



**HONORING FORMER PRESIDENTS.** Catanduanes State University (CatSU) honors former Presidents Dr. Adolfo Bagadiong, and Dr. Minerva I. Morales as steadfast leaders of the University during their respective terms. The award is given by Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, SUC President III, together with Dr. Maria Edna R. Inigo (VP-AFA), and Dr. Ramon Felipe A. Sarmiento (VP-REPA).

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## CatSU caps 10th charter university celebration with Gabi ng Parangal

FRANCIS JOHN TEMPLONUEVO

In recognition to the outstanding contributions of individuals, stakeholders, and partners for the continuous progress of the institution, Catanduanes State University held the Gabi ng Parangal 2022 on October 25, at the CatSU Auditorium.

A total of 250 awardees graced this annual event which coincided with the celebration of the founding anniversary of the university.

This year's awards include Service Awards, Retirees, Research Publication Awards, Uswag Awards, Presidential Awards covering the Board of Regents Present and Former, Founder, Former Presidents, Officers in-charge, Pillars in Education, VNATS Facul-

ty, Educators, Culture and Arts, Public Officials such as the Congressman - former and present, Governor, Vice Governors, Mayors, Religious Leaders and Lingap sa Diwa Awards.

Dr. Arcangel T. Rodriguez, Provincial Director of TES-DA Catanduanes, and Ms. Febie T. Soriao, Master Teacher I of San Roque Elementary School in Bato are this year's Outstanding Alumni

Awardees.

A surprise special commendation was given also to employees of the university who have unselfishly shared their talent and commitments towards the achievement and realization of the presidents vision of HOPE for the island.

"Let us celebrate each others success - every Catandunganon, alumni,

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## Faculty, student researchers convene for Research Web Conference

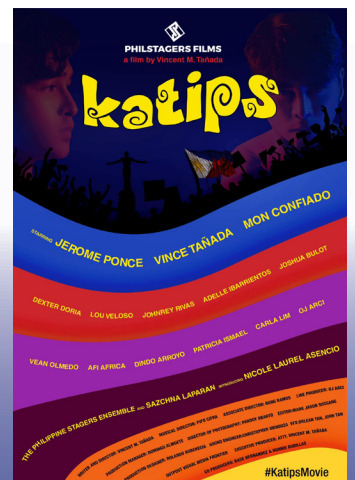
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As part of the program in the 10th Charter University Anniversary, the faculty and student researchers of CatSU convened for a Research Web Conference at the CatSU Auditorium on October 17-18, 2022.

The said gathering is a multidisciplinary conference featuring research studies of the faculty

members and students from all colleges including Graduate School, and Pangani-ban Campus. This event also served as an avenue to disseminate the CatSU's standing program for the university and the community through research for development, and innovations.

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### THE ANTIDOTE FOR LIES IS THE TRUTH

via The CatSU Statesman

Binigyang diin ni Juan Gabriel "JP" Lopez sa kaniyang naging maikling panaanalita, noong ika-19 ng Oktubre, ang kahalagahan ng katotohanan sa paglaban sa maling impormasyon. Ito ay kaugnay ng isinagawang film showing ng **Katips** sa unibersidad bilang parte ng pagdiriwang ng ikasampung Charter Anniversary ng Catanduanes State University (CatSU).

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Dr. Lily P. Custodio, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
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# 'The University is the fruit of all the labors of every Catandunganon.'

- Dr. Azanza

**ON POINT.** Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, SUC President III delivers his 10th Charter Anniversary message to the employees of the University.

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## FRANCIS JOHN TEMPLONUEVO

Giving emphasis on the milestone reached by the Catanduanes State University (CatSU), Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, SUC President III shared in his inspirational message that the gift of universityhood is the fruit of all the labors of every Catandunganon.

Dr. Azanza delivered his message during the celebration of the 10th Charter Anniversary of the institution on October 19, 2022 with the theme, "CatSU @ 10: Spreading the Vision of HOPE."

"The university was not created by just one man. The university is the fruit of all the labors of every Catandunganon of the past, the present, and the future", he said.

