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**UNITED IN PUBLIC SERVICE.** As they wave their hands, Catanduanes State University (CatSU) employees, led by Officer-in-Charge and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Regional Director Atty. Septon A. de la Cruz, express their joy and solidarity during the Unity Walk in front of the CatSU administrative building, in celebration of the 12th Charter Anniversary of the University.

## CatSU OIC on 12th Charter Anniversary: Do not forget the past as they contributed where we are now

Albert G. Clemente

**"As we celebrate our 12th Charter Anniversary,** we recognize what today holds, and what is at stake for all of us in the future, but we should also not forget the past, and those who came before us, as they contributed to where we are now."

This was the message shared by Officer-In-Charge CatSU President Atty. Septon A. de la Cruz during the flag-raising ceremony held this morning, October 14,

marking the start of Catanduanes State University's (CatSU) weeklong 12th Charter Anniversary celebration.

"The accomplishment of this institution for more than five decades, from being a state college to a state university, speaks for its vision, alertness, and courage to respond to the tremendous challenges in higher education," Atty. de la Cruz said.

Warmly greeting everyone with a 'Happy 12th Charter Anniversary,' he also expressed his gratitude for the 'warmest welcome' he had 'ever received' and the hospitality of the Catandunganon people.

Atty. de la Cruz also posed a challenge to the university's researchers, urging them to pursue studies that will live up to CatSU's tagline as a 'green research university!'

"A barometer of the value of research is its usefulness. Research should not end in the generation of new knowledge, it is supposed to be used, disseminated, and applied for societal activity for regional and national development," he emphasized.

Following his address, university officials, employees, and students participated in the hoisting of the university and

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# CatSU inks MoA with DOST-NRCP for iShare seminar

Anjo G. Tugay

The **Catanduanes State University** has entered a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Department of Science and Technology - National Research Council of the Philippines (DOST-NRCP), October 21, for the conduct of the activity titled 'CatSU and NRCP iShare: Stories of Inspiration in Research and Innovation', to be held at the CatSU Auditorium on October 22.

"The signing of this MOA signals our commitment to foster a more robust and dynamic research landscape. Through this MOA signing, we commit to the collaboration more closely in achieving our common goals of fostering and promoting basic research research and innovation in the Philippines," NRCP President, Dr. Aimee Lynn A. Barrion-Dupo expressed during the signing.



**BINDING COMMITMENT.** Officials from Catanduanes State University, led by Executive Vice President Dr. Roberto B. Barba, Jr., gathered with representatives from the Department of Science and Technology - National Research Council of the Philippines (DOST-NRCP) after signing a memorandum of agreement for the iShare forum.

# CatSU celebrates 12th Charter Anniversary with Tree Planting

Anjo G. Tugay

To support the **University's Greening initiative**, the College of Agriculture and Fisheries held a fruit tree planting activity, October 17, as part of the 12th University Charter Anniversary celebration.

Executive Vice President Dr. Roberto B. Barba Jr. and CAF Dean Dr. Michael Owen P. Malijan led the initiative with faculty

members and BS Agriculture students, fulfilling the Orchard Garden Project requirement of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

The fruit tree planting event was made possible through collaboration with the Provincial Agriculture Services Office, which provided the seedlings.

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college flags and proceeded to the front grounds for a Unity Walk, that symbolize a shared commitment towards progress.

Bearing the theme "Rising to Global Excellence," the weeklong celebration, running from October 14 to 19, 2024, features a variety of activities, including an exhibit at the lobby, booths

on the front grounds, free services from partner agencies, an Edu-EcoTourism tour, Gawad Parangal, and a Family Day.

CatSU was established by virtue of Republic Act No. 10229, signed by former President Benigno Simeon S. Aquino III on October 19, 2012, converting Catanduanes State Colleges-Virac/ Main Campus and Panganiban Campus into a state university.

