

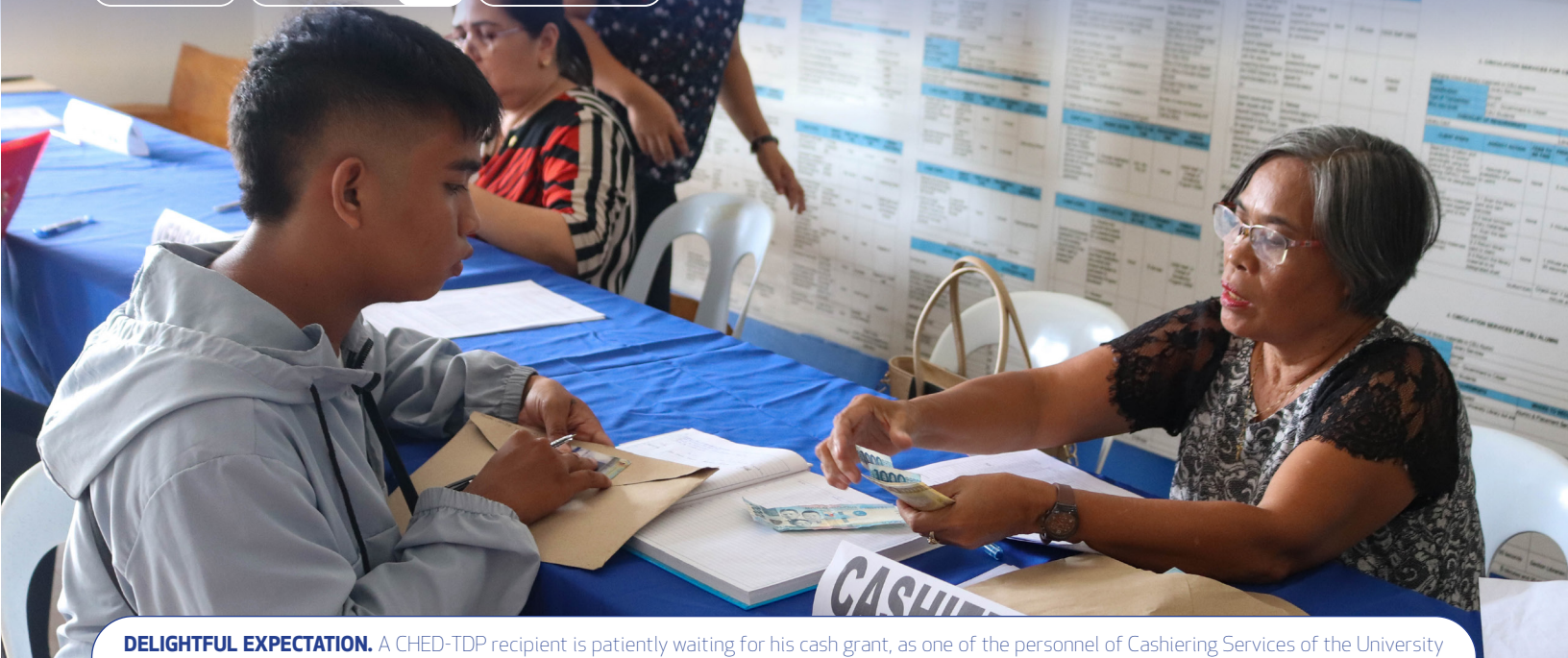
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DELIGHTFUL EXPECTATION. A CHED-TDP recipient is patiently waiting for his cash grant, as one of the personnel of Cashiering Services of the University counts the cash in front of him during the educational cash assistance release, August 23.

CatSU gives P15k cash aid to 59 CHED-TDP scholars

Albert G. Clemente

To support students' educational needs, the Catanduanes State State University (CatSU) has released cash assistance worth P15,000 to 59 student-beneficiaries of Commission on Higher Education - Tulong Dunong Program (CHED TDP) scholarship grant.

In his remarks during the distribution of cash aid, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza urged the grantees to share the assistance with their parents.

"Taw'an lamang ang magurang kang asistensya asin gamiton ini sa pag-adal lalo so mga makuha ning board examination," the president implored the grantees inside the university lobby on August 23.