The SUC President also shared that it is the hard work of the previous presidents and all of the hardworking employees of CatSU who made the universityhood possible. He said that the conversion of Catanduanes State Colleges to a University is not a single act of one man, or a congressman or any politician, but the conglomeration of everyone who prepared everything and made efforts to make this happen.

Dr. Azanza also acknowledged the professors, students, researchers, administrative staff, and all stakeholders whose

dedication to service is unparalleled. He also reminded everyone not to be timid and shy, but instead, take an active role in helping the university reach greater heights.

After the program, Dr. Azanza, together with Dr. Maria Edna R. Inigo, the Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs and Dr. Adem Nalu V. Rubio, Director of Extension Services, led the unveiling of the renovated building of the CatSU Extension Services.

"The good thing about this renovated building is that it will also be an office for the extension coordinators of every college. This will help us to have easy connection and communication to every coordinator so we can update each other and prepare for our programs," Dr. Rubio said.

Another event that took place after the program was the launching of CatSU Solar Microgrid (Hybrid Solar Farm) along with the ceremonial switching of the 750KVA Generator Set, another of the few firsts of the university under the leadership of Dr. Azanza. (See news article about Solar Farm).

President Azanza also addressed that he will continue to look for opportunities that will surely help the entire university.

## GAD Services launches trainers' training for phase 2 targets

### FRANCIS JOHN TEMPLONUEVO

After the successful launching of the Trainers' Training on Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework Workshop and Formulation of Gender and Development (GAD) Agenda last July 25-27, 2022, the Gender and Development Services conducted the second set of training with the main topic on Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF) and Formulation of GAD Agenda on October 10-12 at the CatSU Accreditation Room.

The main goal of this phase 2 training is to prepare the trainees in evaluating and assessing GAD programs, activities, and projects on their relevance and alignment with the CatSU institutional priorities.

The GMEF, which is a tool that serves as guide to users in understanding the processes and context of gender mainstreaming as it is implemented within an organization, helping them acquire a holistic view of the mainstreaming process were reviewed and applied in this training. GAD Agenda, which is the agency's strategic framework and plan for gender mainstreaming and achieving gender equality

and women's empowerment outcomes were also discussed in the process.


Three (3) top lady chiefs of the Philippine Commission for Women (PCW) namely PCW Undersecretary Sandra Sanchez-Montano, PCW Commissioner on Culture Amielyn "Asliyah" M. Limbona, and PCW Commissioner Cristita Cervantes-Triunfante were the invited resource speakers of the training. These trio are among the highly esteemed officials in the agency who could provide the necessary guidance and inspiration for the trainees to perform their duties in promoting gender equality and equity.

Fifty-five (55) trainers who were also the completers of the phase 1 training attended the event.

"Equipping our faculty and non-teaching personnel with the current thoughts and policies on pressing matters like gender must always be among our priorities in our institution," Prof. Reashiela L. Khan, Gender Mainstreaming and Monitoring System (GMMS) Focal Person, said.



**THE LADY CHIEFS.** (From L to R) Philippine Commission for Women (PCW) lady chiefs Comm. Amielyn "Asliyah" M. Limbona, Undersecretary Sandra Sanchez-Montano, and Comm. Cristita Cervantes-Triunfante serves as the resource speakers for GAD Trainers' Training.

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## Financial Literacy

[fə-'nan(t)-shal 'li-t(ə-)rə-sē]

The ability to understand and effectively use various financial skills, including personal financial management, budgeting, and investing.

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## CatSU, Bureau of the Treasury collaborates on Finlit Session

CAROLINE VECILLES

In its quest to push for deeper financial education and awareness within the student body as well as members of the university faculty and administration, the Bureau of the Treasury Regional Office V headed by its Director, Ms. Everette E. Villaraza, conducted a Financial Literacy Session at the Accreditation Room on October 7, 2022.

The event was a product of collaboration between CatSU and the Bureau of Treasury RO V following the initial meetings of possible partnership. With Director Villaraza serving as the resource speaker, salient points of the FinLit sessions were done in separate segments, according

to the types of participants. In attendance were teaching and non-teaching personnels as well as heads of the various offices of the university.

Dr. Maria Edna R. Iñigo, Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs, expressed her gratitude for the kind gesture and productive proposal of the agency.

