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CatSU prexy shares love on Christmas by giving hams, noche buena packs to CatSU community

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Catanduanes State University SUC President III, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza shared love this Christmas season by giving hams to CatSU community, which also include residents from nearby barangays, tricycle operators and drivers' association (TODA), barangay health workers, and market vendors at Virac Public Market.

Dr. Azanza started giving Christmas hams on December 18, with the CatSU security services headed by Dr. Ryan T. Timbal, as the first recipients. On that same day, Dr. Azanza also gave hams to 83 members of the STACAP-TODA with its President Mr. Jun Alintana.

The next morning, December 19, the CatSU President went out of the University to give hams to every market vendor in the Virac Public Market. In the afternoon, he visited the residents of Barangay Calatagan and Barangay Cavinitan to give the same 'regalo'. He was accompanied by Calatagan Barangay Captain Hon. Antonio Reyes and Cavinitan Barangay Captain Hon. Matthea T. Bautista during his gift-giving to the residents of the respective barangays.

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COED Faculty-Extensionists give Christmas gifts, foods for their tutees

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

Despite the heavy downpour on a Sunday morning, the College of Education (COED) Faculty-Extensionists continued their Extension Program which aimed to make the kids from Barangay Calatagan Proper feel merry and loved this Christmas season.

The "Sharing is Caring" activity which happened on December 18, 2022 and coincided with the birthday of CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza became a day to remember for the young learners as they were given gifts and foods by the COED professors.

"Iba rin sa pakiramdam kapag nakikita mong masaya ang mga bata dahil sa regalo na kanilang natatanggap every Christmas.

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Itong extension activity namin ay aming ginawa para iparamdam sa kanila na hindi lang kami andito para turuan sila sa kanilang pag-aaral kundi ang makatulong din sa kanila kahit sa simpleng pagbibigay ng regalo kahit hindi naman namin sila kaanu-ano," Prof. Kevin Escobido said.



A visitor like no other is CatSU President's special guest this Christmas *by Francis John B. Templonuevo*

Dr. Rosario T. Azanza, the mother of CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, returned to the island, not just to visit his son, but also the institution whom she called home and whom she served unselfishly and untiringly for many, many years.

Known in the University as Doc Nene, the honored wife of the late former CatSU President Dr. Rodolfo Azanza served as the Dean of Graduate School, as Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Faculty Regent of the University during her tenure in the lone university of the island.

The CatSU community was delighted to see once again their former mentor and professor in the Facebook post of her son.

"Happy to see once again my professor in the Graduate School, Dr. Azanza. Keep safe always. CatSU is blessed with the Azanza family. Thanks, President, for all the effort. Truly we been witnessing the brilliance of your kindness that it even radiate not just to the CatsU Family but to all the people of Catanduanes. Thank you and may your wish be granted. I pray for your happiness and safety as well," Prof. Jugie Ramos commented in the Facebook post of Dr. Azanza on his mother's visit.

"Merry Christmas Maam and Sir Patrick. Welcome back ma'am. I am also back to CatSU to serve until retirement. As promised," a remarked made by Prof. Jimmy T. Masagca, Professor VI of CatSU.

Radyo Pilipinas head, Arlene Bagadiong also shared, "My favorite professor in the Graduate School!"

"Hello po ma'am missed the days na nag job order (JO) ako sa Graduate School. Si Maam super asikaso yan samen kahit personal na problema on the go c ma'am at busog lahat palagi kasali kami sa snackan....Merry Christmas Ma'am Doc. Rosario T. Asanza and Pres. Patrick Alain T. Asanza, Good health and God bless always," a comment made by Mr. JC Romero, a contract of service faculty of the Social Science Department in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Last December 22, Dr. Rosario T. Azanza celebrated her 81st birthday here in the island in an intimate dinner at the Rojazz Café, which was attended by her family, relatives, co-members of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI) International, and former colleagues in CatSU.

The CatSU President and beloved son of Doc Nene thanked everyone who attended and made the soiree truly special for his mother: "Above all, my siblings and I wish to thank God for the gift of life, the gift of love, the gift of family and friendship," he said.

