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**DISCERNING THE SSS BENEFITS.** Job Order and Contract of Service Workers of Catanduanes State University actively engage to Anjo T. Evangelista, a senior analyst of the Social Security System - Virac Branch (SSS), to learn more about the benefits offered by the country's social pension fund.

## Membership on Process: Hundreds of CatSU COS, JO workers attend SSS Orientation

Darwin M. Bongon and Albert G. Clemente

**On their way to becoming** a new member of the country's social pension fund, over 200 Job Order (JO) and Contract of Service (COS) workers of Catanduanes State University took part in the orientation on November 10, 2023, conducted by the Social Security System (SSS).

In his remarks, Mr. Rene Quiñones, Corporate Executive Officer II Accounts Management Section-SSS Virac Branch, emphasized the importance and

benefits of being an SSS member.

"All Contract of Service and Job Order personnel of CatSU, take it seriously and register. So that, in the future, you will benefit from the programs that SSS is offering like sickness, maternity, retirement, funeral, and pension," he explained.

Meanwhile, Senior Analyst Anjo T. Evangelista of the Accounts Management Section assured that all participants would be able to obtain or update their SSS numbers on that day.

"We assure you, na ngunyan na aldaw, itong mga daeng SSS number, magkaigwa po kamong SSS number. Duman man po sa igwang existing SSS number kaipuhan ta po an na i-update," he pledged.

Evangelista further elaborated on the mandatory membership for SSS as mandated in the Memorandum of Agreement between CatSU and SSS.

"This is to exercise our responsibility duman sa

Memorandum of Agreement. Additionally, this is added protection na piga-tao for job order and contract of service personnel at CatSU," he added.

In a bid to provide CatSU COS and JO personnel with a secured future, the event concluded with the assurance that every participant has been engaged and registered with SSS membership.



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## CatSU-CAF explores diverse opportunities for agri-students with Agripulse seminar

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**AGRITALK INSIGHTS.** Provincial Agriculturist Ace William R. Tria (left) and Catanduanes State University President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza (right) addressed agriculture students during their Agripulse seminar about the remarkable impact of technology integration for agriculture growth and development.

**Committed to transforming** agricultural innovations into a powerful source of livelihood, the College of Agriculture and

Fisheries—College Students Council (CAF-CSC) spearheaded a half-day lecture session titled 'AGRIPULSE: Sparking Insights,

Nurturing Opportunities' held on November 29, 2023, at the CatSU Auditorium.

Serving as the resource

persons were Provincial Agriculture Services Office Agriculturist Ace William R. Tria, who discussed 'Exploring the Diversity of Agri-Opportunities for the Youth of Catanduanes', and CAF Dean, Dr. Roberto Barba Jr., with the topic 'Quantity VS Quality in Agriculture and Food-Insecure Province.'

Joining the agriculturist resource persons was the CatSU President, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, who underscored the profound impact of integrating advanced agricultural technology into the curriculum to produce globally competitive agriculture graduates.

Meanwhile, to ensure a high passing rate in the Licensure Examination, Dr. Azanza is eyeing a collaboration with a review center.

## CatSU distributes Php 7.5k cash aid under TDP-SUC to 171 students

Darwin M. Bongon & Albert G. Clemente

**On November 30, the first** batch of Tulung Dunong Program (TDP-SUC) beneficiaries received Php7,500, courtesy of Senator Loren Legarda through the initiative of Catanduanes State University President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, at the university main building lobby.

In his message, President Azanza told the 171 recipients the importance of maintaining healthy communication with various institutions and personalities to secure support for the university's most valued clientele – the students.

"Sa congress we have about 28 na kklase ko sa UP, at present congressmen. Kaya kun dae man kita matabangan kan distrito na makahanap nin pondo, makahagad pa kitang tabang sa

iba na man na mga congressman na mga kklase ko or ka batch ko. Si Migs Zubiri, ang Senate President was my classmate. Therefore, kung nakaibahan ko na, naka trabaho ko na medyo madari maghagad nin tabang," he emphasized.