“This Finlit sessions can definitely be of great help to our employees and students in attaining a clear vision of their financial goals”, she said.

Finlit is essentially a part of the activities set in celebration of the 10th University Charter Anniversary.



**VNATS ALUMNI** from left to right: Demetrio Tadoy, Belen Teves, Letecia Pantino, Maria Marques, Gloria Borja, Ricardo Lumbao, Benjamin Tabuzo, Edgar Panti, and Rodrigo Lumbao.

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## VNATS alums visit CatSU, reminisce good old days

FRANCIS JOHN TEMPLONUEVO

A group of alumni of the Virac National Agricultural Trade School (VNATS) visited CatSU on October 20, 2022, to personally see their pictures and artifacts in the CatSU @10 exhibit at the lobby of the university's main building.

Demetrio Tadoy, Belen Teves, Letecia Pantino, Maria Marques, Gloria Borja, Ricardo Lumbao, Benjamin Tabuzo, Edgar Panti, and Rodrigo Lumbao were from the different batches of VNATS graduates, yet their friendship remains steadfast. They are members of the same

“Sosyudad” where they regularly meet.

Ms. Gloria Borja was among the first batch that graduated in 1965 and she keeps a vivid recollection of her life back then. A shy girl, she pointed out that it was her first boyfriend with her in one of the pictures in the exhibit.

One of the chairs in the picture, as she recalled was actually named after their teacher Mr. Amando “Manding” Flores.

The group also noted that Mr. Romeo Santelices, their teacher who eventually became dean of the College of Education, was missing in the description of the VNATS faculty members who were eventually absorbed by Catanduanes State Colleges.

The visit was brief but memorably meaningful. The recognition extended to them as part of the CatSU History is overjoying. At last, they have an alma mater to return to and are happy that their alma mater is in good hands.





# CatSU becomes 1st SUC to operate own solar microgrid

via The Catanduanes Tribune

Glenn V. Tejada Jr.

The Catanduanes State University (CatSU) became the first state university in the entire country to have its own solar farm and microgrid, with the switch-on of the P45.5 million facility last week.

President Patrick Alain T. Azanza said that CatSU is the first SUC and government agency in the Bicol region to operate its own solar microgrid, with potential savings of around P700,000 a month in power bills to be realized once the grid becomes fully operational on or before December 2022.

Right now, the president said, the College of Business Administration (CBA) and the Main Library are connected to the solar plant, pending completion of the laying of underground power cables to the College of Information and Communications Technology (CICT) and the gymnasium.

It will also supply clean electricity to the Administration Building, BSND, College of Arts and Sciences Laboratory Building, CIT B, Entrepreneurship, PG Tabuzo Building, and the CatSU Auditorium.

What is impressive about the solar plant, Dr. Azanza disclosed, is that its performance, shown on a dashboard, can be monitored by the university via cellular phone or computer from anywhere in the world with a phone or internet signal.

In two years and three months, we would recover the university's investment in the P18.4-million solar farm, he added.

"We will technically become independent from Ficelco but we will be a partner in supplying our excess power to the islanders," Dr. Azanza said in his brief message during the launching ceremony last Oct. 19.

He expressed hope that that the CatSU solar farm will serve as a model for local government units in Catanduanes to install their own microgrids.

"We talked with Land Bank of the Philippines and our next step is to build a P55 million solar power plant in Panganiban Campus to cater to the Agri-Industrial Economic Zone locators, with the excess power to be sold to the First Catanduanes Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FICELCO)," the president said.

The government bank gave CatSU a standby loan of P55M with two years lead time it would start paying only after two years of operation in Panganiban, he added.

"The model being used is Hybrid On-Grid," Dr. Azanza stated. "This means we use up first the solar power and in case it is not enough, we use the power collected in our battery, and if not enough, we shift to FICELCO."

"Then if still not enough, we have a standby 750-KVA generator using diesel fuel," he stressed. "Auto-shift siya."

"But the unique feature of this solar plant are my own innovations to which the supplier agreed," he added.

The president said he wanted the solar panels to be detachable and can be stored in a warehouse nearby 24 hours before a typhoon strikes the island, with the power lines to be laid underground as part of the university's resiliency design.

