressman Rodriguez expressed his gratitude to everyone involved in making this dream a reality and emphasized the importance of collaboration in achieving the province's goals.

With the ecozones as a catalyst for economic progress, Catanduanes is poised to experience a remarkable transformation.

Congressman Rodriguez's message serves as an encouragement to continue pursuing development initiatives that will bring about lasting positive changes to the lives of the people and contribute to the overall growth of the province.



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Building a sustainable future together. CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza signs partnership agreement with the Provincial Local Government of Catanduanes and Provincial Agricultural Services Office for a sustainable agricultural future.

CatSU leads seminar on Organic Farming, paving the way for Sustainable Agriculture

by Caroline I. Vecillas | Rochellee Jane C. Idanan

To promote sustainable agriculture on the island, the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) College of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF), in partnership with the Provincial Local Government of Catanduanes and Provincial Agricultural Services Office, conducted the inaugural seminar on Empowering Island Organic Farming Educators Practitioners: Catalyst for Sustainable Agriculture on May 18, 2023, at the CatSU Gymnasium.

With the theme, “Technical Advancement in Organic Agriculture Contributions for Food Security in the Island Province,” the seminar aimed to gather CAF faculty, students, farm owners, and other stakeholders to address the challenge of promoting organic agriculture in Catanduanes. The event accommodated participants both onsite and online through Zoom and Facebook Live.

In her opening remarks, CatSU Executive Vice President Dr. Lily P. Custodio expressed her gratitude to the resource speakers for sharing their expertise on organic farming. She emphasized the seminar’s timeliness in light of the adverse effects of global warming.

Furthermore, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza delivered an inspiring message, highlighting the university’s commitment to sustainable agriculture. He shared his aspirations to make a significant impact on the island by achieving food security through organic farming.

“We hope that by bringing together this field of experts in the field of organic farming, we are able to create an impact in the province because, at the end of the day, our goal is to have food security knowing that we are in an island and unfortunately we are heavily dependent on the importation of food from the Mainland,” Dr. Azanza said.

Governor Joseph “Bobby” Cua, represented by Bato Councilor Hon. Joselito Alberto, also delivered an inspirational message, urging support for government programs aimed at empowering island farmers to enhance their efficiency and productivity.

The seminar commenced with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CatSU, the Research Institute of Modern Organic Agriculture (RIM-MOA) at King Mongkut’s Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL) in Bangkok, Thailand,

represented by its Director, Professor Dr. Kasem Soyong, and CMCS Agricultural Products Trading Inc., represented by its President and the Country Representative for Envirolizer Ltd. UK., Mr. Miguel P. Delgado Jr.

According to Dr. Azanza, these MOUs are essential and will significantly contribute to CatSU’s services to the people of Catanduanes.

“Hopefully with these MOUs with two significant organizations, mas mapapakaray kan CatSU an serbisyo na kinakaipo itao sa lambang Catandunganon.”

Following the MOU signing, Dr. Ma. Jogie R. Ramos, Dean of CAF, introduced the first speaker for the morning session, Professor Dr. Kasem Soyong. He was followed by Professor Dr. Pakkapon Pongsuk, the Executive Vice-President for Student Affairs of KMITL.

The afternoon session featured discussions with Dr. Jimmy T. Masagca, Professor VI from CatSU, Mr. Miguel P. Delgado, and Dr. Teodoro Mendoza, a former full Professor and UP Scientist at the University of the Philippines-Los Baños.

The Philippine Association for the Study of Culture, History and Religion (PASCHR), Inc.

and the
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May 18-20, 2023

Keynote Speaker: Sophana Srichampa, Ph.D.
Mahidol University, Thailand



An inspiring start. Dr. Amanjiva Lochan takes the podium to deliver a powerful message at the opening program of the 9th PASCHR International Conference.

9th PASCHR International Conference at CatSU sets new standards for Cultural Research

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

The 9th Philippine Association for the Study of Culture, History, and Religion (PASCHR) International Conference concluded on May 20, 2023, at Catanduanes State University (CatSU).

The conference, with the theme "Narratives and Practices of Meaning-making: Histories, Cultures, and Religions in the Philippines in their Indo-Pacific Contexts," saw the participation of approximately 100 attendees, both online and onsite. This included 52 Paper Presenters representing 31 universities and colleges from across the country and the world.