"Parte ini kan satuyang adbokasiya na padagos na patanos movement asin pagserbi sa lambang Catandunganon," he concluded and invited the students to raise their hands to do the high five hand gesture, a symbol of 'Padagos na Patanos

Movement.

Each CHED-TDP scholar-attendeo has received P7,500 per semester, totaling P15,000 for two semesters, for the entire Academic Year 2021-2022.

For Prences L. Panti from the College of Education and one of the grantees, the educational assistance was helpful in her studies and family.

"Nagpapasalamat po ako sa CHED-TDP, dahil malaking tulong po ito sa aking pag-aaral at pamilya," she explained.

Joining the president in the distribution, Office of Student Scholarship and Financial Assistance, Career Development, and Placement Services (OSSFACDPS) Director Dr. Gemma M. Samas announced that for another batch of grantees, especially those under Academic Year 2022-2023, their office was still finalizing and working on the date of release for a similar grant.



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2023 CatSU-FFU official poll results

Murillo, Marquez win presidential, VP elections

Albert G. Clemente

The Catanduanes State University (CatSU) - Commission on Elections (COMELEC), chaired by Prof. Eric V. Evangelista, released the official tally results of the 2023 Federated Faculty Union Elections, held on August 25, Incumbent CatSU Employees Association (CASUNEA) President Danilo O. Murillo led the race for president with 164 votes against Prof. Serelino T. Tasarra who garnered 94 votes.

In the vice presidential race, Tasarra’s running mate, Ma. Concepcion V. Marquez won with 145 votes against Roger B. Tagle, garnering 116 votes.

For other positions, check out

the number of votes in the picture of the winning and unopposed candidates under Prof. Murillo’s party, the Catalysts for Academic Resilience and Empowerment Party (CARE Party).

Meanwhile, the newly elected FFU president succeeds the outgoing faculty regent, Dr. Rosana S. Abundo, and upon assumption to office, he will be part of the university’s Board of Regent (BOR).

CANDIDATES	TOTAL	RANK
PRESIDENT		
Murillo, Danny “Danny” O.	164	1
Tasarra, Serelino “Jun” T.	94	2
VICE-PRESIDENT		
Marquez, Ma. Concepcion “Con/Maricon” V.	145	1
Tagle, Roger “Ger” B.	116	2
SECRETARY		
Vargas, Aster Vivien “Aster” C.	236	1
TREASURER		
Go, Michelle “Mich” F.	233	1
AUDITOR		
Gianan, Jay Aries “Aries” T.	229	1
M.M.O.		
Dalipe, Mark Anthony “Mac” D.	233	1
BUSINESS MANAGERS		
Angeles, Gregorio “Greggy” Jr. V.	222	2
Million, Eddie “Edd” S.	233	1

Newly elected Federated Faculty Union prexy sets sight on agenda implementation

Anjo G. Tugay

With optimism, the newly elected president of Catanduanes State University’s (CatSU) Federated Faculty Union (FFU) drives for swift implementation of tangible change within the the university.

Prof. Danilo O. Murillo pledged his commitment to transform promises into actions as he prepares to assume his new role as the president of the union for a 2-year tenure.

“I firmly believe that the ‘CARE Party’ and our unwavering support for President Dr. Patrick Azanza’s administration will provide the impetus needed to actualize our proposed reforms,” the president-elect emphasized in his speech, on August 25 at the university gymnasium.

Central to his strategy is the decision to contest the position of faculty regent, a move designed to strategically amplify his influence within the decision-making echelons.

“By leveraging my two

consecutive terms of experience on the Board of Regents, I am confident that I can drive the practical implementation of the initiatives we’ve outlined,” Prof. Murillo stated.

We are committed to conducting a comprehensive review of the Faculty Manual,” the president-elect affirmed, “and our pledge to revisit the deloading policies for various positions, such as extension coordinators and research coordinators, reflects our determination to ensure uniformity and equity across the university.”

The president-elect’s commitment to role enhancement was underlined by tangible measures, with his proposal to secure increased deloading units for various positions.

We’re dedicated to distributing laptops and meticulously re-evaluating our program admission and retention policies to foster a more supportive environment for

students.”

He added that “Open communication and collaborative efforts will be our driving force in ensuring that our initiatives are well-informed and reflective of the needs of our community.” Moreover, he reiterated his commitment, together with the team to align promises with the university’s over-arching mission and goals.

