



**CatSU at UP:** Dr. Julius S. Antonio, Prof. Joerandy C. Tablizo, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, Prof. Jane Rose C. Azanza, and Prof. Ditas T. Manlangit getting ready for the benchmarking event at UP Integrated School.

# CatSU Lab Schools visit mainland Bicol, NCR for benchmarking mission

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

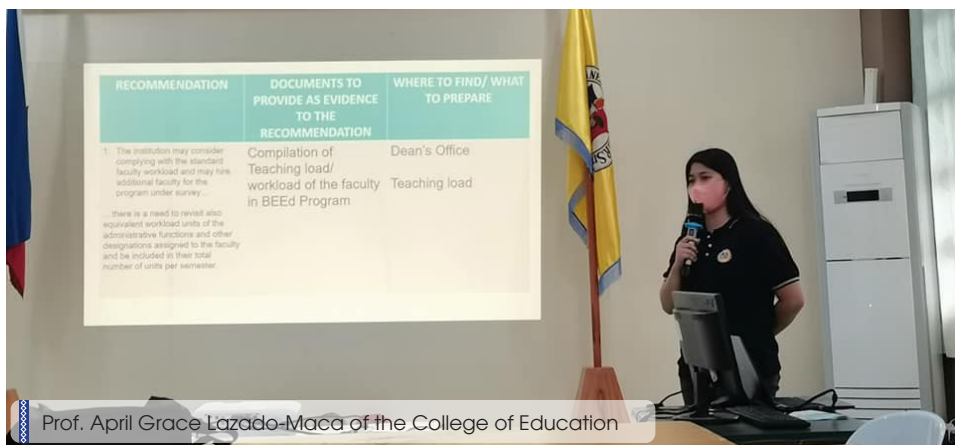
The Catanduanes State University (CatSU) Laboratory High Schools conducted a benchmarking activity in five big schools outside the island to learn the schools best practices in terms of School Governance and Operations, Curriculum Implementation, and Instructional Practices.

Leading the team is Prof. Ditas T. Manlangit, School Principal with Prof. Joerandy C. Tablizo, Head Teacher, and Dr. Julius S. Antonio, Guidance Facilitator as her company

The team visited the Bicol University College of Education Integrated Laboratory School (BUCE ILS) in Albay, Batangas State University Laboratory School in Batangas, Xavier School in Greenhills, San Juan, Philippine Normal University (PNU) Institute of Teaching and Learning, and University of the Philippines (UP) Integrated School in Metro Manila.

During their visit at UP Intergrated School, the Lab School top leaders were meet by Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, CatSU SUC President III and Prof. Jane Rose C. Azanza who happened to be on official travel at UP.

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Prof. April Grace Lazado-Maca of the College of Education

## CatSU COEd hopes for BEEd, BSEd programs to qualify in phase II Level IV accreditation of AACCUP

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

After an in-depth accreditation task force training to prepare the college for the incoming accreditation in their BEEd and BSEd programs last November 5, 2022, the College of Education is hopeful that they would be able to have these programs qualify for phase II Level IV Accreditation which will be surveyed by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc. (AACCUP) on February 2023.

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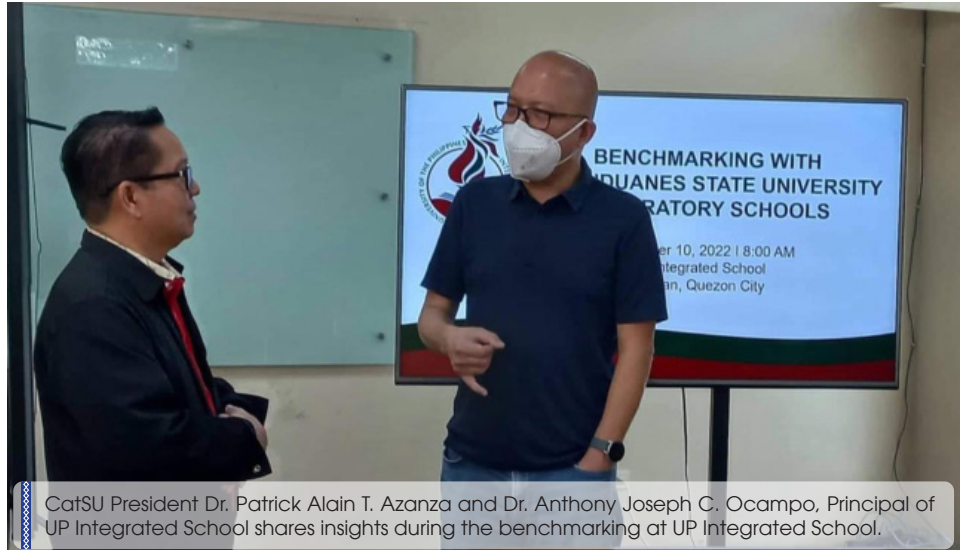