During the opening on May 18, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza expressed gratitude to PASCHR for choosing CatSU as the conference's partner and venue.

As a sociologist, Dr. Azanza emphasized the significance of a conference that explores culture, religion, and history, as it plays a vital role in disseminating and preserving knowledge. He stressed the importance of future generations learning about their roots and the historical foundations that have shaped society today.

Dr. Amarjiva Lochan, President of the South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion, delivered an inspirational message, pledging assistance in publishing the conference research papers in their journal.

Catanduanes leaders' Hon. Arlynn H. Arcilla, Vice Mayor of Virac, and Hon. Joselito Alberto, Councilor of Bato, also delivered inspirational messages on behalf of Mayor Samuel V. Laynes and Governor Joseph C. Cua, respectively.

Dr. Esmeralda F. Sanchez, President Emeritus of PASCHR, introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Sophana Schrichampa from Mahidol University in Thailand. Following the keynote address, Dr. Randy T. Nobleza from Marinduque State College took the stage as the first Plenary Speaker.

The conference featured parallel sessions where paper presenters shared their research works. These parallel sessions continued on the second day, May 19, with plenary sessions led by three more research experts.

Dr. Vibha Agnihotri of Lucknow University in Uttar Pradesh, India

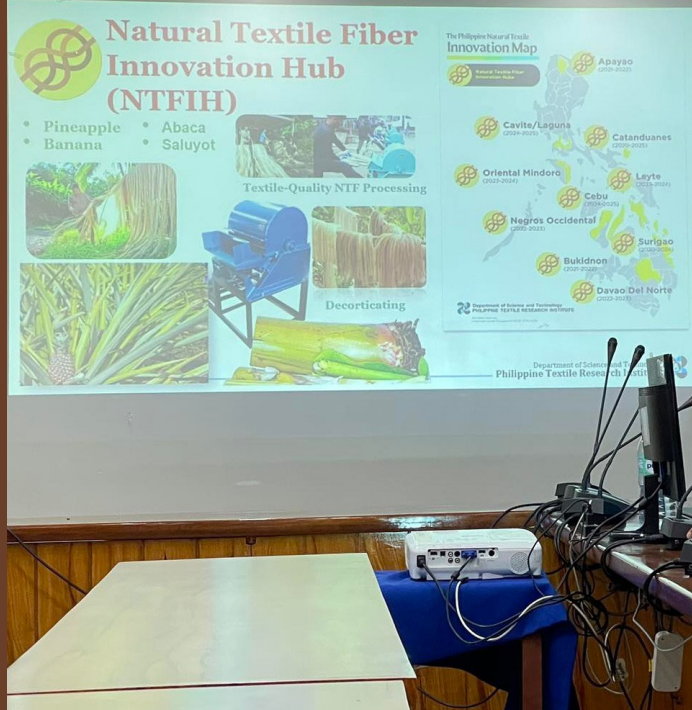
discussed "Religions and Cultures in the Contemporary Times." Dr. Danilo M. Gerona of Partido State University presented on "Suppressing the Babylon/Catolonan: Witchcraft and the Discursive Construction of Diabolic Evil." Dr. Ramon Felipe A. Sarmiento, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs of CatSU, concluded the plenary sessions with his discussion on "The Ermitas of Virac, Catanduanes: People's Abodes of Faith."

On the third day of the event, parallel sessions took place in the morning, and the closing program was held in the afternoon.

Dr. Sarmiento expressed his gratitude for the successful hosting of the conference and the dedication to research, knowledge-sharing, and cultural preservation. He thanked all the attendees from various universities and colleges, both locally and internationally, as well as the individuals behind the event, especially CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza.

CatSU president meets with DOST, PTRI officials to promote textile innovations

by Caroline I. Vecilles



Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, President of Catanduanes State University (CatSU), recently met with regional and provincial officials from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI) to discuss the FRONTIER initiative.

FRONTIER, which stands for Fostering the Revitalization of Nascent Textile Innovations Ecosystems in the region, highlights the strong interest in promoting technological advancements and innovations in the textile industry, with a particular focus on abaca as the


primary material.