General Manager Rodolfo M. Romero of contractor Gentromech Co. confirmed that all 560 photovoltaic modules should be removed 24 hours before a typhoon of at least 180 kph is expected to strike the island.

The solar panels are easy to install and remove, as they are secured by metal clamps, he said. The panels would be stored in a separate room in the powerhouse.

He told the Tribune that the solar panels, 28 lithium-ion batteries and inverters are covered by warranties of 12, 10, and seven years, respectively.

For now, the CatSU solar farm on a one-hectare area remains off-grid as it has yet to be connected to the three-phase distribution line of the electric cooperative.

But once it is on-grid, excess power can be sold to FICELCO during Saturdays, Sundays and holidays when there are no classes.

The 750-kVA diesel genset would only be used as a last resort as it would cost around P16 to P17 per kilowatt-hour to run, compared to the cheaper and subsidized rate of electricity produced by FICELCO.

A source told the Tribune that the microgrid setup costs a total of P45.5 million, with the university spending P31 million more for the diesel generator, transfer switches, genset house, powerhouse and perimeter fencing in separate contracts, one of them done by administration.

The source said the amount spent for the entire system would be recovered in about seven years.

Under existing law and guidelines of the Energy Regulatory Commission, no person may engage in the commercial generation of electricity as a generation company, qualified end-user or an entity with self-generation facilities (SGFs) unless it has complied with technical, financial and environmental standards as proven by a Certificate of Compliance (CoC).

Excluded from the definition of SGFs are generators for households, clinics, hospitals and other medical facilities that



**LIGHTS ON.** General Manager Rodolfo M. Romero of contractor Gentromech Co. shares the unique features of the CatSU Solar Microgrid (Hybrid Solar Farm) during its launching.

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employee and retiree of our beloved institution who have dedicated their lives in serving our province," Dr. Azanza said in his message.

"Mabalos tabi sa gabos - sa bawat Catandunganon na may pagmakulog na magserbicio sa lambang saro na dai paigasp kung ano man ang sainyang interes na pansadiri kundi permi sana ang para sa kapwa. Iyo ini ang maugma na gusto tang iselebrar," Dr. Azanza added.

In a historic segment of the Parangal, former Mayor Cito Alberto together with his wife, former Mayor Flerida Alberto personally witnessed the unveiling of the bust of former Congressman Jose M. Alberto – founder-author of Catanduanes State Colleges. The Alberto family donated this bust to the University which will be placed at the Ondra in the Main Building.

Former Congressman Jose M. Alberto, who worked hard in the conversion of Virac National Agricultural and Trade School into Catanduanes State Colleges in 1971 by virtue of Republic Act No. 6341 was given Presidential Awards by Dr. Azanza. He was represented by his son, former Mayor Cito Alberto

In his message, former Mayor Cito Alberto hoped that the efforts of his father inspire every Catandunganon to only serve and give the best for the island just like what his father did to the province.

On a night when awards and special recognitions are given, Dr. Azanza cared more about the people and the lives who will celebrate their achievements.

"There were those who asked me why at this time there seemed to be so many awardees. And I said 'why not?' Why would you not want to have as many awardees, which means that we have a lot of lives and people to celebrate?" Dr. Azanza said.

The Gabi ng Parangal was shown via Facebook so that the CatSU community here and abroad would be able to watch the event.

## RESEARCH CONFERENCE | FROM PAGE 1 ▶

Dr. Lily P. Custodio, Vice President for Academic Affairs served as the keynote speaker on the first day. Dr. Custodio, who is also the chairperson of the Research Conference, shared insights on "Fostering Research Culture in HEIs." This was followed by research presentations of the faculty researchers.

On the second day, Engr. Marie Grace T. Molina, the Provincial Director of the Department of Science and Technology, served as the keynote speaker where she addressed "Bringing Technology, Innovation, and Research from Lab to Community." This was then followed by the research presentations of the student researchers.

Research Conference such as this calls for faculty and student researchers to engage more in research. This is also the challenge given by Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza to the Research Programs in the university anchored on his vision to transform CatSU into a Globally Competitive Research University.