The birthday post of Dr. Azanza had an outpoured of greetings from his beloved mother's former students, friends, relatives, and family.

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In the early morning of December 20, Dr. Azanza also turned-over hams to President Armando Zafe and Vice President Salvador Isorena of the SEGURADO KA SA CATSU, the association for CatSU retirees. In his Facebook message, Dr. Azanza extended his appreciation for the dedicated service of the retirees to the institution.

"The retirees will always be a part of the CATSU Family," Dr. Azanza said.

Meanwhile, on December 21, all employees of the University – including job order and contract of service – were given CDO ham during the Christmas Party prepared by the Federated Faculty Union headed by President and Regent Rosana S. Abundo and Catanduanes State University Employees Association (CASUNEA) headed by Prof. Danilo S. Murillo.

THE PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"I still feel very euphoric to be with you, maugma na makaibahan ko kamo sa panduwang pagkakataon ng pasko uya sa CatSU." Dr. Azanza said during the Christmas Party of the CatSU employees.

He also shared that the objective of ham distribution is to bring happiness to the people and that the Christmas hams are a symbol of unity to remind us that we are one family including those in the communities in the various barangays such as Calatagan, Cavinitan, Palnab del Sur and Palnab del Norte, and the CatSU security guards, STACAP TODA members, and Virac Public Market vendors.

"This is CatSU's advocacy, to reach out to them, and let them feel that they are a part of our growing family. CatSU should really open itself to others, to the community and serve them, because that is what we exist for. Aside from teaching our students, the ultimate reason why we exist as a university is because we have to serve the poorest sectors of the island, and we must be with them."

He also hopes that one day the entire CatSU community; students, employees, faculty, researchers, and extension volunteers will dedicate their lives in sharing what CatSU has, and that the sharing culture will never stop and will reach the rest of the communities in the island.

"It's a simple token from the both of us, kaming mag-agom, and sabi niya, lets continue with the giving of hams; this is the 2nd year and hopefully blessed pa kita next year na ipadagos ta ini para igwa kta perming ham na i-share during Christmas time," Dr. Azanza added.

Dr. Azanza also proudly shared the good news and hopes for a new batch of permanent items that he requested for CatSU from DBM, to give chance to all JOs and CoS whether Engineers or Security guard positions. This is a gesture of being and valuing family, according to the CatSU President.

The public servant also thanked the sponsors of the Christmas raffle for the employees such as ARDCI Corporation, Gemtomech, NIDA Builders, Century Family Mall, Virtual Nook Enterprises, CatSU CBO, JRL and Ms. Lolit Sicio, A3 General Merchandise, ALXM Construction, JOZA Enterprises, Tri-Star, Engr. Richard and Mrs. Imelda Bernal, CSU MPC, Bestfriends Cybernet Enterprises, Junction Hardware, and Mr. JR Cua.

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“ From the bottom of my heart, you are a brother and a sister to me, and not necessarily your president, like I always say I am your public servant and I am here to serve your best interests. ”

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THE GIFT-GIVING CONTINUES

The following morning, December 22, the CatSU President continued his Santa Claus act by giving Noche Buena Package for the 61 Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) in Catanduanes and Barangay Health Workers of Palnab in Virac.

In a very special gesture, the public servant also visited his classmates from Gogon Elementary School and CSC (now CatSU) Laboratory Schools to give them ham for the Yuletide season.

"Hirap na hanapin ng mga bahay-bahay nila! Hehehe. Labyu classmates!!!! Merry Christmas tabi!!!!" the CatSU President posted in his Facebook account.

The ham and noche buena package gift-giving of the CatSU President ended on December 23, after successfully visiting the residents of Palnab del Sur, accompanied by Punong Barangay Bernadette Araojo-Magtangob and Palnab del Norte with Punong Barangay Lino A. Lumbao.

"How long the feeling of love and the experience of being made important by the visit of President Doc Patrick Azanza will surely last to those people he had given gifts to and personally met. These will be talked of by the people of Brgy. Palnab del Norte and will go viral for weeks, even with the neighboring barangays. I imagine with present communication technology, these events of gift giving by Doc Pat to employees, retirees of CatSU; classmates in elementary and secondary school, and his Brgy. constituents of Palnab del Norte; will be known in many places of Catanduanes," Armando Zafe, the Retirees Association president remarked.