The meeting was attended by esteemed leaders and staff members, including Mr. Rommel Serrano, DOST-V Regional Director; Engr. Marie Grace T. Molina, DOST-V Provincial Science & Technology Director; Dr. Julius L. Leaño Jr., OIC Director-DOST PTRI; Dr. Ramon Felipe A. Sarmiento, VP for Research, Extension and Production Affairs (REPA); Asst. VP REPA Kristian Q. Aldea; RDS Director Dr. Jose Z Tria; Abaca Technology Innovations Center (ATIC) Director Prof. Abelisa D. Evangelista, and faculty members from the College of Industrial

Technology (CIT) at CatSU.

During the meeting, DOST-V, through PSTO-Catanduanes, in partnership with DOST PTRI, presented the programs and projects that can be implemented at CatSU. The main objective is to promote fiber textile technologies, including fiber extraction, treatment, and the establishment of a Natural Textile Fiber Innovation Hub, with Catanduanes being a potential area for its development. The presentation also discussed possible technologies that can be implemented, such as abaca drying technology and decorticating machines.





For partnership and growth. Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, together with DOST Regional Director Rommer R. Serano, Congressman Eulogio R. Rodriguez, and Governor Joseph C. Cua, opens the Abaca-nobasyon event, symbolizing the shared commitment towards sustainable development.

CatSU partners with various gov't agencies to boost Cat'nes Abaca Industry — by Rochellee Jane C. Idanan

In an effort to boost the abaca industry in the Abaca Capital of the Philippines, Catanduanes State University (CatSU), led by President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, has unveiled partnerships with various government agencies to pursue and develop innovative abaca projects. This announcement was made during the opening of Abaca-nobasyon: A Science, Technology, and Innovation Conference at the Virac Sports Complex on May 24, 2023.

One of the significant partnerships that CatSU has ventured into is a project by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) for the advanced new polarization of abaca hybrids. In a video message, DOST Secretary Dr. Renato Solidum revealed that they have “developed and supplied 10,000 bandala materials for the adaptation of CatSU farm workers, as well as established a two-hectare abaca experimental farm in selected areas of the province.”

Dr. Azanza expressed his gratitude to DOST for the 30-million project that will establish an Abaca Diagnostic Biotech Laboratory in the university, emphasizing its significance in terms of innovating abaca products through research.

“Nauugma kita ngunyan dahil ang DOST mismo nagsabi, they will put in

around 30 million budget for research digdi sa abaca sa Catanduanes. Dakulang tabang yan dahil ang research mapapahiling talaga kung ano man ang pwedeng maing alternative na gamit kan abaca.”

According to Engr. Marie Grace T. Molina, DOST Provincial S&T Director, the 30-million project is currently awaiting budget approval after being endorsed by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

Furthermore, Dr. Julius L. Leaño Jr., OIC Director of DOST-V Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI), disclosed the agency's plan to build a Natural Textile Fiber Innovation Hub at the university during his keynote speech at the event. He stated that the Hub “will serve as a model for different communities to explore available technologies.”

He added that the outputs of the Natural Textile Fiber Innovation Hub will be fibers that can be provided directly to spinning facilities to create yarns. Additionally, he shared their plan to establish the first Natural Dyes Hub in Region-V, on the island of Catanduanes, by the first semester of 2024.

In addition to partnerships with different government agencies, CatSU is actively engaging in research studies to

develop and innovate abaca products and technology. Some of these innovative products were displayed during the Abacanobasyon exhibit, including the Abaca Drying Technology developed by CatSU Research and Development Services to help maintain the quality of abaca during the rainy season. The exhibit also highlighted paintings by the College of Industrial Technology students using abaca as the painting canvas, as well as garments made from abaca and indigenous abaca crafts.

As CatSU President, Dr. Azanza emphasized the significance of the university's role in helping boost the abaca industry through collaboration with different stakeholders.

“Napakaimportante kan unibersidad, kan mga estudyante, kan mga faculty kan university para makatabang sa lambang sarong munisipalidad, dahil ang CatSU, dapat maging partner talaga sa pag-identify kan mga value chain na makukua sa abaca,” Dr. Azanza said.

Through these partnerships and continuous research ventures, CatSU hopes to maintain Catanduanes' status as the Abaca Capital of the Philippines, ensuring success for the province's abaca farmers.



CAMOT artists with Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza

CatSU, CAMOT present Abaca Art Exhibit showcasing local artistic talents

by Caroline I. Vecilles

Catanduanes State University (CatSU), in partnership with the Catanduanes Artistic Minds and Outstanding Talents (CAMOT), proudly inaugurated a remarkable art exhibition titled “CAMOT sa CatSU: Obra sa Abaca.”