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According to Prof. Manlangit, the benchmarking activity is conducted for the continued pursuit of excellence and providing premium experiences to the pupils and students, and the teacher education students for their experimental learning courses.

The school principal also stated that the insights learned in the travel will be used to further improve the quality of teaching and learning activities of Laboratory Schools.



CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza and Dr. Anthony Joseph C. Ocampo, Principal of UP Integrated School shares insights during the benchmarking at UP Integrated School.

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With the training conducted by COEds Accreditation Task Force, the team was able to revisit the accreditation process prescribed by the AAC-CUP. They were also prepared to be acquainted with the specific roles and responsibilities in their assigned areas, and the readiness of the programs in the consideration of its strengths and weaknesses.

For Dr. Maria Sheila R. Gregorio, Dean of the College of Education, their preparation is so essential in achieving the goal that they want for the college.

She also shared the advantages that COEd will get once the programs are qualified for the said accreditation.

"COEd will be qualified for Center for Excellence (COE) as we conform to high standards of instruction, research, and extension. It will also be possible for the BEEd and BSEd programs to know its strengths and weaknesses and what



other aspects it needs to develop," Dr. Gregorio said.

During the training "From COD, COEd Towards COE: Accreditation Task Force Training" Dr. Gregorio was assisted by Dr. Edna A. Pante, Dr. Joseph G. Zafe, Dr. Maria Charlene A. Cantar, and Dr.

Rosana S. Abundo.

As hopeful as she is, Dr. Gregorio, who is also the proponent of the training, sees the prestige that CatSU will get having the possession of quality standards once the programs will be qualified in the accreditation.



Dr. Jimmy T. Masagca, Prof. IV of CatSU at Lisbon, Portugal

## Dr. Masagca represents CatSU in an international symposium at Portugal

by Caroline I. Vecilles

Dr. Jimmy T. Masagca, Professor VI of the Catanduanes State University attended the 2022 International Symposium on Small Pelagic Fish: New Frontiers in Science for Sustainable Development held in Lisbon, Portugal on November 7-11, 2022.

The scientific meeting was organized by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), the North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The Portuguese Institute for Sea and Atmosphere, I.P. (IPMA) is a public institution, part of the indirect administration of State, following the responsibility of the Ministry of Economy and Sea and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, under the supervision and guardianship of the respective ministers.

Dr. Masagca presented his papers on "small pelagic fishes and fisheries in the coastal waters of Catanduanes Island, Philippines within climate variability" in the topic Session S4, and a poster on "An integrated risk-based assessment of Cabugao Bay in Catanduanes, Philippines for small pelagic fishes to guide ecosystem-based management" in the topic S7.

Dr. Masagca is one of the members of the National Panel of Technical Experts (NPTE) by the Climate Change Commission (CCC) whose goals are to localize science-based climate actions.

Dr. Masagca has fields of expertise that include Biology, Aquatic Science, Natural Science, and Fisheries. His affiliations include that of being a Professor VI in CatSU, Member of PIPERS Committee (CatSU), Commissioner Member, IUCN-CEC, and Scientific Advisor of Pacifictech RTIC Inc. NGO.

