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GREEN TRIUMPH. The University ranked first in Bicol while it placed 8th in the country and 481st in the world at 2023 UI GreenMetric University Rankings.

Placing its name on the world map as Green University: CatSU ranks 8th in PH, 481st worldwide at 2023 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings

Albert G. Clemente

Catanduanes State University (CatSU) has made its debut appearance in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings for 2023, which ranked 481 out of 1183 universities worldwide and took the 8th spot in the Philippines.

With a total score of 6445, CatSU joins 21 other Philippine universities that have made the list, based on the results of

UI GreenMetrics released on Tuesday, December 5.

CatSU is the only SUC across the Bicol region that placed in the Top 10.

Taking the top spot in the country is De La Salle University - Dasmariñas with a total score of 7625.

Meanwhile, Wageningen University & Research from the Netherlands, with a total score of

9500, was hailed as the top 1 for this year's UI GreenMetrics World ranking.

All the participating universities across the globe were assessed on six criteria, including setting and infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste, water, transportation, education and research, and with 39 indicators.

The UI GreenMetric World University Ranking is a ranking on

green campus and environmental sustainability initiated by Universitas Indonesia in 2010.

This remarkable achievement of CatSU is a testament to its unwavering commitment to environmental sustainability toward a greener future.

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Catanduanes State University has maintained its commendable institutional and first-time taker passing rates for the September 2023 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT) in elementary and secondary levels.

In the elementary level, both Main and Panganiban campuses have delivered a commendable passing rate for first-time takers, with 92.86% and 80.95%, respectively.

The main campus' institutional passing rate in elementary is 63.64% and 62.86% for the Panganiban Campus, against the 47.01% national passing percentage.

For the secondary level, CatSU-Main Campus and Panganiban Campus posted 83.08% and 63.64% passing percentages, respectively, for first-time takers.

The institutional passing rate

for secondary in Main Campus is 62.50%, above the 56.27% national passing rate.

With this, the university has produced 43 new elementary teachers and 174 new secondary teachers.

Based on the results released by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) on Thursday, December 7, 23,782 elementary teachers out of 50,593 examinees (47.01%) and

53,995 secondary teachers out of 95,969 examinees (56.26%) successfully hurdled the board examination for teachers last September 24, 2023, in 40 testing centers all over the Philippines.

For a merrier Christmas: CatSU TDP-SUC beneficiaries receive ₱7.5k

Albert G. Clemente & Darwin M. Bongon

Three weeks before Christmas, Catanduanes State University student-beneficiaries of the Tulong Dunong Program (TDP-SUC) received their early present amounting to Php7,500 on December 4.

The payout of the educational assistance was spearheaded by Student Scholarship Financial Assistance, Career Development and Placement Services Director, Gemma M. Samas, and sponsored by Sen. Loren Legarda through the initiative of CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza.

In his message, President Azanza encouraged the 71 recipients to inform and share this blessing with their parents for proper guidance.

"Gamiton ta tabi sa tama, ipaaram sa magurang ta maski diit na amount dakulang kaugmahan na nin magurang buda an magurang maga-guide kamo. Na ngaya noy, ini an gastusan kan pamilya igwa ka man sana nin 7,500 baad sa arog kaini makatabang ka man," he said.



EDUC AID RELEASED. PWD Student filling out a form, assisted by OSSFAC DPS staff, to claim her educational subsidy.

CHUMSS, TESDA partner for extension activity

Darwin M. Bongon

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUMSS), in partnership with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), announced the conduct of the CHUMSS: ACOS Project Technical Skills Development Training at San Isidro, Bagamanoc.

Kakanin, a delightful array of Filipino rice cakes, holds a special place in the hearts and

palates of Catandunganons. Recognizing the cultural significance and the potential for economic empowerment that Kakanin making offers, CHUMSS and TESDA have joined forces to create an enriching learning experience.

This initiative aims to empower individuals with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in the art of Kakanin

making, providing them with a pathway towards economic sustainability. The training program will encompass various aspects of Kakanin preparation and production, including traditional recipes, modern techniques, presentation, and marketing strategies.

This partnership between CHUMSS and TESDA underscores their shared

commitment to enhancing the livelihoods of individuals in the community through skills development. It also aligns with TESDA's mission to provide accessible and quality technical-vocational education and training.