Meanwhile, Azanza further elaborated that apart from the academic pursuits, part of the university's mandate is to extend beyond the confines of the campus walls through the Padagos na Patanos Program.

"Sa ngunyan kun nahiling nindo igwa kita nin Padagos na Patanos Movement. Ang Ginigibo ta man d'yan bako sana ang CatSU na gatabang sa mga estudyante na mag-top sa board exam. Ang CatSU magluwas buta magtarabang kita sa mga bara-



**EDUC AID RECEIVED.** A TDP-SUC grantee, before leaving the counter, counts the cash assistance she received from the cashiering chief, Elsie V. Rojas.

barangay. Lalo na ngunyan hababa an presyo kan abaka, dapat kita magtarabang," he explained.

The second batch of

distribution of the said grant is set to take place in the same venue on December 4.

# CatSU gets Fablab equipment from DTI

Albert G. Clemente

**Catanduanes State University** (CatSU) received equipment from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for its College of Industrial Technology's Fabrication Laboratory (CIT-Fablab).

The turnover ceremony for the Shared Service Facility (SSF) project was held on Tuesday afternoon, November 21.

DTI Provincial Director Maria Belma Q. Escueta turned over the grant to CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza and CIT Dean Dr. Edwin T. Romero.

One (1) All-in-One multi-tool 3D printer, one (1) Carbon Fiber 3D Printer, one (1) CNC Router with complete accessories and software, one (1) CO2 Laser Cutting and Engraving Machine and two (2) Desktop Plastic 3D printers were the equipment received by the university.

Also present during the turnover were Supervising Trade and Industry Specialist Daisy F. Tabirara, Fablab Manager Edmund U. Salvador, and other staff from both parties.



**EQUIPMENT TURNOVER.** Department of Trade and Industry Provincial Director Maria Belma Q. Esqueta and Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza (4th to 5th from left), along with other officials, during the ceremonial turnover of different Fablab equipment to the university.

# CatSU holds ISO awareness seminar for employees

Albert G. Clemente

**Underscoring its commitment** to fostering the tradition of excellence and quality management, the Catanduanes State University organized an ISO 9001:2015 awareness seminar on November 15, for its employees at the Accreditation Room.

Serving as the resource speaker for the one-day activity, Engr. Rafael O. Santelices discussed the ISO history, the PDCA (Plan, Do, Check, and Act) Cycle, the seven quality management principles, and the various terminologies under ISO 9001.

With this event, the university aims to raise awareness among its employees about ISO management systems, ISO benefits, and how the ISO principles can be applied to their respective areas.



**EMBRACING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.** Internal Audit Services Chief, Engr. Rafael O. Santelices, led the ISO Awareness Seminar attended by various representatives from the university's different offices.

# CatSUans brush up skills in three-day art workshops with UP professor

Darwin M. Bongon and Albert G. Clemente



**CREATIVE TRAINING.** Guided by the University of the Philippines' Visual Arts professor, Dr. Jualim D. Vela (bottom right), arts enthusiasts of Catanduanes State University brushed up their artistic skills in a three-day workshop organized by the university's culture and arts office, led by Director Francis B. Tatel (bottom left).

**Committed to empowering** artists' creativity within the island's embrace, the Catanduanes State University Center for Catandungan Heritage Office, spearheaded by Director Francis B. Tatel, organized a three-day training workshop titled "Cultivating Local Creativity: A Visual Arts Training Initiative," participated by local artists on November 14-16, 2023, at CatSU main building, 3rd floor, Accreditation room.

In his inspirational message, CatSU President, Dr. Patrick Alain

T. Azanza, underscored art as an epitome of liberation.

"For so many days and years, each artist in this room might have been caught within walls and limitations, unable to express themselves. Surely, today is the day. Today marks our freedom to express ourselves beyond the confines of the island and even the views of the people about arts on the island," he expressed brightly.

Azanza highlighted the importance of authenticity in the arts industry, a key to more

captivating artworks.