As an incumbent CatSU Employees Association (CASUNEA) president, the incoming faculty regent assured the CatSU community that he can address the concerns of both non-teaching and teaching staff to the board.

“No rule is violated in the constitution of both FFU and CASUNEA, so I can finish my term next year as CASUNEA president, September 2024” he explained, clarifying to the public his two positions.*



DRIVE FOR CHANGE.

President-elect Prof. Danilo O. Murillo expressed his optimism in the realization of his party’s proposed reform during FFU General Rally on August 25, 2023.

Igniting the Spark

Dr. Joseph M. Ocol inspires future educators at CatSU

Rochelle Jane C. Idanan

A US board-certified teacher, Dr. Joseph M. Ocol, led a seminar at Catanduanes State University's gymnasium, August 18, 2023.

Addressing 4th-year College of Education Students, he shared insights from his 20-year teaching career, focusing on the path to becoming a master teacher.

Aimed to invigorate aspiring educators and emphasize the importance of teacher-student connections, innovative methods, and continuous growth, Dr. Ocol shared insights that spanned the breadth of his extensive career.

"Teaching is not just about imparting knowledge; it's about fostering a genuine connection with your students and guiding them towards their own paths of discovery."

"My [20] years of experience have shown me that the journey to becoming a master teacher is a continuous one, fueled by a passion for learning and a commitment to adapt and innovate." Dr. Ocol is set to meet with CatSU President, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, who is at the forefront of extensive services along with extension and internationalization initiatives for the university.



INSPIRING FUTURE EDUCATORS. Dr. Joseph M. Ocol addresses the 4th year students of College of Education on August 18 during their seminar, highlighting best educational practices as a former teacher.

CatSU gears up for UI GreenMetric University Rankings 2023

Anjo G. Tugay

Catanduanes State University's (CatSU) Center for International Relations and Continuing Professional Development Services (CIRCPDS) Director, Prof. Zyra Mae T. Tumala, has taken the lead in a planning meeting, August 31 at the Accreditation Room for the university's preparation for the upcoming UI GreenMetric

University Rankings 2023.

Under this year's theme, "Innovation, Impacts, and Future Direction of Sustainable Universities," CatSU is working to solidify its reputation as a trailblazing green university in the region.

The university is placing emphasis on data aggregation and analysis across six key indicators:

setting and infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste, water, transportation, and education.

Strategically outlining its preparations, the university aims to submit its data before the October 31 deadline.

Developed since 2010 by the University of Indonesia, UI GreenMetric is the first ranking in the World that has established a

Voluntary Standard for improving university infrastructure and action towards sustainable universities worldwide.

Accepting Responsibility

CatSU's newly elected FFU officers take oath before Dr. Azanza

Albert G. Clemente

Catanduanes State University

President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza administered the oath-taking of newly elected Federated Faculty Union (FFU) officers, led by President-elect Prof. Danilo O. Murillo, on August 29.

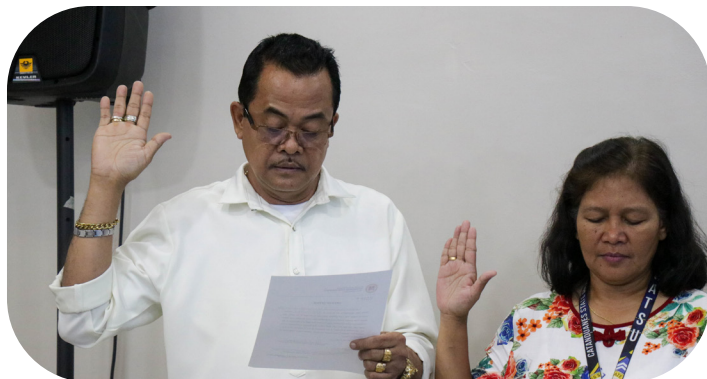
The newly sworn-in officials are as follows:

President: Danilo O. Murillo
 Vice President: Ma. Concepcion V. Marquez
 Secretary: Aster Vivien C. Vargas
 Treasurer: Michelle F. Go
 Auditor: Jay Aries T. Gianan
 Multimedia Officer: Mark Anthony D. Dalipe
 Business Managers:
 1. Eddie S. Million

2. Gregorio V. Angeles Jr.

Prior to the oath-taking, Prof. Murillo gave a short message and threw his support to the university's programs in particular for the employees and faculty welfare as well as to the extension programs that will benefit the Catandu

"Pagpoon ngonyan na aldaw, mapoon na kitang trabaho. We will support the university's programs like the extension programs that will be implemented across the province," the three-term newly installed faculty regent said.