To vail DOLE's livelihood grants, 23 assisted orgs of CatSU undergo training

Albert G. Clemente & Darwin M. Bongon

The Catanduanes State

University - Extension Services (CatSU-ES), in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), holds a two-day training workshop in business planning and project proposal writing for its 23 assisted organizations this Monday, December 11.

Addressing the participants, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza underscored the university's social responsibility as one of its core values.

"Igwa kita nin 'Padagos na Patanos Movement', bahagi ini nin satuyang program na ang CatSU mailuwat sa unibersidad, makatabang sa mga barangay. Ang CatSU bako sana dapat na pang-akademiko, dapat makatabang sa mga kahimanwa lalo na sa mga organisasyon," he emphasized.

Azanza, as a strong advocate of environmental conservation and protection, shared his stand regarding the mining issue in the province.

"Ang sakuyang paninindugan, dae ta tabi kaipuhan ang pagmimina sa isla ta nakaraot iyan. Ang kaipuhan na itao sa satuyang kahimanwa, hanap-buhay," he elaborated.



ALL OUT SUPPORT. VP-REPA Dr. Rosana S. Abundo (right) throws her support to the training being conducted by the university with DOLE.

Meanwhile, Vice President for Research and Extension Production Affairs Dr. Rosana S. Abundo supported the President's message and expressed optimism about expanding the reach of extension services to regional and national landscapes.

"Ang extension engagements na biga gibo ta like this one, ay sarong sa mga mandates ng university na kaipuhan magreach-out sa komunidad," she said.

"Ngonyan an target ta 'yong uya lang sa Catanduanes. But, we are hoping someday na kaipuhan

ming makaabot sa region or even sa national," she concluded.

Meanwhile, the said training seeks to support the local associations in the province in complying with the DOLE requirements and standards.

CatSU-CoEd beefs up training program for pre-service teachers in action research writing

Albert G. Clemente & Darwin M. Bongon

Fourth-year Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED) and Bachelor of Technical-Vocational Teacher Education (BTVTED) students convened in the 5th Paggiya seminar and engaged in action research writing.

Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Joseph G. Zafe challenged the young

aspiring teachers to take pride as they unfold their journey toward the teaching profession.

Guided by the resource speakers, attendees learned the How's and Why's of Classroom-Based Action Research (CBAR) with Baras Rural Development High School Master Teacher I Zoren I. Añonuevo.

Meanwhile, Information Officer III Anjo G. Tugay gave insights about the Basic Education Research Agenda.

Expressing optimism, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, lauded the event's conduct, as this would significantly impact the university's continued commendable board passing

rate.

Joining the president and the resource speakers, Assistant Professor I Emlyn M. Lanon facilitated and ensured the seamless execution of its objectives.

Different groups, anti-mining advocates unite at CatSU Mining Forum; call for climate justice in Catanduanes

Albert G. Clemente

In a bid to hear public perceptions on mining in the island province, the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) organized a public forum on mining, December 11, which was attended by various groups of individuals from different sectors, highlighting the adverse environmental impact of mining and calling for climate justice.

In his remarks, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza told the attendees that Catanduanons 'must never mortgage' the future.

"Ang buhay kan masunod na henerasyon dae ta dapat isangla ta bako ta an," he strongly declared.

"This resounding 'No to mining from our children, from our future' is heard by no less than those who hold power than those who do not have the power, and I hope those who hold the power should be able to not just listen but put into their hearts that Catanduanes is not for mining," the president added.

Meanwhile, one of the speakers from the Catanduanes Clean and Green Movement urged everyone to demand climate justice in the province.

The three presidents of student councils from Catanduanes Colleges, CatSU, and Christian Polytechnic Institute of Catanduanes (CPIC) encouraged their fellow youth leaders to stand for the anti-mining campaign to preserve the pristine beauty of the 'Happy Island's nature.

"As youth, meron dapat tayong paninindigan. Pangalagaan natin [ang isla] dahil ito ay regalo lamang ng Panginoon. Tayo lang naman ang maapektuhan at iilan lamang ang mabebenipisyuhan," Christal Joy M. Tindugan, CPIC Student Council president, implored.

Invited resource speakers



UNITY IN DIVERSITY. Various sectoral groups, together with CatSU President Dr. Patrick Azanza, gave emphasis on the dangers and risks of mining in the island.

talked about the environmental impacts of coal mining via Zoom, and different leaders of religious groups and sectors provided

insightful discussions on mining.

The moderator of the forum was retired professor Juanita Cervantes who was joined also

by the university's students, employees, and key officials.