The event took place over the weekend, on May 20, 2023, and witnessed the presence of esteemed CatSU officials, art enthusiasts, and media personalities. Dr. Allan Popa, the event’s guest speaker, delivered an inspiring message, encouraging the artists to persist and nurture their passion.

The exhibition showcased captivating artworks painted on abaca canvas, demonstrating the creativity and skill of the CAMOT artists in utilizing this distinct medium. It served as a platform for the artists to unveil their works and share their talents with the Catanduanes community and beyond. Notably, Chloe Sajo, an eight-year-old artist from Bato, Catanduanes, and the youngest member of CAMOT, captivated attendees with her exceptional talent.

During the event, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, President of CatSU, expressed his wholehearted support for the artists and revealed plans to publish their artworks in a coffee table book. He also

expressed his intention to display these remarkable pieces in various locations, including UP Diliman, a mall in Quezon City, and even internationally, particularly in Taiwan, as part of CatSU’s existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a university in Taiwan.

“All you need is a chance, an opportunity. I am sure when the world sees your artwork, definitely, you will be able to carve your own name,” Dr. Azanza said.

Dr. Azanza announced his vision to create a mural within the campus and adorn the university’s major hallways, lobbies, rooms, and conference rooms with these captivating artworks. The President emphasized the importance of international exposure and collaboration, highlighting the university’s commitment to providing opportunities for the artists to establish international linkages and realize their dreams.

“Magtarabangan [kita], the world is so big and so wide for us to conquer. Don’t lose patience. Dream big.”

In his closing remarks, Dr. Azanza assured the young local artists of CatSU’s continuous support as a nurturing space for their creative expressions. He encouraged them to explore

and showcase their artistic abilities, emphasizing that CatSU will remain a haven where their talents can flourish.

The CAMOT sa CatSU: Obra sa Abaca exhibition aligns with the celebration of the province-wide 7th Abaca Festival. The exhibition is open to the public at the CatSU Main Building and will run until June 15, 2023.



CAMOT Founder, Mr. Paul Anthony Tindugan



Pedal power unleashed. With the newly established Bike Park & Repair Station, campus bikers can now pedal to class with peace of mind, knowing their bikes are in good hands.

CatSU unveils Bike Park & Repair Station, promoting sustainable transportation on campus

by Caroline I. Vecillas

The Catanduanes State University (CatSU) has recently unveiled the CatSU Recycled Bike Park and Repair Station, a collaborative effort among CatSU, Catanduanes Cyclist United (CCU), and Sinag Kabataan.

Led by CatSU alumnus Mr. Fred Gianan, the project has been successfully completed and is now ready to serve the CatSU community.

The idea for the Bike Park and Repair Station was presented by Gianan to CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza during a visit in February. Dr. Azanza immediately showed support and directed Gianan to Engr. Benjamin Hannycel Nuyda, the Planning and Development Services Director and Building and Grounds Services (BGS) Director. This collaboration reflects CatSU's commitment to promoting sustainable initiatives and supporting the interests of the community.

Engr. Nuyda, leveraging his expertise and engagement with various university stakeholders, proposed using metal scrap from CatSU as the foundation for the Bike Park. This innovative approach not only repurposes materials but also

contributes to the campus's eco-friendly atmosphere.

"The Bike Park and Repair Station will greatly benefit the CatSU community by providing a dedicated space for cyclists and promoting an active lifestyle," shared Engr. Nuyda.

He emphasized that the repair station will be a valuable resource for bike maintenance and repairs, ensuring that cyclists on campus have the necessary support.

Gianan expressed his gratitude to Dr. Azanza, Engr. Nuyda, Mr. Florian Avila (CCU President), and the CatSU student volunteers for their valuable contributions

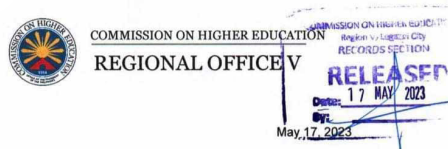
to the project. Their assistance, efforts, and collaboration have been instrumental in the successful establishment of the Bike Park and Repair Station.

Dr. Azanza commended Engr. Nuyda, Gianan, and Avila for their outstanding work.