SHARED VOW, SHARED GOAL. Oath-taking of the newly elected FFU Officers, led by President-elect Danilo O. Murillo (left), alongside with Vice President-elect Ma. Concepcion V. Marquez (right) on August 29 to create a lasting impact in the society: teach and become a mentor, embrace research and innovation, and engage in active discourse.

Challenged accepted:

COEd dean's response after the university's VPAA asked on cascading seminar-workshop on maximizing learning outcomes to other colleges

Albert G. Clemente

As faculty members from

Catanduanes State University - College of Education (CatSU-COEd) underwent seminar-workshop on maximizing learning outcomes for effective teaching, Dr. Maria Sheila R. Gregorio, COEd dean, accepted boldly the challenge thrown by Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Dr. Gemma G. Acedo on cascading similar activity with the university's other faculty members from various colleges.

"I accept the challenge", the education dean pronounced after Dr. Acedo finished her remarks and stepped down from stage, on Wednesday morning, August

16, at the university's library little theater.

In her remarks, the VPAA acknowledged the effort of COEd for continuously harnessing and capacitating the faculty members of the university in order to bridge the gap between theories and practice.

The invited resource speaker of the said activity was the dean of the College of Education of Southern Luzon State University, Dr. Vanessa C. Zubieta, who hailed from Lucban, Quezon province, and finished her doctorate degree at De La Salle University.

She discussed the topic

of exploring effective teaching strategies and learning activities anchored on current research and best practices in education. Designing and engaging learning activities aligned with Commission on Higher Education's learning outcomes as well as the strategies for differentiation, and reflective practice were also tackled by the speaker after the first topic.

Following the discussion, the faculty-participants presented their outputs.



BOLDER RESPONSE. Dr. Ma. Shiela R. Gregorio, Dean of the College of Education, has accepted the challenge from the university's Vice President for Academic Affairs to provide faculty training to all colleges.

'Never ever give up!' CatSU PC administrator advise students during the general orientation

Anjo G. Tugay

Catanduanes State University (CatSU) Panganiban Campus marked the start of the academic year with an insightful General Orientation event on August 29, with Campus Administrator, Dr. Ramon F. Samonte, inspiring students to 'never ever give up' on their academic journey.

Dr. Samonte also expressed optimism about fostering a strong partnership between parents, the community, and the university to unlock the full academic potential of the students.

"We eagerly anticipate a fruitful collaboration with parents and community to realize the utmost academic potential of the students," Dr. Samonte stated.

The orientation introduced the esteemed faculty members of the campus, emphasizing their competence and dedication to guiding students on their academic journey.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Gemma G. Acedo, encouraged students with the message that faculty support is

crucial, but self-determination is equally important.

"As you strive for excellence, remember that while faculty are here to guide you, your own efforts will be the cornerstone of your success," Dr. Acedo highlighted.

In an auspicious start to the day, the inauguration and blessing of the New Academic Building at the heart of the campus took place.

Earlier this morning also, the College Student Council officers pledged their commitment through an oath-taking ceremony.

University Student Council (USC) President and Student Regent, Francine Mae T. Tayo addressed the students, urging them to exercise their responsibility as voters in the upcoming Barangay and SK Elections (BSKE).

She drew inspiration from CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza's call for the youth to be "vessels of hope" for the province.



URGING PERSEVERANCE. CatSU Panganiban Campus Administrator Dr. Ramon F. Samonte uplifts the spirits of students during general orientation on August 29, 2023, leaving 'never give up' remarks.

CatSU's digitization in full swing with SIAS

Albert G. Clemente

With digitization in full swing, the Catanduanes State University, through the Information Technology Services (ITS), conducted an orientation this third week of August 2023, on Student Information Automated System (SIAS), at the university auditorium.

During the orientation, students from different colleges were informed to follow procedures provided by the Information Technology Services office.



GOING DIGITAL. Hundreds of students flock to the university auditorium and attend the SIAS Orientation.