Subsequently, Dr. Masagca was also awarded by the Office of the President, Climate Change Commission a Certificate of Appearance for being present during the 11th NPTE Forum, with the theme: "Transforming Science into Local Actions Towards Climate Resilience" held on November 23, 2022 at Novotel Manila, Quezon City.

Dr. Masagca holds a degree in BS Fisheries from UP Diliman, MS Biology from De la Salle University, Meritissimus Doctorate in Education from CatSU, and finally impregnated and mixed with CatSU education forming the best combination to work with the locals of the island, the Bicol region, and the country.



## CatSU BS Nutrition and Dietetics undergoes 4th Level accreditation

by Caroline I. Vecilles

To continuously maintain excellent education services in Catanduanes State University, and at par with the best universities in the Philippines, the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) conducted its 4th survey re-visit to CatSU academic programs via Zoom.

The Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics Department, under the College of Sciences have undergone AACCUP accreditation held on November 2-4, 2022 in a simple opening ceremony held at the Graduate School, 3rd floor Administration building.

Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, SUC President III, led the activity via Zoom with the support of the Quality Assurance Services spearheaded by Dr. Edna A. Pante, together with University key officials, Dr. Lily P. Custodio, Vice President for Academic Affairs; COS Dean Prof. Joel Olfindo, faculty members, and the Accreditation Task Force.

The Accreditation Survey Team were composed of Dr. Jao-Jao A. Somyden from Benguet State University, with Prof. Nancy C. Alaras from Cavite State University as the Lead Accreditor.

"I am happy to share the good news

that BSND is the only program that was recommended for Level IV Phase 2, from Level III Phase 1, according to AACCUP in a call I received a few days after the evaluation", Dr. Pante told CCS.

The Quality Assurance Team continues to prepare for 2023 accreditation mostly for Level III and IV for several program offerings to ensure passing the standards and be awarded the highest accreditation status, that way CatSU can lend prestige to member institutions, and eventually help parents to know which program they may send their children to for quality education, especially here in CatSU.

**Congratulations!**

To the Dean, faculty, staff, and students of the Catanduanes State University **College of Health Sciences, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics** for attaining another commendable passing rate in the recent Nutritionist-Dietitians Licensure Examination (NDLE given by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) on **October 30-31, 2022**.

Here are the newly-licensed Nutritionist-Dietitians:

1. ABUNDO, DOREEN MAE TIOXON	10. INTERNO, JEORGIE BAGAY
2. AVILA, ALYSSA KAYE CALDERON	11. MABALA, FRANZ DANIELLE
3. BAGAY, RECHELLEN MAY FRIAS	12. MOSTAZA, AMY JANE SANTELICES
4. BALTAZAR, JOVANNI IMPERFECTO	13. OBIN, MA. CHRISTINE VITALICIO
5. BERNAL, JEMAIMA ALEXIS BULALANG	14. PITAJEN, JEANY VALLESPIN
6. CABANO, MAVY SAKYAT	15. SARMIENTO COLEEN GO
7. DOMINGUEZ, JOAHNA GRACE BALMACEDA	16. TABIRARA, ERIKKA ORENDAIN
8. FAJARDO, HAZEL RAYMUNDO	17. TIMOLA, HONEY DHEL FAUSTINO
9. FERNANDEZ, SHIRLEY PELAGIO	18. TURA, GENEVIEVE ANNE OLONAN

**CatSU Passing Rate:**  
 First Takers: 57.14% (16/28)  
 Retakers: 50% (2/4)  
 Overall Passing %: 56.25% (18/32)  
 National Passing %: 64.54% (719/1,114)

## CatSU hails new Nutritionist and Dietitians

by Caroline I. Vecilles

Catanduanes State University has produced a new batch of equipped and competitive professionals in the field of Nutrition and Dietetics in the recently conducted Nutritionist-Dietitian Licensure Examination (NDLE) given by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) on October 30-31, 2022.

The CatSU community is proud to share the news to the public for attaining another commendable passing rate of 56.25%, producing eighteen (18) new nutritionist-dietitians out of thirty-two (32) takers. National passing rate is 64.54% (719/1,114).