"This initiative is a testament to CatSU's commitment to sustainability and providing facilities that enhance the campus experience for our beloved CatSUans."

He also extended his congratulations to Gianan for his leadership in bringing the project to fruition.





PATRICK ALAIN T. AZANZA, Ph.D., J.D.
SUC President III
Catanduanes State University
Virac, Catanduanes

Dear **Dr. Azanza**:

We are pleased to inform you on the approval of the request for issuance of **Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC)** of Catanduanes State University for the program, **Master of Arts in Nursing (MA Nursing)** program effective AY 2023-2024 per CEB Resolution No. 158-2023.

A copy of the Certificate for the said program will follow.

Truly yours,

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CatSU to offer Master of Arts in Nursing Program starting AY 2023-2024

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

Catanduanes State University (CatSU) is set to offer a Master of Arts in Nursing program beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year, marking a significant step forward in the island's educational landscape.

This landmark development was confirmed by CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, who received a letter from Atty. Septon A. De la Cruz, the Regional Director of the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office V.

The letter officially informed Dr. Azanza about the approval of CatSU's request for a Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) for the Master of Arts in Nursing program. The COPC is effective from the academic year 2023-2024, as per CEB Resolution No. 158-2023.

"Ayan po, totoong-totoo na ang MA Nursing sa CATSU," Dr. Azanza said on his Facebook account.

"Congrats sa Team CATSU. Malaking matitipid ng mga taga-isla ngayong aprubado na ang MA Nursing uya sa satong unibersidad. Malaking pasalamat

din po kay Comm. Aldrin Darilag sa alalay at suporta sa CATSU, siring man sa tabang kan CHED Regional Office and CEB," he added.

The introduction of this program is expected to be transformative for the island, giving local residents access to advanced nursing education without needing to travel off-island. It is also hoped that the program will contribute significantly to enhancing the quality of healthcare on the island.

Dr. Azanza, along with Dr. Lily P. Custodio, Executive Vice President, Prof. Joel S. Olfindo, Dean of the College of Health Sciences and the key officials at CatSU, have been instrumental in this achievement. Their tireless efforts to secure the necessary approvals and establish the program demonstrate their commitment to expanding educational opportunities for the island's residents and improving local healthcare systems. This landmark achievement is a testament to their dedication and strategic leadership.



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mga proyekto para sa probinsya sa paagi nin partnership nin lokal na gobyerno asin kan CatSU, padagos niyatong mamanteneron tanging dakol pa sa mga bisyon asin pangarap ta para sa probinsya an mangyari asin magkatotoo.”

CatSU President Patrick Alain T. Azanza acknowledged the collective efforts that led to this groundbreaking moment. He thanked everyone who contributed to making this dream a reality.

“Ini po produkto kan pagtarabang tabang nita gabos,” Dr. Azanza said.

He also expressed his gratitude to the investors who have already shown interest in the economic zone, including two companies from the United States in the BPO sector, who are eager to invest in the island.

President Azanza further emphasized the mutual benefits that the economic zone will bring to the university and the locators.

He highlighted the provision in the contract with the investors, ensuring the inclusion of CatSU’s teachers, researchers, and students in their economic activities. The integration of the university community into the locators’ operations will create a unique learning and development opportunity for students and contribute to the advancement of the university’s facilities

and resources.

Director General Tereso O. Panga of PEZA commended CatSU and President Azanza for their shared vision and dedication to establishing the economic zone.

DG Panga highlighted the benefits that the economic zone will bring to the province, including job opportunities for CatSU graduates, increased local revenues for LGUs, and the potential for attracting foreign companies.

Meanwhile, Cong. Eulogio R. Rodriguez, the Lone District Representative of Catanduanes, hailed the establishment of the economic zone as a significant step towards the economic progress of the province. He praised President Azanza for his passion, innovative thinking, and dynamic approach, which have contributed to turning the dream of economic independence and prosperity for Catandunganons into a reality.

The event was attended by several government officials and representatives from various agencies, Regional Director Herbie Aguas from the Department of Tourism, Regional Director and CatSU Board of Regent Rommel R. Serrano, and Ms. Theresa D. Alcantara from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Engr. Marie Grace T. Molina -

Provincial S&T Director of DOST, Ms. Maria Belma Q. Escueta - Provincial Director of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and Ms. Carmel B. Garcia - Provincial Tourism Operations Officer.