#CatSUpgrade

CAMPUS NEW



TRAILBLAZING CATSU-CAF

A Powerhouse of technological innovations

Darwin M. Bongon and Albert G. Clemente

Behind the technological innovations at Catanduanes State University (CatSU) that enhance the instruction and research capability stands a newly built three-story College of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) building that will nurture our students' skills and talents and harness them toward service to the country.

The new CAF building at the University's rear portion boasts a spacious 600 sq.m area, emphasizing the importance of how learning environments and spaces contribute to the formation and education of our students.

With 14 lecture rooms and 12 laboratory rooms, the new learning space is equipped with two whiteboards, a TV, and two air-conditioning units to facilitate smooth and mobile learning activities, accommodating students taking the BS Fisheries, BS Agri-business, and BS Agriculture programs.

The green and future-ready facility incorporates an on-grid photovoltaic system, where when a power shortage occurs in the solar panels, it will draw the necessary power from the grid (FICELCO). These two different power sources work hand in hand

to sustain energy consumption in all air-conditioned rooms.

It also nurtures a diverse community as it shares its space to hold classes from the College of Health and Sciences (CHS), College of Education (COED), College of Engineering and Architecture (CEA), College of Science (COS), and National Service Training Program (NSTP). CAF also features a Smart Green House facility, which aims to enhance productivity, income generation, instructional laboratory, and produce high-quality lettuce with advanced farming technology of aquaponics

and hydroponics.

The Catanduanes State University - College of Agriculture and Fisheries sets a standard that upgrading the infrastructure and facilities also means building for our students to enable experiences and opportunities and incubating new ideas and initiatives.



#CatSUUpgrade

Chronicles of Campus Life

How CatSU-CAF's newest building sparks hope, inspiration to future agriculturist

Darwin M. Bongon and Rochellee Jane C. Idanan

Revolutionizing agriculture

and fisheries education on the island, the newly built College of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) building at Catanduanes State University (CatSU) aims to nurture a new breed of professionals who will become stewards of food security and sustainability.

Designed to provide a conducive learning environment for its students, the three-story CAF building now has 14 lecture rooms and 12 laboratory rooms, each equipped with two air conditioning units, whiteboards, and TV- a polar opposite of the previous building that only offered eight rooms for its students under the three programs offered by the College.

"Before, we had only limited rooms and facilities, it is more or

less 8 rooms being shared by the college of agriculture students sa 3 programs: BS Fisheries, BS Agri-business program, and BS Agriculture. So, ayon nagsishare sila ng mga rooms. Dati [irin], sa iilang projectors nag-aagawan pa ang mga faculty," CAF Dean Dr. Roberto Barba Jr. said, recounting the struggles of having limited facilities.

Bearing the testament to the innovative upgrades in the CAF building, Jennifer Vergara, 4th year BS Agriculture Major in Animal Husbandry student, shared how the previous building proved to be counterproductive because of its cramped and poorly ventilated space, hindering their opportunities to learn effectively.

"Masakit po talaga magdangog sa maestra lalo

na kung mainit tapos yung iba gapayluluwas kasi mainit. [Ngonyan], comfortable na kami mag-review. Maski 'pag galeksyon okay na po kami ta bako na po mainit, di na kami gasiliksikan, di nang gapaalagawan sa electric fan kasi may aircon na tapos na- absorb na ning utak mi yong yaleksyon [ng teacher]." In addition to the comfortable learning space, the college also boasts its Smart Green House which offers a unique and hands-on learning opportunity to its students, beckoning them to explore groundbreaking research in sustainable farming.

"We expect na hindi ganun kalaki ang income ng Smart Greenhouse. Pero, intangibly, yong exposure ng

students sa facilities [as part of instructional laboratories] 'yon yung pinakamalaking income," Dr. Barba stated, underscoring that the knowledge gained by the students holds greater worth than any revenue generated by the facility.

In essence, the new CAF building is an embodiment of CatSU's commitment to placing greater value on industries that are often ignored yet indispensable in helping nurture the future of the next generations. Through the newly established building, CatSU hopes to plant seeds of inspiration that will blossom into fulfilled aspirations.



CatSU's Vision of Hope and Padagos na Patanos Movement to reach 315 barangays, SK Communities

In his commitment towards community empowerment and service, Catanduanes State University (CatSU) President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza announced today, August 16, the initiative of bringing CatSU's Vision of HOPE to the 315 barangays and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) communities across the Happy Island.