For Dr. Azanza, the research outputs shall be beneficial to the community and not just meant to be placed in a cabinet after.

"The Research Agenda of the University shall be intended to focus on issues that affect the community, and to close the gap between the industry and the academe," Dr. Azanza said.



## SOLAR MICROGRID | FROM PAGE 4 ▶

make electricity for their own consumption.

The CatSU will be required to apply for a CoC only when it decides to sell excess power to FICELCO, it was emphasized.

It will be the proposed 500kWp solar microgrid in the Panganiban campus that will be applied with ERC for a CoC as a renewable energy operator.

Last month, the university paid FICELCO a total bill of P971,508.08 in electricity consumption just for the main campus in Virac. (via *The Catanduanes Tribune*)





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"The best way for us to fight disinformation; the antidote of lies is the truth. It will always be the truth. Maaaring pangit yung katotohanan, pero its always accepting our faults will we realize eventually what we do to do right," wika niya.

Si Lopez ay kabilang sa cast ng nasabing pelikula na isang musical drama film na tumatalakay sa danas ng mga student activist sa panahon ng Martial Law.

"Let's focus more on the people rather than these families [Marcos at Aquino] and we will know kung ano yung tama. The people should be always our moral compass," mensahe niya.

Sa isinagawang panayam ng The CatSU Statesman sa aktor ay inihayag nito na ang 'target audiences' ng pelikula ay ang mga kabataan. Kung saan ay nabanggit niya ang pangunahing rason sa paggamit ng musika sa palabas.

"This generation is not a reading

generation. Napakaikli ng attention span ng kabataang Pilipino, at kung bibigyan namin kayo ng dalawa't kalahating oras na istorya tungkol sa horrors ng Martial Law, siguro mabibilang lang namin yung mananatiling nakaupo at tatapusin yung pelikula. Music has always been a very effective tool in getting people's attention and you can see it in Broadway musicals," ani niya.

Maliban dito ay inihayag din ni Lopez ang kaniyang saloobin sa isyu ng red tagging. Kung saan ay tinutulan niya ang naging pahayag umano ni Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla na 'ang taong tumutuligsa sa gobyerno ay kalaban ng gobyerno'.

Ayon sa kanya, "Puwede naman tayong magkaroon ng ibang point of view and that's the beauty of democracy na nawawala when we red tag."

Mensahe ni Lopez sa mga taga-Catanduanes; "Hindi porket kayo ay nakatira sa isla ay detached na tayo sa nangyayari sa buong bansa. Lahat tayo ay parte ng isang buo at lahat tayo

ay parte ng Pilipinas. Kung ang isang rehiyon ay nasasaktan ay apektado ang lahat."

Bagamat may bitin factor ang laman ng kwento, para kay Emmanuel T. Barrameda, guro ng Senior High School Department ng Catanduanes National High School, mahalaga na rin ang magkaroon ng ganitong klaseng pelikula para ma-counter umano historical revisionism na nangyayari sa kasalukuyan.

"Sabi nga, kahit gaano man kaganda o kapangit ang pelikula nagiging time capsule pa rin ito pabalik sa isang partikular na yugto," wika ni Barrameda na isa ring manunulat at 2-time Palanca Awardee.

"Anumang ambag na makakapagpakita sa kung paano ang pamumuhay sa panahon ng batas military ay palaging malaking malaking ambag," dagdag pa ni Barrameda. (via The CatSU Statesman)





# CatSU inks MoU on academic exchange, cooperation with SeAMK-Finland

ZYRA MAE TUMALA



Geared towards the enlivening of its internationalization efforts, the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) signed today October 12, 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Seinajoki University of Applied Sciences (SeAMK) in Finland.

A virtual signing ceremony via MS Teams was held to signify the start of a partnership between the two Universities. CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza and SeAMK President Dr. Jaakko Hallila inked the said agreement and this was witnessed by the key officials from their Universities. The MoU has been concluded in order to facilitate mutual partnership, academic research, and educational cooperation between the two parties.

Different forms of cooperation may be concretized through the exchange of faculty members and researchers, exchange of students, joint research projects including conferences, exchange of information and publications, development of joint educational activities, joint programs, double degree programs, and courses, and other activities mutually agreed by the CatSU and SeAMK.