Also present were Mr. Huang Ying Je, the owner of Sintai Greentech Corp, and Municipal Mayors including Hon. Odilon F. Pascua of Bagamanoc, Hon. Cesar J. Robles of Panganiban, Hon. Emeterio Tarin of Viga, and Hon. Samuel V. Laynes of Virac, among other distinguished guests.

CatSU key officials were also present in the occasion, led by Dr. Gemma G. Acedo, VP for Academic Affairs, along with Dr. Rosana S. Abundo, FFU President, and the Deans and Directors of CatSU.

The groundbreaking ceremony symbolizes the beginning of a transformative journey for Catanduanes, as the establishment of the economic zone paves the way for economic growth, job creation, and knowledge exchange.

It is a testament to the visionary leadership and unwavering commitment of all stakeholders involved, setting the bar higher for the province’s future generations and championing the development and prosperity of Catanduanes and its people.



Breaking new ground in agricultural technology. CatSU President discusses cutting-edge Smart Agriculture innovations in an engaging interview with GMA 7.

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CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza highlights Smart Agriculture Innovations in GMA 7 interview

by Caroline I. Vecilles

Dr. Azanza was interviewed by GMA 7 to discuss CatSU's Smart Agriculture initiative. During the interview, he provided insights into the mechanism of Smart Agriculture, which encompasses solar-powered, remote-controlled, and online-monitored hydroponic, aquaponic, and aeroponic systems. These systems integrate IT with agriculture, revolutionizing the farming practices.

Dr. Azanza emphasized that the newly launched Greenhouse on May 25, 2023, initially serves academic purposes, allowing students and faculty to gain practical experience and knowledge in advanced agricultural systems.

Accompanying Dr. Azanza were College of Agriculture and Fisheries Dean, Ma. Jugie R. Ramos, and Faculty Member Joseph Tabiosas, and Engr.

Bernard Rubio, who explained the technical aspects of Smart Agriculture, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the innovative methods.

One of the primary goals of CatSU's Smart Agriculture initiative is to equip students with the skills and knowledge required for the modern agricultural environment, granting them a competitive edge in the industry. The implementation of Smart Agriculture also motivates faculty members to conduct research and engage with the community, such as upgrading skills in barangays and rolling out municipal agricultural programs. CatSU aims to extend the benefits of Smart Agriculture beyond its graduates, actively contributing to the overall development of the community it serves.

Additionally, the Smart Agriculture project seeks to enhance the income of

farmers by modernizing their produce and adopting more efficient farming practices. Through the utilization of the University's own savings and income, CatSU proudly funded the Smart Agriculture initiative, emphasizing its commitment to innovation and sustainable development.

Dr. Azanza's interview with GMA 7 shed light on the significant strides CatSU has made in implementing Smart Agriculture. By embracing technology and integrating it into traditional farming practices, CatSU is revolutionizing the agricultural sector and preparing students for a prosperous future in the industry.

CIT shines at 7th Abaca Festival, winning top events in skills competition

by Caroline T. Vecillas

Catanduanes State University's College of Industrial Technology (CIT) made a remarkable impact at the recently concluded 7th Abaca Festival.

The talented students from the Garments and Fashion Design program showcased their skills in the Skill Competition in Fashion Technology, sponsored by TESDA, held at Plaza Rizal on May 22 and 23, 2023.