CatSU grad school launches literary talks, exhibition highlighting Catandunganon writers works

Darwin M. Bongon & Anjo G. Tugay

Over 100 high school, undergraduate, and graduate students participated in the 'KathangDuanes Exhibit and Balag-kalag: Lunsad-Aklat at mga Panayam,' hosted by the Catanduanes State University-Graduate School Student Association (CatSU-GSSA) at the CatSU main building, accreditation room, December 6.

The event focused on providing comprehensive talks on Catanduanes literature, encouraging young artists to explore art beyond the confines of book covers.

During the event, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza urged participants to support the works of our Catandunganon writers.

"Ang saindang libro, tangkilikon ta, i-share ta, buda i-estorya ta sa iba. Sabihon ta

kung ngata kaipuhan basahon ang sarong Allan Popa, an sarong Emman Barrameda buda an sarong Nap Arcilla. Ta an pagbasa sainda iyon man ang pagsabot sa satuyang pagkatawo, sa satuyang nasyon, sa satuyang isla, iyo man an pagsabot sa satuyang sadiri," the President said to young aspiring writers.

Esteemed Catandunganon writers and resource speakers, namely, Allan C. Popa, who explored 'Kahit Munti: Ang Espasyo ng Zine sa Panitikang Pangkomunidad at Pambansa,' and Gerry S. Rubio, former Editor-in-Chief of CatSU Statesman, discussing 'Mula Isla Hanggang Kabisera: Mga Kuwento ng Pagsupnit ng Abacatanduas,' guided the discussions.

Other Catandunganon writers present were Nap I. Arcilla III, Emmanuel T. Barrameda,



SUPPORT LOCAL WRITERS. Catandunganon writers explore their literary works on Catandunganon literature.

Ronnie Cerico, and Dawn N. Ramirez.

Graduate School Chairperson Maria Charlene A. Cantar and GSSA adviser, and CatSU-SWK

Director Dr. Jovert R. Balunsay, joined the resource speakers.

The Catanduanes State University is pleased to announce its three new Landbank scholars for the school year 2023-2024.

The recipients of the Iskolar ng Landbank Program will receive a P100,000 annual grant as an allowance for

their expenses like books, school requirements, and clothing or uniforms.

In their internship year, the scholars will have the opportunity to work with Landbank branches and other partner agencies of the institution.

If they graduate with flying colors, they are set to receive these cash

incentives:

1. Summa Cum Laude - P100,000
2. Magna Cum Laude - P70,000
3. Cum Laude - P50,000

These qualified scholars are children of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARB) and have an annual family income of not more

than P300,000.

To our three new scholars, congratulations on your well-deserved scholarship.

May you continue to excel in your chosen field and contribute to nation-building in the years ahead!

Pamaskong (Ham)ndog

Albert G. Clemente

Catanduanes State University (CatSU) President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza started the distribution of ham to the security guards of the university and tricycle drivers, yesterday, December 12.

"Mabalos tabi [TODA drivers] sa serbisyo nindo sa CatSU. Salamat [man] sa pagbantay niyo (ARDCI

security guards) nin marinas sa mga students, teachers, employees, and guests nin CatSU," President Azanza wrote on Facebook.

The early Christmas gift is from the personal fund of the president.

CBAR Seminar

Darwin M. Bongon

On December 14, the fourth-year Mathematics and Science students of Catanduanes State University - College of Education (CatSU-COEd) attended the 'Classroom-Based Action Research Seminar' at the COEd Conference room.

Among the invited resource speakers was Information Officer III, Anjo G. Tugay, who enlightened

the participants on the fundamentals of classroom-based action research writing.

Meanwhile, Assistant Professor II Carlito T. Gelito centered his discussion on the background of sampling and statistical analysis in research.

Joining the esteemed resource speakers was Field Study 2 adviser and COEd Chairperson Eric V. Evangelista.

Igniting the spirit of Hope:

Annual Christmas tree lighting kick-starts holiday celebrations in CatSU

Albert G. Clemente

To usher in the Yuletide holidays, Catanduanes State University lights up the campus, December 4, with a giant Christmas tree, colorful lanterns, and decors during the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, which kick-starts holiday celebrations in the university.

Students, employees, university officials, and other invited guests flocked to the university front grounds to witness the Christmas tree of HOPE Ceremonial Lighting.

Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, along with other university officials and invited guests, led the ceremonial tree-lighting activity.

In his message, the university president announced the approval of the Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) Bonus by the Board of Regents (BOR), and the distribution of hams to all employees.