# CatSU pens MoU with BALLT

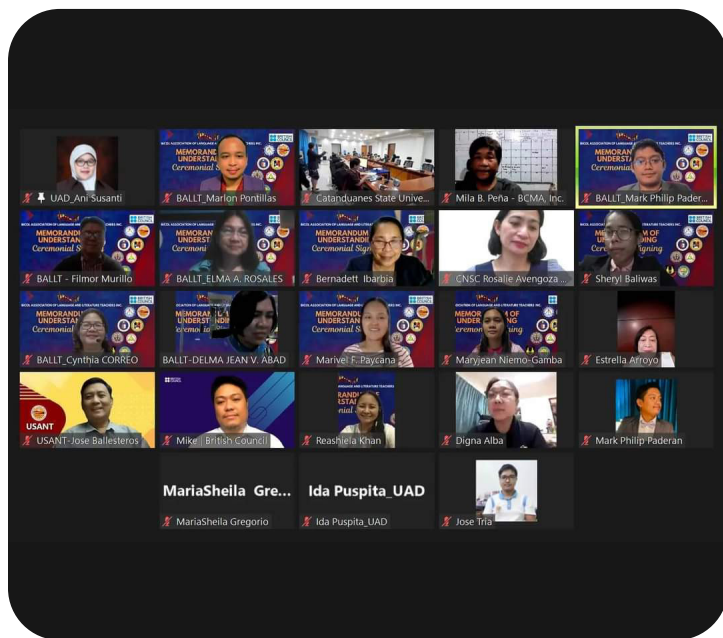
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Done through a Virtual Ceremonial Signing, Catanduanes State University has sealed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bicol Association of Language and Literature Teachers Inc. (BALLT) along with other HEIs on October 7, 2022.

This undertaking of the University was attended by the CatSU officials and faculty members of the Languages Department and the College of Education.

With the partnership of the institutions, CatSU is one of the chosen strategic partners of BALLT that will assist in promoting and carrying out the main objectives of the **first ever BALLT International Conference to be held on December 1-3, 2022.**

Present in the Virtual Signing were the SUC President himself, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza; VP for Academic Affairs, Dr. Lily P. Custodio; VP for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs, Dr. Ramon Felipe Sarmiento; Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr. Gemma M Samas and faculty members; Dean, College of Education, Dr. Maria Sheila Gregorio and faculty members; RDS Director, Dr. Jimmylen Z. Tonio; Extension Services Director, Dr. Adem Nalu Rubio; Corporate Communications Services Chairperson, Prof. Francis John B. Templonuevo and CIRCPDS Director, Zyra Mae T. Tumala.



# Employees, students finish strong in Daralagan 2022

FRANCIS JOHN TEMPLONUEVO

The employees, students, and even alumni of the Catanduanes State University strongly finish the 5-kilometer fun run sponsored by the Federated Faculty Union (FFU) and the Catanduanes State University Employees Association (CASUNEA) last October 12, 2022.

This fun run dubbed as "Daralagan 2022: CatSU Run for Fun" is one of the events in the 10th University Charter Month Celebration.

"We are happy that we have so many participants in the fun run. Everybody enjoyed the event, from the zumba up to the actual run and walk and run until they reached the finish line," Prof. Danilo Murillo, the president of CASUNEA said.

A pre-registration of P300.00 was collected for the participating employees and alumni which covers a fun-run t-shirt, a bottle of water, and snacks after the fun run. The remaining collection from the registration will also be divided equally by FFU and CASUNEA as funds for their future projects.

"We did not just enjoy the event but rather campaigned for a good and healthy way of living because running is a good exercise for everyone. As teachers, our health should also be our priority," Prof. Murillo added.

The FFU and CASUNEA also plan to engage in partnerships to conduct and provide meaningful activities for the faculties and all employees in the university.



THE FINISHERS. CatSU employees shared smiles after reaching the finish line in front of the main building.