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## CatSU partners with TESDA-PTC for student driver's license requirements

by Caroline I. Vecilles

In its quest to develop the Filipino workforce including students with competence and to provide quality technical-educational and skills development through its directions, policies and programs, Provincial Training Center – Catanduanes under the auspices of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), partnered with Catanduanes State University in offering a free training for students.

The training included a 15-hour Theoretical Driving Course (TDC) which is an essential requirement in applying for a student license. In the enrollment conducted on August 25, 2022, around 524 students were recorded as enrollees.

Students joined to prepare the requirement of the Land Transportation Office for the issuance of Students Driver's Permit. Part of the course was an orientation on Defensive Driving to increase awareness on traffic rules and

regulations. In the culminating activity, students were issued with an initial certificate recognized by the LTO which is a requirement when applying for the issuance of Student Drivers Permit.

This 3-day course was held at the university auditorium from September 19-21, 2022, and the final Theoretical Driving Course (TDC) certificate were released on November 7, 2022 at the CatSU covered court.

## CatSU students placed 3rd, 4th in PSQ Regional

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

Two students from the College of Science (COS) landed the 3rd and 4th place during the 26th Philippine Statistics Quiz (PSQ) Regional Championship in Legazpi City on November 14, 2022.

Hershane C. Lizaso (3rd placer) and Junmar T. Socao (4th placer) are students taking up Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (BSMath).

During the PSQ Provincial Elimination, Socao was awarded champion while Lizaso got the 1st runner up.

Another student from COS, Kenneth Cole Sermonia also attended the said content.

Prof. Moreno D. Tabiors, Jr. served as the coach of the trio.

The PSQ is a nationwide annual contest designed to test the knowledge of statistics of first year students enrolled in colleges and universities in the 17 regions of the country. It also identifies and nurture talents especially in the field of statistics. It aims to contribute to the advocacy in the use of Statistics for evidence-based decision-making.



**The Wizards:** Hershane C. Lizaso and Junmar T. Socao receive their awards at the PSQ Regional in Legazpi City.



## CHUMSS welcomes Dr. Tonio as new dean

by Francis John B. Templonuevo



The College of Humanities and Social Sciences formally welcomes Dr. Jimmylen Z. Tonio as its new dean on November 2, 2022.

Before her designation as the new dean of the college, Dr. Tonio served as the Director of Research and Development (RDS) Office from July 2 to November 1 this year. She also became the officer-in-charge of the RDS from July 2, 2021 to July 1, 2022.

Prior to her service in the RDS, she was also the former Director of the Office of Student Support Services from October 14, 2020 to June 24, 2021.

Dr. Tonio completed her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts at the University of the Philippines Los Banos and earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Linguistics degree from De La Salle University – Manila as Commissioner on Higher Education (CHED) scholar.

She has published, presented, and conducted several research on psycholinguistics, bilingualism, sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, World Englishes and Philippine languages. She was also included in Alper-Doger (AD) Scientific Index Ranking for World Scientists and University Rankings 2022.

Presently, Dr. Tonio holds the rank of Associate Professor IV at the Department of Languages in CHUMSS.

Dr. Tonio will now continue to work out on the CHUMSS new college program which is the Bachelor of Arts in English Language Studies (BAEL), a program submitted to the CHED office during the tenure of its former dean, Dr. Gemma M. Samas, who is now the Director of Corporate Business Operation (CBO).

As the new dean of CHUMSS, Dr. Tonio hopes that all the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college will work together to achieve its goal especially in strengthening its programs. She believes that despite individual differences, anything can be achieved when everyone is united.

## Dr. Tria is RDS new Director

by Francis John B. Templonuevo



Dr. Jose Z. Tria, a professor from the College of Education (COEd), is now the new Director of the Research and Development Office.

Dr. Tria will continue the programs prepared by RDS former director, Dr. Jimmylen Z. Tonio, who is now the new dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUMSS).

Prof. Tria, who was also the former Chairperson of Physical Education Department of the COEd, has gained recognition for his exceptional efforts that made an impact inside and outside the University.