# Select DepEd students join CatSU's Edu-Eco tour initiative

Albert G. Clemente

**Exploring the campus, hundreds** of high school students, along with their teachers, from selected schools from the Department of Education took part in the Edu-Eco Tour on Wednesday, October 16, organized by the Catanduanes State University as part of its weeklong celebration of 12th Charter Anniversary.

Participants from Antipolo National High School, San Miguel Rural Development High School, Cabugao Integrated School, Palta National High School, and Hawan National High School were accompanied by Mack Neil T. Vital from the Information Unit, who served as a tour guide. The students explored the university campus and had the opportunity to see state-of-the-art facilities such as the sports complex, men's dormitory, and library among others.

They also visited the fish ponds and an exhibit in the University lobby, which featured artworks and local products crafted by CatSU students, faculty, and partners.



**EXPLORING CATSU GREEN SPACES.** On October 16, as part of the University's 12th Charter Anniversary celebration, Catanduanes State University invites and tours hundreds of students from public secondary schools for the Edu-Eco Tour.

# LabSchools hosts 2024 Mini Olympics

Albert G. Clemente

**Laboratory Schools Mini Olympics 2024** kicked off on October 14, with student-athletes from elementary and secondary grades proudly sporting their team colors—blue, purple, yellow, green, and red—as they trooped at the Catanduanes State University gymnasium.

School Principal Joerandy C. Tablizo expressed that this event is a 'testament in fostering not only athletic skills but also leadership qualities of students.'

Calling for unity and teamwork, Dr. Julius S. Antonio, Head Teacher and Senior High School Coordinator, told the participants on the importance of sportsmanship during the four-day Mini Olympics from October 14-17.

Among the highlights of the opening ceremony was the Bench Yell Competition, where Unit 2 clinched the first place, followed by Unit 3 as second place, and the third and fourth spots bagged by Unit 1 and Unit 4, respectively.

In the elementary with two competing teams, the Pink Team has shone over the Purple Team in the Dance Presentation.

With the theme "Evolve Through Excellence: Athletes of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow," the mini olympics is one of the activities for this year's 12th Charter Anniversary, providing students an avenue to showcase their athletic prowess, and build social connections.



**TROPHIES UP FOR GRABS.** All covered in gold, the trophies are displayed inside the University gymnasium, awaiting the winners of the Laboratory Schools 2024 Mini-Olympics.





**UNIT PRESENTATION.** All units composed of student-athletes and their coaches pose inside the gymnasium during the 2024 Mini Olympics.

# Food, Fun, and Games: USC holds freshie org fair

Albert G. Clemente

With food, fun games, and exciting prizes for CatSUans, over 70 recognized student organizations set up booths at the Catanduanes State University front grounds for the Orgs Fair

2024 from October 14 to 17, as part of the university's 12th Charter Anniversary.

Organized by the University Student Council (USC), led by

Regent Virgilio Jr. Cortado, in coordination with the Office of Student Affairs and Development Services, headed by Director Ma. Nena T. Vital, the event offers a platform for the newest batch of

CatSUans to connect and unwind after the midterm exam week.



**WELL-DESERVED ACAD BREAK.** Thousands of students gathered in front of the Catanduanes University Campus to enjoy various activities offered by different booths during the org fair organized by the University Student Council from October 14 to 17, 2024.

## CatSU New OIC meets deans, key officials

Anjo G. Tugay



**MEET AND GREET.** Atty. Septon A. de la Cruz, the newly appointed officer-in-charge of Catanduanes State University, meets with university officials.

**Taking on the role** of OIC President of CatSU, Atty. Septon A. de la Cruz met with the university's executive management, including deans, directors, and unit heads, to receive updates on their respective office mandates and discuss key matters along with the four-fold functions of the University.

Atty. Septon A. de la Cruz is also currently serving as the Regional Director of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Regional Office V, a position he has held since January 2022, succeeding Dr. Freddie T. Bernal. Prior to this role, he was the Director of the Administrative, Financial, and

Management Services (AFMS) division at CHED Central Office.

He officially took the helm effective October 9. He was accompanied by former President Dr. Patrick Allain T. Azanza during a ceremonial turnover on October 10.