"Iwasan natin 'yong copycat kasi at the end of the day, the collector wants to see the truly authentic works of art. Chances are mas ma-appreciate," he proudly shared.

Meanwhile, Dr. Jualim D. Vela, Assistant Professor IV, Department of Humanities Visual and Performing Arts Division, UP Los Baños, elaborated on the roles and goals of the series of workshops being conducted.

"The first goal is for all of you to showcase your outputs

na gagawin natin dito sa series of workshops by February 2024, which is the arts month," he clarified.

Moreover, he presented the main goal of the workshop as the top priority.

"'Yong magiging output niyo roon, i-document namin and together with the professors from the Fine Arts, ako, tapos Director ng Culture of Arts Office ng UPLB, pipiliin namin kung sino ang pwede na mag-show sa UP LB gathering. Eventually, kung sino ang pwede namin irecommend sa tough gatherings sa Manila," he proudly shared.

## IGNITING CREATIVE INSPIRATION WITH CATANDUNGANON HERITAGE

Drawing inspiration from the rich tapestry of Catandunganon culture, the participants visited the Museo De Catanduanes on the second day, Wednesday morning, November 15.

This kind of activity served as an avenue for students to translate these cultural insights into meaningful artwork and their ability to contribute to cultural heritage preservation.

On the final leg of the workshop, guided by the expertise and insights of Dr. Jualim D. Vela, the participants showcased their newfound skills as they put into practice the techniques and principles covered in the workshops.

In fact, behind the idea of the said event were Prof. Jerry R. Yapo and Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza.

They discussed this during Prof. Yapo's book launch at the university, and it aims to exhibit the artwork of the local artists from the island-province to the University of the Philippines.

# Liyab X tilt returns after 3-year hiatus: The CatSU Statesman reaps 4 awards

Albert G. Clemente

Among the hundreds of campus journalists from 12 student publications across the Bicol region, four student-journalists of The CatSU Statesman, the official student publication of Catanduanes State University (CatSU), showed exceptional journalistic skills after they bagged major awards from different individual events in Liyab X, a regional journalism event.

Two of the four winners are junior staff of the student publication, namely, Michael Angelo Delim, who bagged second place in feature writing (English), and Louise Tioxon, who clinched the third spot in Photojournalism (Filipino).

Meanwhile, Ver Joshua

Saberola, who won third place in Photojournalism (English), and Norman De Guzman, who bagged first place in News Writing (Filipino), are senior staff.

Liyab X: Regional Journalism and Arts Festival 2023 was a four-day event organized by the Pillars Publication of the Ateneo De Naga University that seeks to empower the campus journalists and artists in Bicolandia, and it returned after a three-year hiatus.

Fourteen students from CatSU joined the event, together with their publication adviser, Francis John B. Templonuevo, on November 15–18, 2023, at the Ateneo De Naga University.



**FANTASTIC FOUR.** After bagging major individual awards in the regional confab, four scribes of CatSU-Statesman flaunt their certificates and medals on stage.

# CatSU-COEd hosts two-day research writeshop for faculty-researchers

Darwin M. Bongon

**Catanduanes State University** College of Education Research and Development Services conducted a two-day training session titled 'Empowering Innovation Among Educators: A Writeshop for College of Faculty Researchers', participated by Faculty members, held on November 24-25, 2023, at the E-Crown Hotel and Resort, San Vicente, Virac, Catanduanes.

Underscoring the pivotal roles that faculty members play in materializing the University's salient functions - instruction, research, extension and production, the two-day training sessions aim to equip COED faculty researchers with the necessary skills and tools needed to write feasible research proposals, and develop an approach in writing the key elements of a proposal.

Esteemed resource persons, namely, Dr. Jose Z. Tria, and Dr. Maria Charlene A. Cantar, as well as Prof. Amy T. Moraña, and Prof. Carlito T. Gelito, joined the event.



**ACROSS THE ACADEMIC SPECTRUM.** College of Education two-day research seminar brought together its faculty - researchers and explored the anatomy of research writing with Dr. Jose Z. Tria, Research and Development Services director (left photo).