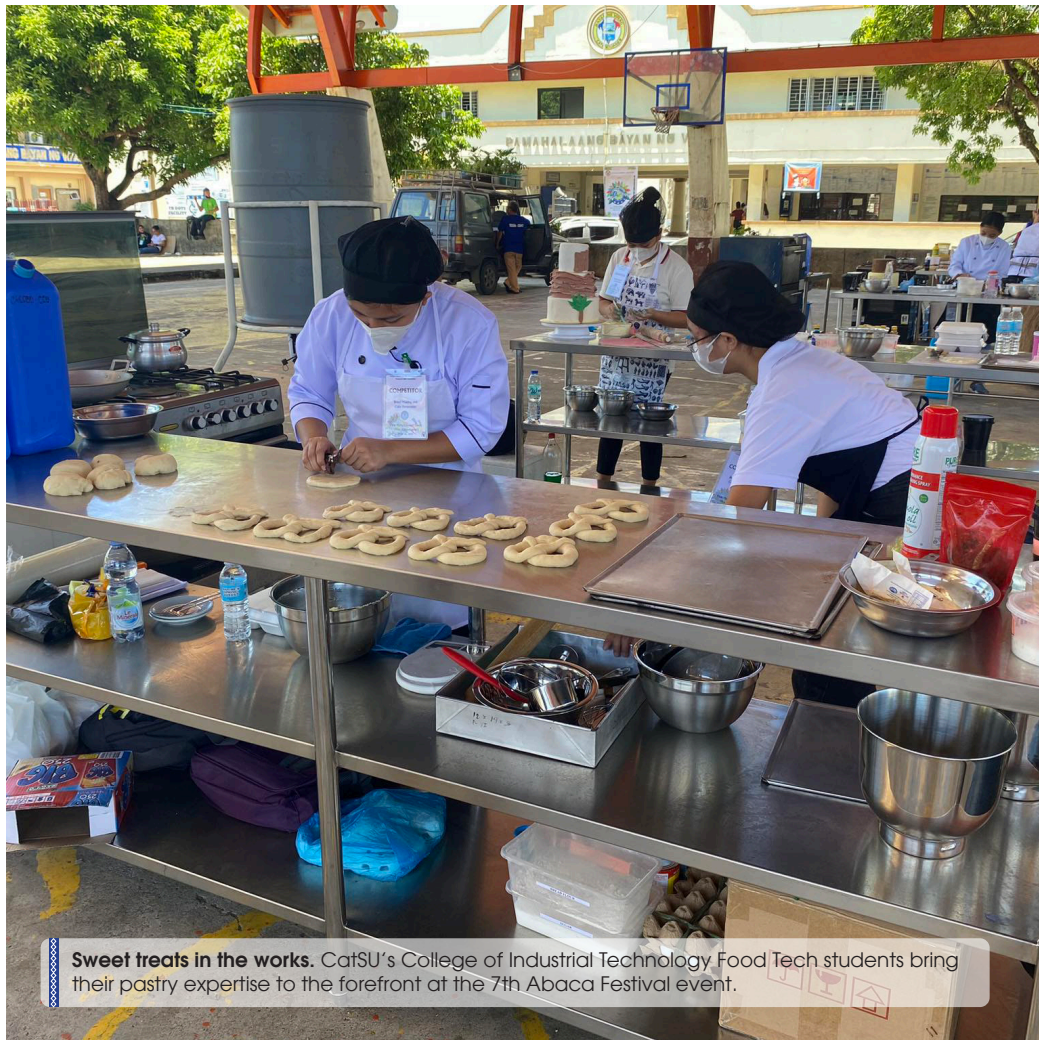
Coached by Prof. Annabel Joy T. Aldea, Julius T. Cuizon, a 3rd-year student of Garments, Fashion, and Design, emerged as the Champion in the competition by designing a coat with an accent of abaca sinamay.

Additionally, a Food Technology contest for cake making and designs took place, where a 2nd-year student from CIT's Food Tech program secured the 2nd position.

Alongside the competitions, CIT products, including items from the FabLab, Food Tech, and Indigenous Craft subjects, were displayed and sold at the Capitol Grounds during the festival. The Sports Center also showcased various innovative displays, such as paintings and abaca-woven clothes from the Garments program.

CIT Dean Edwin Romero expressed his gratitude to all the students and faculty for their collaborative efforts and strong support during the festival, as they represented CatSU with pride.

Dr. Azanza, CatSU President, also extended his thanks to the entire CatSU community for their active participation and eagerness to share their talents, skills, and expertise during the event.



Sweet treats in the works. CatSU's College of Industrial Technology Food Tech students bring their pastry expertise to the forefront at the 7th Abaca Festival event.



A mesmerizing blend of culture and artistry. CatSU's Garment Students, led by Prof. Joven Anonuevo, bring Catanduanes to life through the intricate details of the national costume worn by Binibining Pilipinas #40 Candy Volinger.

Bb. #40's national costume is inspired by one of the images of Mother Mary, the Inmaculada Conception, who is the Patron Saint of Virac, the capital of her island province Catanduanes. It is conceptualized by the province's best local designers Sir Joven Añonuevo of Catanduanes State University, and his brother Jonel Añonuevo, who are from a family of artists.