The project, dubbed as the University's Technical Assistance Program for Local Government Units (TAP-LGU), is set to roll out 46 Extension Programs in partnership with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and various national agencies.

The initial funding of 20 million pesos, coupled with contributions from government agencies and the private sector, underscores the collective efforts to effect positive change at the grassroots level.

In his Facebook post, President Azanza shared the exciting details of the project after discussions with DILG-PD Uldarico Razal, Jr.

The program's cornerstone is the proposed mobile hospital, equipped with state-of-the-art x-ray and laboratory facilities, that will service the unserved or underserved barangays in

Catanduanes, ensuring access to critical medical services.

Driven by the desire to leverage the institution's strengths, President Azanza

initially sought three extension programs from each of CatSU's nine college deans.

However, the response surpassed expectations, with a total of 46 proposals flooding in. These proposals, after rigorous evaluation, will soon find themselves as focal points for collaboration between the university and the elected 315 Barangay Captains and SK leaders, set to take office in October 2023.

The starting point of the realization of these extension programs will commence with a kickoff program launching the "TAP-LGU" initiative.

The heart of this phase lies in community engagement, as every Barangay, along with their respective leaders, will have

the opportunity to select from the roster of extension programs that best align with their needs. Moreover, they can propose additional initiatives based on actual requirements, subject to evaluation by CatSU's expert team.

President Azanza is poised to turn the Vision of HOPE into a tangible reality, noting "An CATSU para sa gabos."

"We want you to be safe, speak up, and be able to say no" - President Azanza

Anjo G. Tugay



EMPOWERING WOMEN, INSPIRING CHANGE. Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza urges the female students of the university to assert their rights involving their welfare and protection under the law during the EBA lecture-seminar.

In a call for empowerment and safety, Catanduanes State University (CatSU) President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza urged students to speak up against inappropriate behavior and stand up for themselves, asserting their right to a secure university

environment, during the lecture seminar, EBA: Edukasyon at Batas Para sa Kababaihan, happening simultaneously today, August 23, at the university gymnasium and auditorium.

"Gusto kong i-emphasize na kayo ay may mga karapatan. The

first of them is to be able to say 'no,' when you think it is not appropriate. Learn to speak up. We want you to be safe in the university," he said, addressing the College of Health Sciences (CHS) and College of Industrial Technology (CIT) students of the university.

Aiming to empower female students by fostering awareness of their rights and legal protection against gender-based violence and harassment, the activity will cater to all colleges, with each half-day focusing on different legal topics.

Prof. Jozem Niño Morales will talk about the Safe Spaces Act, Atty. Francisco A. Samonte will cover the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act and Anti-Human Trafficking, and Atty. Pamela Joy T. Herrera-Sanchez will explain the Anti-Rape Law, Acts of Lasciviousness, and Anti-VAWC Law.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



FFU Elections 2023: President Azanza champions faculty unity, commitment to student success

Anjo G. Tugay

Catanduanes State University (CatSU) President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, highlighted the pivotal role of faculty members in the university's mission to provide quality education and their collective responsibility in charting the institution's future, during the Federated Faculty Union (FFU) Elections and General Assembly held earlier today at the university gymnasium.

Addressing the faculty members and candidates, Dr. Azanza underscored the significance of faculty as the bedrock of academic excellence.

"The faculty is the

most important resource of our academic community," he said, emphasizing further that the caliber of faculty determines the institution's progress and ultimately shapes the experiences of the students they guide.

In alignment with CatSU's commitment to student success, Dr. Azanza stressed the symbiotic relationship between faculty quality and student achievement.

"Your students highly depend on the quality of faculty members, and indeed, we are only as good as our ability to support the ranks of the faculty."

He also expressed the importance of the ongoing faculty elections as it frames a transformative trajectory of CatSU's history.

"This exercise today that you are going to have is very important for the trajectory of the university as you chart the next course of our history."

He encouraged the candidates to engage in a collegial and supportive election process.

"Whoever wins, I hope that the other team could also support, and I believe that the voice of the faculty will be heard," he emphasized.

Dr. Azanza reiterated the university's commitment to prioritizing the interests of faculty, employees, and students, assuring that the administration remains dedicated to enhancing processes and ensuring the well-being of the faculty.