Prof. Tria is a Ph.D. graduate and has participated in several local and international conferences, awarded with best presenter and paper award.

He conducted and published studies with more than 200 Google Scholar citations. Along with more than thirty copyrighted creative works used in instruction, research and extension activities, and different musical performances.

He has co-led academic programs and spearheaded vital projects that

involved teachers, youth, and the Local Government Units (LGUs) in the Philippines. He is also an Associate Member of the National Research Council of the Philippines and an active member of various education-related organizations locally and internationally.

Last August 4-6, 2022, Dr. Tria was granted an honorary degree, Profesor Ad Honorem Vitasta Ambassador Distinction Honoris Causa by the Saceda Youth Lead School during the celebration of the 10th anniversary of MIT with the MIT Convention 2022 held at Foundation University, City of Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, Philippines, in collaboration with the Universite Henry Dunant, Republic of Ivory Coast, a subsidiary of the UHD Geneva, Switzerland.

The Profesor Ad Honorem/Vitasta Ambassador Distinction Honoris Causa is an acknowledged mark of professional excellence and ability, inspiring and outstanding professional career, services to humankind, and international achievements. Some of his co-MITs conferred with the honorary degree were heads of academic institutions, university presidents, directors, SDS, program supervisors and specialists, professors, deans, principals, school heads, retired professional teachers and teachers coming from different parts of the Philippines.

## Prof. Gregorio is COEd's new dean

by Francis John B. Templonuevo



After serving as Chairperson of the Teacher Education Department for a year, Prof. Maria Sheila R. Gregorio now sit as the Dean of the College of Education.

Prof. Gregorio, who was designated as dean in September is a graduate of Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Science at Adamson University in 1995. A year after, she was hired as Instructor I in the College of Information and Communications Technology which marked her teaching career at Catanduanes State University.

The new dean of COEd took Master of Public Administration at CatsU in 2008, and finished her Doctor of Education Major in Educational Management at CatSU in 2015. After her Doctoral program, she studied and finished Master of Arts in Education Major in Institutional Management at Miriam College in 2020.

Prof. Gregorio enjoyed two scholarships program such as Study Leave with Pay Staff Development Plan (Plan C) during her Doctoral Dissertation during the second semester school year (SY) 2014-2015, and K to 12 Transition Program Scholar (CHED) for SY 2016-2017 during her Masters Degree Program at Miriam College.

Other than her experience as Chairperson of the Teacher Education Department, Prof. Gregorio also served as COEd's Graduate Studies Coordinator from February 4, 2020 to June 28, 2021.

Presently, Dean Gregorio holds the academic rank of Associate Professor V.



## Dr. Aldea, Prof. Aranel are CatSU's new deans for COS, CBA respectively

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

Dr. Kristian Q. Aldea and Prof. Ian V. Aranel are the new young bloods assigned to lead the College of Science and College of Business and Accountancy as deans, respectively.

Dr. Aldea, a graduate of Ph.D. in Marine Ecology with a specialization in Symbiotic Biology under Monbukagakusho (MEXT) formerly known as Monbusho Scholarship holds the academic rank of Assistant Professor III. He was the former Research Director of the College of Arts and Sciences in 2017-2018.

Born in Gigmoto, Catanduanes, Dr. Aldea took his undergraduate degree of Bachelor in Science and Biology from 2000-2004, and his Master of Arts in Teaching Biology 2010-2014 at Catanduanes State University.

Dr. Aldea is a fellow of Sakura Science Youth Exchange Program in Science, Japan Science and Technology, in Kochi, Japan in 2014. He also had short program in Biodiversity Course at the University of the Philippines- Los Baños in 2014.

As one of the best researchers in the University, Dr. Aldea has presented seven (7) papers – six of which were in the international level and one institutional. He also completed six papers, mostly him as the main author.

Dr. Aldea also has seven (7) published research and book chapter in his resume.

The new dean of the College of Science started his career at Catanduanes State University in June 2012.

Meanwhile, Prof. Aranel who holds the rank of Assistant Professor II is the former Director of the Corporate Business Operations (CBO) from 2021 before his assignment as the new dean of CBA.