Moreover, this intricate costume is

sewn and embellished by the students of Garments Fashion and Design of the Catanduanes State University, while all its other accessories are crafted by the artists of the Catanduanes Artistic Mind and Outstanding Talents (CAMOT).

Its dominant shade of white reflects not only the purity of Mother Mary but also the purity of intention and God-given talents of the local designers and artists of the island province. Likewise, its halo, which is accentuated with abaca fibers,

symbolizes the light that guides the local parahag-ot or abaca strippers in their daily work.

The incorporation of abaca fibers is also a nod to Catanduanes being the Abaca Capital of the Philippines. As a whole, Candy's national costume reflects the values of ingenuity, unity, resiliency and faith that she and her fellow Catandunganons pay the highest regard.

Leading the Way: Engr. Toyado Appointed Director of CICCIS to Drive Climate Mitigation Efforts at CatSU

by Rochellee Jane C. Idanan

Engr. DEXTER M. TOYADO
Director, CICCIS

In an effort to mitigate and prevent the impacts of climate change on small islands, Catanduanes State University (CatSU) President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza has appointed Engr. Dexter M. Toyado as the Director of the Center for Island Climate Change Solutions (CICCIS).

As the premier institution on the island, CatSU is the sole center in the Bicol Region dedicated to developing climate change solutions through research, development, and collaboration with network agencies. In his new role, Engr. Toyado faces the challenge of leading the center in developing adaptive strategies for climatic and hydro-meteorological impacts on communities in the Pacific islands.

As Director of CICCIS, Engr. Toyado is responsible for formulating a Manual of Operations that will serve as the foundation for the center's activities and performance evaluation. He will also spearhead research and innovative solutions to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and other anthropogenic impacts on climate change, while recommending key development investments for climate mitigation at the university.

Furthermore, Engr. Toyado will coordinate and establish close partnerships with the National Disaster Coordinating Council, Local Government Units (LGUs), and private entities to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in

reducing people's vulnerability to climate-related disasters and climate change impacts.

In addition to his role as Director of CICCIS, Engr. Toyado is a faculty member of the College of Engineering and Architecture. Despite the demands of these two positions, his remarkable track record and passion for service enable him to effectively lead the center while dedicating himself to teaching his CEA students.

Engr. Toyado holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from Catanduanes State College and pursued a Master of Science in Civil Engineering with a major in Geotechnical Engineering at the University of the Philippines. He also obtained a Master's in Management with honors from Catanduanes Colleges in 2016. Currently, he is pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Management at CATSU and has completed his academic requirements.

Having been with the university for over two decades, Engr. Toyado started as an Instructor I in 2001, later earning promotions to Instructor III in 2015 and Associate Professor IV at the College of Engineering in 2020. Prior to joining the university, he worked as a Programmer at the Catanduanes Agricultural and Industrial College, which is now the CatSU-Panganiban Campus.

Engr. Toyado is not only a licensed Civil Engineer and a Career Service Professional Eligibility holder, but he

is also a Radio Amateur Operator in Class C, B, and A. Additionally, he holds a patent for a Portable Emergency Communications Device.



As a researcher, Engr. Toyado has completed 16 research projects in 12 years, with 12 of them already published, presented, and cited by other scientific articles. Recently, he was included in the World's AD Scientific Index 2023, which recognizes scientific performance and the added value of individual scientists' productivity.

Moreover, Engr. Toyado offers consultancy services as an Editor and Peer Reviewer for the Journal of Analog and Digital Communications and the Journal of Electronics and Communications Systems. He also serves as part of the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) of the CatSU Research and Development Services. Furthermore, he is affiliated with research organizations such as the Asian Intellect for Academic Organization and Development Inc., Global Researchers Association and Convergence for Excellence Inc., and Quantum Cognizance Researchers Conglomerate Inc.

With his dedication to research, expertise in climate mitigation, innovative initiatives, and leadership skills, Engr. Toyado is the perfect fit to lead CICCIS and support CatSU's goal of becoming a National University for Disaster Response and Climate Change Adaptation.



Thirteen Faculty Scientists from CatSU are included in the World's AD Scientific Index 2023

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2,238/7,376 - 30.36%

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6/26 - 24%	3/5 - 60%

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for attaining another commendable passing rate in the recent licensure examination
given by the **Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)** this March, 2023.



CatSU Passing Rate
BEED - 74.74%
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