"All the benefits, the improvement in our processes will really be directed to make the lives of our faculty easy," he



DARE TO LEAD, INSPIRE TO TRANSFORM. Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza speaks with the aspiring candidates to hold Federated Faculty Union positions.

affirmed.

The President extended his commendation to the candidates, recognizing their dedication to serving the faculty ranks, acknowledged their platforms, and expressed admiration for their willingness to contribute positively to the university's growth.

"Whatever happens, whoever wins, we will just work together as one, after all, we are just one university and we are

charting one history of CatSU," Dr. Azanza said, looking for unity and respect for the faculty's collective decision.

"It is very important that we become a vessel of hope on this island so that we always prioritize what is best for every Catandunganon," he asserted, emphasizing the university's commitment to being a beacon of hope for the island community.

Buwan ng Wika Celebration 2023

KWF chair graces CatSU-SWK 'Paghiras II' webinar

Darwin M. Bongon

In line with the annual celebration of Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa, the Catanduanes State University - Sentro ng Wika at Kultura (CatSU-SWK), organized the 'Paghiras II: Pagbakas at Pagbagtas sa Espasyo ng Wikang Filipino at Katutubo sa Larang ng Pananaliksik,' a webinar featuring different research papers about Filipino language, literature, culture, and education.

Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) chair Dr. Arthur P. Casanova graced the event, together with other language professors from various state universities across the Philippines.

Dr. Aldwin B. Amat from Leyte Normal University discussed the topic on 'Sulyap sa Katutubong Saliksik Pangwika at Pangkultura: Lente ng mga Waraynon sa Paniniwalang Ugmad'.

Meanwhile, Sentro ng Wika at Kultura Director Ryan S. Rodriguez of the Camarines Norte State Colleges tackled the 'Sipat-Dalumat sa mga Salitang Beki sa Social Media: Metamorphosis sa



GUEST OF HONOR. Dr. Arthur P. Casanova, the head of Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF), graces the webinar Celebration of Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa, 'Paghiras II: Pagbakas at Pagbagtas sa Espasyo ng Wikang Filipino at Katutubo sa Larang ng Pananaliksik' on August 30.

Diskursong Filipino'.

Held on August 30, the activity was participated by the students from the Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Filipino, and those taking general education courses, public school teachers, and other individuals from Bicol region.

Joining the esteemed researchers were the CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, Vice President for Academic and Affairs Dr. Gemma G. Acedo, and College of Education Dean, Dr. Ma. Sheila R. Gregorio.

CatSU commits full support to coconut farmers in the province

Anjo G. Tugay

Catanduanes State University (CatSU) President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza affirms his full support to coconut farmers in the province during the COconut CONFERENCE Usap Tayo (Market Updates and Opportunities) Year 2" event,, August 31 at the ARDCI Hotel.

Announcing his full backing into the agricultural sector, Dr. Azanza shared the university's comprehensive plan to aid coconut farmers through a multi-faceted approach. One of the key highlights is the establishment of a cutting-edge coconut nursery located at the Panganiban Campus, which is set to revolutionize the way CATSU supports the coconut industry, focusing on research, extension, and production services that are tailored to the unique needs of local farmers.

"We believe that by actively

involving ourselves in research, extension, and production services tailored to the coconut industry, we can make a significant impact on the lives of the local farmers," the President said. CATSU's commitment to innovation is further highlighted by its state-of-the-art facilities, including a food lab and fab lab generously donated by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

"These labs are more than just facilities; they are knowledge hubs. We are more than happy to share the knowledge and skills gained from these labs with our coconut farmers and their families, enabling them to create a diverse range of coconut-based products that can enhance their economic status," the President highlighted.

Dr. Azanza also stressed the alignment between CATSU's

initiative and Governor Joseph Cua's vision for the coconut industry.

"We stand united with Governor Cua in his aspiration to elevate the coconut processing industry in our region. By equipping our farmers with the necessary tools and expertise, we are contributing to the overall growth and prosperity of Catanduanes," the President added.

Dr. Azanza expressed his gratitude for being part of the conference noting that it "aligns perfectly" with the mission of the university to drive positive change through a commitment to fostering awareness and promoting valuable business opportunities within the coconut industry in the province.



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