The SEGURADO KA SA CATSU President also remarked that this actions of the CatSU President reminded him of the great orator, and Prime Minister Winston Churchill who once said, " We will pass this world but once, if we can do good things, let us do it now, for we will not pass this way again".

The president is consistent with his advocacy to serve the marginalized sectors aside from his being an educational leader of the provinces premier public higher education institution, under his mantra of servant leadership, and his Vision of HOPE.

For the CatSU President, all his actions are only anchored on one simple Christmas message.

"We may have problems sometimes, but at the end of the day what really emerges is the love and concern for everyone, which is the very message of Christ for coming here on earth, and dae ta paglingawan ining pasko na ini is all about Jesus Christ our Lord, our personal Savior."



CatSU top brass grateful on their latest academic, professional feats

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

The University President and the three Vice Presidents of Catanduanes State University expressed their grateful emotions in their latest individual professional feats.

Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza proudly shared that his and her wife - Prof. Jane Rose C. Azanza of the College of Education (COEd) - research papers are accepted and will be presented in the 8th International Academic Forum (IAFOR) International Conference on Education, and the 3rd International Conference on Arts and Humanities on January 5-8, 2023 in Honolulu,

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Hawaii, USA and Online.

The Azanza couple's first paper is titled "Problems Encountered by Teachers During Online Learning at the Time of the Covid-19 Pandemic: The Catanduanes State University Experience. The second paper titled "Modular Learning Approach at the Catanduanes State University During the Covid-19 Pandemic" is a sole authorship of the President's first lady.

The IAFOR which will be participated by the President and his wife has entered into a number of strategic partnerships with universities across the world to form the IAFOR Global Partnership Program.



THE VICE PRESIDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Lily P. Custodio, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Maria Edna R. Inigo, Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs, and Dr. Ramon Felipe Sarmiento, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs all shared their respective achievements in their social media account.

Dr. Custodio shared that her research topic, "Investigating the New Normal Pedagogical Setting of a State University in an Island-based Environment" has been accepted for publication in the International Journal of Educational Technology for Higher Education (IJETHE) which is based in New York, USA.

The VPAA's manuscript, which was also co-authored by Dr. Bernadino C. Abundo, Jr, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs will be published in list as an Early View in Article Collections Section over Springer's Online Platform during 6 to 9 weeks after acceptance, according to Jill Juban, the Managing Editor of IJETHE.

For Dr. Custodio, this is a "a Christmas gift to cherish."

A Christmas gift from the Pambasang Komisyon Para sa Kultura at mga Sining was also received by Dr. Sarmiento, VP-REPA as his research proposal titled "Sisay Kamong Yaon Diyan?" Bethlehem on Christmas Eve Localized in Bicol Through Traditional Musical Community Theatre was approved by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCAA).

The approval of the proposal has an amount of Two Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Pesos (Php 293,000.000 in the November 29, 2022 Commission meeting with Board Resolution No. 2023-175 according to Bernan Joseph R. Cruz, the Deputy Executive Director for Operations of the NCAA.

With his co-proponent, Dr. Jose Tria, Director of the Research and Development Services, Dr. Sarmiento thanked the NCAA and CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza for the unfaltering support.



Meanwhile, Dr. Inigo, the VP-AFA received her latest award as Outstanding Leadership Awardee by the Brotherhood of Brave Maharlikan Tigers – BBM Tigers at the Grandball Room Manila Hotel last December 19.

Dr. Inigo's recognition came from her excellent leadership in providing steadfast, Gender and Development (GAD) Advocate to the younger generation of Catanduanes State University. Her exemplary services as true academician served as an inspiration for every educator and an empowered woman.

The awards and plaques of leadership awardee magnifies the leadership and service to the public from certain individuals who excelled in their own field of expertise.

The assembly of the BBM Tigers was a celebration of Green Revolution in aid of protecting the environment. At least 1,200 aspirants, members, and national officers attended the said event with Senator Bong Go and Atty Larry Gadon as notable in attendance.