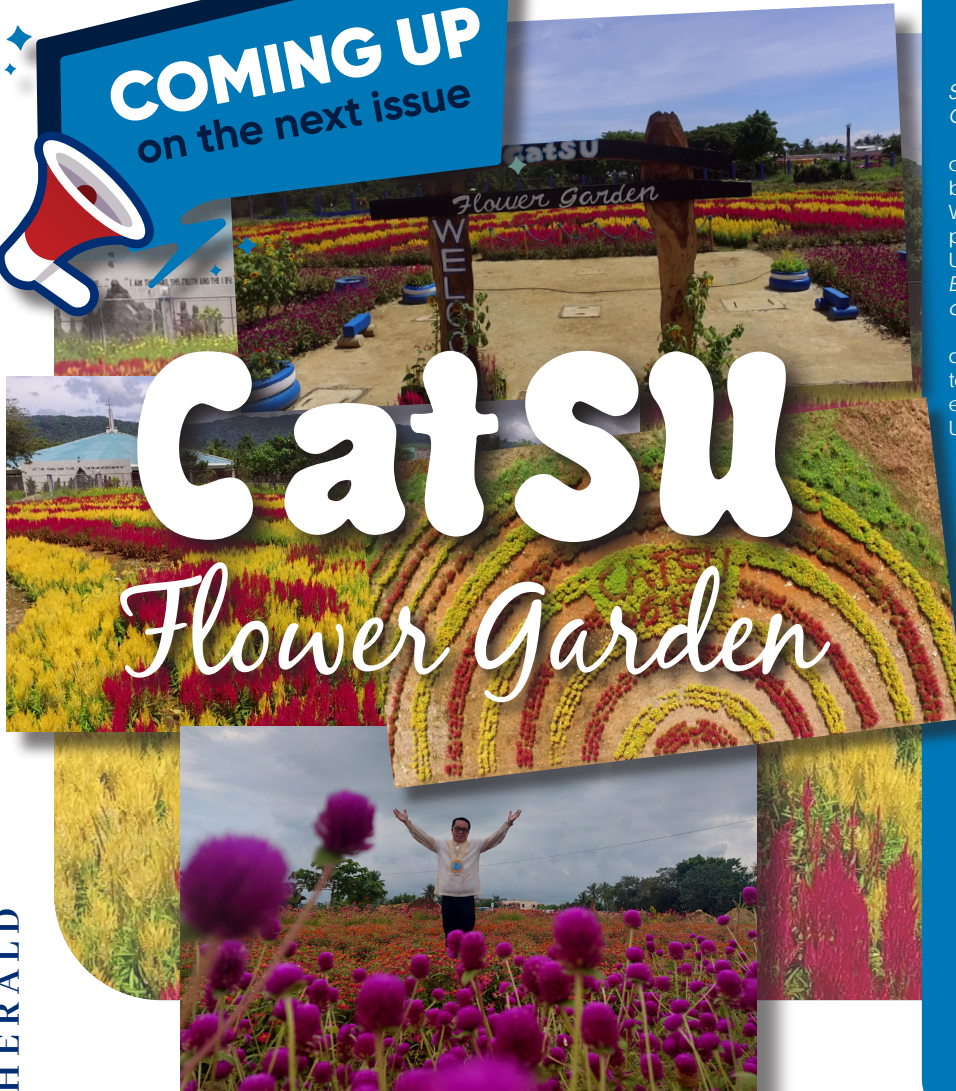
Prof. Aranel is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, Cum Laude, at Catanduanes State University in 2013. He finished his Master in Business Administration in 2018 at CatSU, and currently he is taking up his Ph.D. degree in Business Management at Lyceum of the Philippines University – Manila.

A consistent honor student, Prof. Aranel started his work experience as Bookkeeper at Catanduanes Institute of Technology Foundation, Incorporated (CITFI). He then transferred at First Catanduanes Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FICELCO) as a Bookkeeper before joining the Accounting Staff.

Prof. Aranel started his career at CatSU in 2014 as Instructor I.



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