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# PAGGUBING THE RENEE SALUD COUTURE

FRANCIS JOHN TEMPLONUEVO



**HAPPINESS OVERLOAD.** Renee Salud (with bouquet), the Ambassador of Philippine Fashion beams with happiness and pride in the photo op after the fashion show. With him are (from L-R): Ms. Universe 2022 – 2nd Runner Up Ms. Ma. Katrina Llegado, Supermodel Ms. Jasmine Maierhofer-Patrimonio, the First lady of Virac, Maria Cleofe R. Laynes, the CatSU First lady, Prof. Jane Rose C. Azanza, CatsU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, the First lady of the province, Ms. Nancy Cua, Virac Tourism Officer Ms. Mariel Tabuzo-Torzar, and Ms. Universe 2022 - Bb. Friendship, Ms. Eiffel Janell Rosalita.

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For the first time in the history of the Catanduanes State University (CatSU), and in the entire province of Catanduanes, the Ambassador of the Philippine Fashion - Mama Renee Salud brought her clothing designs to CatSU for a night of fashion dubbed as Paggubing: Renee Salud Couture.

The fashion show, which is one of the events for the university's 10th Charter Anniversary, aimed to create interest

among the public, spread awareness about design and style, inspire the local artists to develop their creativity and craftsmanship, and promote tourism of Catanduanes.

The event, which is also in partnership with the Provincial Local Government of Catanduanes, Provincial Tourism Office, ARDCI, and E-Crown Hotel, also provided an opportunity for the LGBTQIA+ community whose talent in fashion de-

sign could be showcased in time for the Charter Anniversary of CatSU and in further local fashion events.

"Part of my vision as SUC President of CatSU is to elevate the level of CatSU to global heights and what a better way for us to be exposed, work together, and collaborate with an internationally renowned fashion icon, Mama Renee Salud," Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza said in his message.

## THE FASHION ICON

Known as the "Ambassador of Philippine Fashion," Renee Salud's clothing designs have been launched and featured in fashion shows not just in the Philippines but around the world.

Randy Gonzales wrote in his pineappleind.com blog that "Salud has had a lot of longevity in his career, and he stays active with no signs of slowing down. He has dressed many high profile and well-known clients, served as a costume designer for movies and television, and outfitted many international beauty queens"

"Mama Renee, as he is affection-

ately called, has also discovered and mentored many international beauty contestants and winners, and he has even served as television host and presenter, as well," Gonzales wrote.

The 75-year-old in-demand designer is happy in his second experience visiting the island but happier that he was given the honor to show his clothing designs to the islanders.

"Masaya ako na makabalik sa Catanduanes after so many years and mas masaya ngayon na maipapakita natin ang ating mga gawa na damit sa mga taga-Catanduanes. Kung hindi dahil kay President Patrick ay hindi ko rin alam kung kailan ako makakabalik dito.

Kaya nagpapasalamat din ako sa imbetasyon ng aking kaibigan," Renee Salud shared.







Pinay Beauty, Ms. Ma. Katrina Llegado

## THE PROFESSIONAL MODELS

Half-Australian and half-Filipino super-model Ms. Jasmine Maierhofer-Patrimonio and Pinay Beauty, Ms. Ma. Katrina Llegado, the Ms. Universe Philippines 2022 – 2nd Runner Up and 2019 Reina Hispanoamericana 5th runner up led the fashion runway at the CatSU Auditorium.

The two beauties and models were joined by Ms. Universe 2022 Bb. Friendship and model Ms. Eiffel Janell Rosalita from Bato, Catanduanes.

The three models wowed the crowd with their modeling prowess and beauty.



Super Model, Ms. Jasmine Maierhofer-Patrimonio

## THE LOCAL MODELS

The first lady of the province of Catanduanes, Ms. Nancy Cua together with the first lady of Virac, Ms. Maria Cleofe R. Laynes led the fashion runway of the local models.

Ms. Cua and Ms. Laynes were joined by Ms. Mariel Tabuzo-Torzar, the Municipal Tourism Officer of LGU Virac, and the student-models of the University namely: Rizza May V. Jarabillo, Ma. Elaine E. Arcilla, Rica Jeanne Evangelista, and Fersan Babes C. Agurin of the College of Education; Kimberly Nicole Llantino, Mary Grace A. Icaranom, Abegail P. Ragay, and Marianne Angelique Aldea

of the College of Health Sciences; Rezy Madelaine T. Tanael of the College of Business and Accountancy; Kyla G. Samar of the College of Engineering and Architecture; and Shane S. Manlangit of DepEd, and Jem Irish M. Jacobo of the Provincial Local Government Unit.