# CHUMSS spearheads Communication Next in Industries 3.0

via English Language and Speech Communication Services

**In its quest to emphasize the** significance of ethical and effective communication, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUMSS), in collaboration with the English Language and Speech Communication Services (ESLCOM) and Sentro ng Wika at Kulturang Filipino, culminated its seminar titled "Communication Next in Industries 3.0," at the university gymnasium, Tuesday, November 6, 2023.

The seminar's primary goal is to bridge the gap between theory and practice in guiding students on the practical application of communication in achieving their career aspirations.

"Communication has taken the backseat for quite a time now and it is but fitting to bring it back to the forefront," ESLCOM Director, Prof. Reashiela L. Khan shared.

"We are happy and with high hopes that this event will help in providing a platform for our professionals from diverse industries as they share their insights, best practices, and real-world experiences that are related to effective communication within their specific work environment," she added.

Meanwhile, Dr. Jimmylen Z. Tonio, Dean of CHUMSS said that it aims to identify and explore the unique communication challenges and opportunities that exist within various industries.

Ms. Ruby V. Dapetillo, Senior Manager in the Program Analysis Division of GMA 7 network, served as the Keynote Speaker. Ms. Dapetillo is a dedicated member of GMA Network since 2001, with primary responsibilities encompassing content reviews and the provision of management recommendations based on TV ratings and audience shares.

"I'm always happy to share my experiences with young people. In fact, I had this sudden feeling of interest for a teaching job soon after I spoke to our dear CatSUans; it was a very fulfilling experience to have them as my audience," she gladly shared.

Ms. Dapetillo is a



**ADVANCING THE SCIENCE OF COMMUNICATION.** Dr. Patrick Alin T. Azanza, CHUMSS Dean Dr. Jimmylen Z. Tonio, and ESLCOM Director Reashiela L. Khan (3rd to 1st from right) welcomed on stage Ms. Ruby V. Dapetillo, (3rd from left) one of the speakers during communication seminar.

distinguished CatSU alumna, a pride of Catanduanes State Colleges Elementary Laboratory and Laboratory High School batch 93 and 97, respectively. She finished her baccalaureate degree in UP Diliman as Cum Laude.

The seminar also had the following as resource speakers: Mr. Ferdinand M. Brizo, Station Manager and Editor-in-Chief of Radyo Peryodiko/Bicol Peryodiko, who discussed the topic on Communication 101: Leveraging Social Media and Online Tools for Promotion; Mr. Genesis V. Efondo,

owner of Café de Au and Yahay Farm, with his topic on Counting Success: Crafting Messages that Resonate with Audiences; Ms. Kayzyl T. Abundo, a Marketing copywriter in Rocketstation, Texas, USA, shared about TALK Plus (Technical Acumen and Language Knowledge Plus).

Other equally significant speakers include Dr. Vietrez D. Abella, EBMC's Chief who gave her share on WonderTalk in Times of Crises, and Dr. Aida A. Dianela, the former Vice President for Academic Affairs

in CatSU and now serving as Training Consultant at ARDCI Microfinance Inc., discussed The Missing Equation: Cracking the Code to Fluent English Communication.

The event was participated in by college and senior students enrolled in GEC5 Purposive Communication, and students from the newest program of CHUMSS, Bachelor of Arts in English Language.



**EDMUND SALVADOR**  
FabLab Manager

Noong wala pang FabLab, mano-manong ginagawa ang mga disenyo... Ngayon ang mga estudyante mismo ay nahahawakan at nao-operate ang 3D printed machine, mas naging creative ang concept ng mga estudyante sa pagdisenyo.

Dakolang tabang po sako [ang FabLab]... 'ta may bago nanaman na namatidan. "[Mahalaga na ma-involve ang students sa paggawa ng local products] para po maipasa 'mi sa ibang henerasyon [at] ma-sustain po ang pag gibo ning mga locals products uya sa Catanduanes.