Board of Regents designated Atty. de la Cruz and will serve until the CatSU BOR elects a new University President, who will assume the post thereafter.

During its 223rd Special Meeting on October 9, 2024, the

## CatSU prexy joins COED's teacher celebration

Anjo G. Tugay

**CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza joined the College of Education** students and faculty in wrapping up the National Teachers' Month Celebration yesterday, October 7, at the university gymnasium.

The annual tribute event for teachers, which featured a talent showcase, was organized by the College's Student Council with support from the Office of Student Affairs and Development Services (OSADS) and the University Student Council (USC).

OSADS Director Ma. Nena T. Vital and USC President Virgilio Jr. S. Cortado also participated and offered their support to the student council's initiatives.

Meanwhile on his last day at the university, which he announced during the flag-raising ceremony, Dr. Azanza thanked the teachers in the event and acknowledged their unflinching commitment to their students' education.



**TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION.** CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza attended the Teacher's Day celebration organized by the College of Education.

# 140 CatSUans get 20k cash aid from CHED UniFAST TES program

Anjo G. Tugay

One hundred forty (140) students of Catanduanes State University received their P20,000 educational cash assistance through the Commission on Higher Education's UniFAST Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) program for the second semester, academic year 2023-2024, on Friday, October 4.

**EDUC AID DISTRIBUTION.** On October 4, beneficiaries of the CHED-UniFAST TES program received 20,000 pesos in cash assistance, organized by the scholarship office and Dr. Patrick Alain T. Anzana.



# Language educators, scholars across PH come together at CatSU for LLICON 2024

Albert G. Clemente

Language educators and scholars from all over the country, including international plenary speakers, come together, October 2, for the 2024 Language and Literature International Conference (LLICON 2024), hosted by the Catanduanes State University, and organized by the Bicol Association of Language and Literature Teachers (BALLT).

The four-day event runs from October 2-5, 2024, anchored in the theme 'Valuing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity in a Future-Ready Landscape in Language and Literature.'



**LLICON 2024.** The Language and Literature International Conference, co-hosted by Catanduanes State University, attracts hundreds of students, teachers, and researchers from across the country, featuring various booths showcasing local products.



# Closing ceremony comes for LLICON 2024

Albert G. Clemente with reports from Mack Neil T. Vital



**THAT'S A WRAP.** The Closing Ceremony concludes the four-day Language and Literature International Conference, where all participants, including foreign speakers, pose on stage to mark the culmination of the event.

The 2024 Language and Literature International Conference wrapped up with a vibrant closing ceremony at Catanduanes State University, featuring performances from the CatSU-Koro Hubilyo on Friday, October 4, 2024.

In her remarks, Dr. Rosana S. Abundo, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs, reflected on the success of the three-

day event. She expressed her gratitude to the organizers, plenary speakers, exhibitors, working committees, partner government agencies, and the participants from over 20 state universities across the country, including public schools from the Department of Education.

"As we depart, let us carry the knowledge and inspiration gained from the conference into our future endeavors, may

we continue to collaborate and contribute to the advancement of language and literature as well as teaching," she expressed.

Organized by the Bicol Association of Language and Literature Teachers, the conference ran from October 2-5, with the final day offering participants a tour of selected tourist attractions on the "Happy Island" of Catanduanes, in coordination with the Provincial Tourism Office.

## Students, employees take part in eucharistic celebration for CatSU's 12th Charter Anniversary

Albert G. Clemente

In celebration of the University's 12th Charter Anniversary and Teacher's Month, university officials, along with students, student-athletes, teaching, and non-teaching staff, gathered this morning, October 4, for a Eucharistic celebration at the CatSU Front Grounds.

In his homily, Rev. Fr. Nestor Perpetuo T. Pastor, an alumnus of the university, highlighted the importance of learning, service, and humility in both education and teaching.

"The gospel of St. Mathew reminds us as it speaks of God's

wisdom revealed to the humble and offers comfort to the weary. A message that resonates deeply with both educators and learners," Fr. Nestor said.



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