"This celebration signifies the spirit of giving and sharing," he shared.

Present during the illumination of the Christmas tree were Provincial Board Member Jan Ferdinand A. Alberto, BOR member Dr. Aida A. Dianela, Faculty Regent Danilo O. Murillo, incumbent Student Regent Francine Mae T. Tayo, former student regents Hon. Angelo Piolo Laynes and Hon. Renz Mickenly T. Tanael.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Serve the people:

Dr. Azanza meets and congratulates CatSU's new registered nurses and nutritionist-dietitians

Albert G. Clemente

Catanduanes State University's (CatSU) new registered nurses and nutritionist-dietitians from the College of Health Sciences paid a courtesy visit to the university president, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, this afternoon, December 5.

The university produced 126 new nurses, which yielded a 94.03% passing rate in the recent November 2023 Philippine Nurses Licensure Examination.

They were among the 25,761 passers out

of 32,203 takers announced by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

Meanwhile, 26 CatSU graduates successfully hurdled the November 2023 Nutritionist-Dietitians Licensure Examination, delivering a 53.06% institutional passing rate.

Joining the passers during their courtesy visit was CHS Dean Dr. Maria Alma V. Tabirara, together with her faculty staff.

With this momentous achievement, the CatSU community celebrates your success.

May you continue to serve our people!



The Role of Emergency Communication Center: A Perspective from the director and CatSU alumnus

Darwin M. Bongon

It is a campus facility where critical data passes through, especially during disasters. Now, let us know further how the Catanduanes State University Emergency Communication Services has been serving its purpose, from the words of its director and university's alumnus.

For CICCIS Director, Engr. Dexter M. Toyado, the office was re-established to strengthen the support system in communication with the local government and other institutions and designed for disaster risk reduction management.

"Ang CatSU Emergency Communications Services is working under the office of the Center for Island Climate Change Solutions (CICCIS). Ngonyan, tig re-establish ta an unit ngani maka-provide nin emergency communication services. Sa communication, it should be the PLGU, LGUs, and the DRRM Offices na dapat na namamayo sa emergency communication, but in times of difficulties, our office is always willing to offer help in

any way our equipment can to fill the communication gaps," Engr. Toyado said.

Sharing one of the significant contributions of their office, Engr. Toyado recalled how the 'Go Bag', a portable communication device, facilitated response efforts in the onslaught of Super Typhoon Rolly.

"During those times, just hours after the super typhoon, nasa ere na kami and then nakareport na kami sa Manila about the situation. And a few days after the ST Rolly, an mga gamit uya pinag-setup mi sa sarong mobile pickup, dinara mi sa capitol kaiba ang mga amaturistang radio operators para mag-provide nin additional communication services."

Recognizing the need for more manpower, the CatSU Ham Radio Society has been established with the support of the University president.

"So CatSU Radio Ham Society, yahalat mi lang so SEC registration para makapa-accredit kami sa NTC as a school-based Amateur Radio

group, si President Patrick Alain T. Azanza as a licensed Amateur Radio Operator, siya ang adviser kaan. Ang pinakapurpose kauni ay experimentation, innovation, communication, and of course, service. Sabi ngani sa amateur radio community 'When all else fails, there is amateur radio,'" Engr. Toyado concluded.

Meanwhile, Engr. Jaimes Edward Barlizo, one of the computer engineering graduates of CatSU who developed a tracking device for fishermen, recognized the importance of the office as it would help the emergency responders communicate effectively and mobilize resources in times of disaster.

"Ang opisang ito [Emergency Communications Services] ay makakatulong upang lalo pang maunawaan ng mga estudyante kung gaano ka importante ang komunikasyon sa oras ng mga sakuna," he gladly shared.

CatSU is one of the Distinguished recipients of 2023 ORAGON Award

via Alumni Relations Office

Conferred by the Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office No. V, Catanduanes State University (CatSU) was recipient of 2023 ORAGON Award, in acknowledgement of the exceptional collaboration and support for the successful implementation

of the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP), by the CatSU Alumni Relations Office and Catanduanes State University Extension Services headed by its Director, Dr. Adem Nalu V. Rubio, through all College Extension Coordinators.

Through the CatSU Extension Services and Public Employment Service Office, the

university was able to assist organizations, by providing capacity-building training like business/project proposal writing.

The award was received by the university's Alumni Relations Director, and Public Employment Services Office (PESO) Manager Prof. Maricel S. Cariaso.



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