**JEREMIAH M. AREVALO**  
2nd Year Mechanical Technology student

**Amidst** the numerous academic learning spaces inside the Catanduanes State University (CatSU), it is a haven for dreamers who dare to materialize their imaginations into artfully crafted realities- the CatSU Fabrication Laboratory

For the Fablab manager, Mr. Edmund Salvador, the smell of burnt wood and the mechanical whirring sounds of the 3D printers inside the CatSU FabLab is a continuous proof of the university's innovation in pursuing excellent artistry. With the FabLab building, creative aspirations would not require laborious effort and time to become tangible masterpieces.

"Noong wala pang FabLab, mano-manong ginagawa ang mga disenyo at kailangan [talagang]

maglaan ng sapat na oras upang magawa ang isang proyekto/ produkto. Ang mga estudyante [rin] ay hindi gaano o walang masyadong alam sa paggamit ng digital printers," Mr. Salvador said, highlighting how the FabLab helped birth creative geniuses inside the campus.

"Ngayon ang mga estudyante mismo ay nahahawakan at nao-operate ang 3D printed machine, mas naging creative ang concept ng mga estudyante sa pagdisenyo. Nabigyan ng pagkakataon ang estudyante, teaching and non-teaching [staff] na gumawa ng mga disenyo gamit ang advanced digital manufacturing technology."

Meanwhile, for students like Jeremiah M. Arevalo, 2nd Year Mechanical Technology student, the CatSU FabLab is an avenue for them to further hone their craft.

"Dakolang tabang po sako

[ang FabLab], sa alog kong students 'ta may bago nanaman na namatidan. Dakolang tabang po sako ta permi po adiyang sila Ma'am Jeiscelle S. Tomagan, Ma'am Evelyn Romero, and Sir Edmund Salvador para po tabangan ako para makamatid sa pagkumpuni buda mag-engage sa FabLab."

Apart from supporting technology-driven product innovation and prototyping, the CatSU FabLab also opens its doors to locally produced handicrafts, converging technology, arts, and indigenous materials.

"[Mahalaga na ma-involve ang students sa paggawa ng local products] para po maipasa 'mi sa ibang henerasyon [at] ma-sustain po ang pag gibo ning mga locals products uya sa Catanduanes," Jeremiah added, mentioning that he started making locally-produced crafts when he was still in 8th grade.

As CatSU continues its pursuit of knowledge and academic excellence, the university also places a premium on the profound impact on the ones that breathe life into our existence- the arts. A celebration of love for the arts, the CatSU FabLab is where visions become reality and reality becomes what we envision.

# CatSU Fablab: Turning Visions into Fruitions

#CatSUpgrade

## CAMPUS NEW



# CATSU ABACA TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION CENTER (ATIC)

Revolutionizing the Abaca Industry through cutting-edge technological innovations

Darwin M. Bongon

**This visionary space is** designed to bring a twist to the province's widely known product — the Abaca fiber.

Bringing science and technological transformation, the Abaca Technology and Innovation Center (ATIC) which once nestled near the College of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) building, is now relocated and situated next to the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and TESDA Office in Moonwalk, Virac, Catanduanes.

In its new-found home, the facility now shows off a sizable laboratory room, a display area,

and a separate office for its director.

Evident in its modernity is the state-of-the-art machinery designed to transform abaca raw materials into market-driven, cost-effective, and eco-friendly products.

Underlining its commitment to precision and excellence in the innovation process, the hub has high-end apparatuses: an incubator, rotary evaporator, autoclave, and digital platform shakes, poised to ensure seamless execution of microbial removal procedures.

Pushing the boundaries of

innovation, the facility extends further with a heavy-duty stove and platform weighing, a digital analytical balance, a hydraulic press, and abaca twining equipment, designed for the processing and production of abaca-based crafts.

In fact, the university is also eyeing to establish a dynamic business incubation hub in the facility—a revolutionary space where researchers, students, industry players, and other stakeholders from the Bicol Region can actively participate in acquiring cutting-edge technologies and information

that will provide investment opportunities, education, and research and development (R&D) innovations.