Our lovely models did not faze in the challenge given to them. They conquered the runway as if they were professional models too.

“Likas na ang pagiging magaganda ng mga taga-Catanduanes. Kayangkaya ninyo makipagsabayan sa nasa

metro. Kailangan lang talaga ng mas magandang exposure para mas marami pa ang matutunan at magkaroon ng maraming karanasan,” Renee Salud said in an interview.

“Kailangan lang talaga maging open ang mga talent handlers, and organizers sa mga modern way ng pagsasagawa ng mga fashion show or maging ng mga pageant para mas maging connected at parehas na sa level ng mga event sa labas ng isla lalo na sa Metro Manila,” Renee Salud added.

## NEXT FASHION SHOW

With the success of the event, Dr. Azanza sees that the people in the island should see another fashion show – this time using the island’s textile, the abaca as clothing material – with Mama Renee Salud’s guidance.

“We are going to do our best to collaborate with the Department of Science Technology (DOST) so we will be given insights and guidance in material production. We

look forward to having another fashion show for the Catandunganon by April 2023,” Dr. Azanza concluded.



Catanduanes Beauty Queen, Ms. Eiffel Janell C. Rosalita



Mama Renee Salud and the Models





# CatSU employees display sports prowess in basketball, badminton tourney

**PESTERING DEFENSE.** Blue team's point guard Engr. Marlon Tubato tries to escape the tight defense of the Black team's defensive specialist Alvin Sicio. The Black team punished the Blue team in this lopsided match.  
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The Catanduanes State University basketball and badminton club sports tournament for employees successfully ended in a close fight series as the ballers and smashers display their sports prowess last October 11 and 13, 2022, respectively.

The Black team ballers headed by team captain Prof. Eric V. Evangelista was crowned champion after securing a perfect record of 4-0. The Red team with team captain Prof. Jonathan Capsa placed 2nd with a 3-1 record. The Green Team headed by Prof. Rowel Salvador of the Panganiban Campus placed 3rd after a 2-2 record, while the White team of team captain Marjun S. Tugano II placed 4th with a 1-3 record. The Blue team, on the other hand, found themselves at the bottom of the standing being the only winless team with a 0-4 record.

"Maogma na nagkaigwa kita nin tournament na arog kaini ta ini para man ini sa mga empleyado. Di bale ng daog ta ang importante uya nag-enjoy ang lambang saro buda nakakawat ang gabos sa basketball tournament," Ike U. Marquez, team Captain of the Blue team and the President of Cat-SU Basketball Sports Club, shared.

Meanwhile, the CatSU employees men and women smashers also have their highlights in their badminton tournament.

The crowned winners for Mens Doubles are Shander Icawat and Jefferson Urbano (3rd place), Arnel De Guzman and Arvie Alferex (2nd place), and Ronald Sarmiento and Morris Aquino (1st place).

For the Womens Doubles, the winners are Laarni Jimenez & Swetzer Joy Rodriguez (3rd place), Jaeka Frias and Daphne Villanueva (2nd place), and Fiona May Taraya and Josephine Garcia (1st place).

For the Elite Category, Alfredo Bagadiiong Jr. of the PMO Office took the gold medal by defeating former badminton varsity player Jasper Adrian Sidlacan of Corporate Communication Services.

During the tip-off, Dr. Maria Edna R. Inigo, Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs shared that sports activities are important in developing solid camaraderie, sportsmanship, and an avenue to build strong working relationships in the institution.

Dr. Rudy P. Tablizo, Director of Sports Development Services and the tournament manager also encourages every participating employee to enjoy the game. He also thanked the officiating officials from the partner institution - the Department of Education, Division of Catanduanes, for the support they gave in this year's sports tournament.

The sports tournament is the kick-off activity for the 10th University Charter Anniversary Celebration.



Arnold T. Manlangit from the non-teaching smashers delivers a game point in the opening match of the Badminton Tournament.



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