The initiative seeks to translate knowledge into enhanced products and services, fostering a wave of sustainability and community advancement.

ATIC is more than just a facility; it stands as an emblem of the institution's commitment to transforming the lives of the community where it resides and goes beyond the pursuit of learning, now serving as a catalyst for change within its sphere.





Where wooden plaques, custom-made accessories, and displays were intricately carved and made, this space — the University Fablab Laboratory, is outfitted with high-powered carving machines to create local products that embody Catandunganons’ creativity and ingenuity.

Situated on the left wing of the University, this facility has carved a niche for itself in the hearts of locals and visitors with its high-quality arts and crafts.

At the core of these innovations are the high-powered carving machines, including a CO2 laser cutting and engraving machine, enhanced with an all-in-one Multi-tool 3D printer, a Desktop Plastic 3D Printer, and a Carbon Fiber 3D printer capable of engraving images and text into wood within minutes.

All this equipment was managed by the talented and skillful hands of the Fablab designated manager, Prof. Edmund Salvador, along with his empowered staff and the steadfast support of the university’s College of Industrial and Technology (CIT).

Adjacent to the facility is an office dedicated to indigenous and recycled materials, where CIT students meticulously refine handicrafts. These include baskets, vases, bracelets, and key chains, to name a few.

Expanding its reach, the facility opens its doors to everyone, offering basic training for willing individuals to enhance the competitiveness of their products and expand their market.

This initiative aims to inspire people and unlock their potential to become entrepreneurs in their own right through the humble office.

With a hub where artistry knows no bounds, the facility helps local products reach new heights and compete with the ever-changing world.



**PRECISION IN MOTION.**  
The smell of burnt wood, along with the mechanical sound of fabrication equipment, is a testament to the boundless creativity of artistic and scientific endeavor in the College of Industrial Technology laboratory.



# Thriving digital arts on campus: Inside CatSU’s Fablab

# CatSU renews agreement with STACAP-TODA for safe, efficient transportation

Albert G. Clemente

To continue its commitment to safe and efficient transportation service for all employees and students, the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) renewed its partnership with the State-Capitol Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association (STACAP-TODA) on November 16, 2023.

CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with STACAP-TODA President Gil Alintana and was witnessed by STACAP-TODA members at the university lobby.

Under the MoA, the university allows the tricycle association to utilize the parking space in front of CatSU-Main Campus, gates 1

and 2, with a monthly rental of P2,500.

"Dahil ga-renta, may karapatan kamo sa space, dahil nirerentahan nindo ang space sa CatSU, dae diyan puwedeng magbasang paggamit ning nirerentahan niyong space, and we will make it na i-honor tabi iyan dahil sakop an ning kontrata," the president firmly said in front of the TODA members.

"An MOA na ini good for two years, kaya parinason ta ang satuyang paanos diyan, tanganing after two years, bako na ako ang presidente diyan, pero 'pag marinas man ang performance diyan, dae man maduwa-duwa ang masunod na presidente na i-renew na naman," Dr. Azanza urged the TODA drivers.

Sharing with the drivers the four newly acquired air-conditioned buses of the university, the president assured the drivers that a consultation would be held between them regarding the services to be offered by the university's newest transportation service.

"Maabot na ang apat na bag'ong bus kan CatSU, ang sako diyan, dapat igwang maayos na konsultasyon saindo para dae man maapektuhan ang hanapbuhay nindo... pero ang objective talaga kaiyan, CatSU to Panganiban, P a n g a n i b a n - CatSU, bako man na local digdi na maki-compete saindong mga biyahe" he shared.

In response, the TODA driver

president extended his gratitude to the president's pledge and pronouncement, giving them 'peace of mind'.

"Sa satuyang [CatSU] president na very open man ang heart niya makipaghulon sa sato, dakula tang pasasalamat kay Dr. Patrick Alain Azanza, grateful an samong grupo, asin magkakaigwa na ning peace of mind," the TODA president gladly stated

"Para sa mga empleyado asin estudyante ning CatSU, honest na serbisyo an samong itatao, ta sa samong grupo, bawal uya ang pasaway," he concluded.

During the ceremonial signing, all the STACAP-TODA drivers received a tarp cover

for their motorcycles' rear part, with Padagos na Patanos design, signifying the steadfast commitment of the president to honest and excellent public service not just within the university but to all Catandunganons.





## Dr. Azanza meets VP Sara, Sen. Imee; kicking off tree-planting, gift-giving activities in Catanduanes

Albert G. Clemente

**On November 23,** Catanduanes State University President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza met with Vice President and Department of Education Secretary Sara Zimmerman Duterte-Carpio and President Marcos' sister, Sen. Imee Marcos.

In his Facebook post, the university president extended his gratitude to the two officials during the visit for giving assistance and support to Catanduanes students, including

beneficiaries who are students and alumni of CatSU.

Both Vice President Duterte and Senator Marcos visited the island province for the turnover ceremony of Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) and Gift-Giving Activity.

The two key officials also took part in tree planting activity, and they visited Palnab Elementary School, along with Governor Joseph C. Cua, Vice Governor Peter C. Cua, Provincial Board Member Jan Ferdinand Alberto, and Palnab Punong Barangay Reagan Lumbao.



Not just academic excellence:

# Dr. Azanza launches first wave of 'Padagos na Patanos' movement as CatSU's social responsibility to every Catandunganon

Darwin M. Bongon

**Bringing CatSU's Quality Services** to the doorsteps of the local community, the Catanduanes State University (CATSU) launched the first wave of the 'Padagos na Patanos Outreach Activities,' on November 24, 2023, at Barangay Cavinitan, Virac, Catanduanes.

As the first-ever beneficiary, the Barangay of Cavinitan was provided with a Medical Mission, Sports Clinic and the Edukain program.

CatSU President, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, stated that the extension programs are part of the university's mandates.

"Gusto ta, maging maayos ang mga komunidad buda mamati kan mga barangay

ang serbisyo nin CatSU, bako sana puro pang-eskwelahan. Parte kan mandato kan satong unibersidad, ang mga extension programs tabi na dapat nakapagserbe kita sa mga kumonidad," he emphasized.

"Uni tabi na Padagos na patanos movement, makaabot uni sa bilog na isla sa gabos na 315 barangays," he added.

Meanwhile, the infrastructural developments and the increased employment rate inside the campus are highlighted as by-products of honest and dedicated commitment to serving not just CatSUans, but also the community within its spheres.

"Sa laog nin Duwang taon na and'yan ako sa CatSU, ang nadagdag ko tabi na sasakyan jan bale pito (7). Binuksan ko man ang nakabakangteng 256 items, kaya napromote na so mga iba na 30 years na dae napo-promote buda so mga job orders na dae napipermanente, napermanent na tabi," he proudly shared.

Joining the significant movement were Punong Barangay Willy T. San Juan, and

Sangguniang Bayan Members, Hon. Giovanni "Bani" Balmadrid, and Hon. Xyrell Tranate Albaniel.





## Wheel of Hope: CatSU, Batalla Cares lead distribution of 62 wheelchairs for indigent beneficiaries

Rochellee Jane C. Idanan

**Driven by a shared** commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for indigent individuals with mobility issues, Catanduanes State University, in partnership with Batalla Cares Philippines, led the distribution of free wheelchairs to 62 indigent Persons With Disability (PWD) on November 16, 2023.

CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza and Dr. Carlo M. Batalla, Chairperson of Batalla Cares, together with Mr. Andres Visaya Jr., Batalla Cares' Regional Chairperson for Mindanao, met with the indigent beneficiaries and

their representatives during the wheelchair distribution at the CatSU Gymnasium.

In his message, Dr. Batalla shared that the CatSU President reached out to him in hopes of distributing 30 wheelchairs for the University's 62nd Foundation Anniversary. However, to make the distribution more meaningful, Batalla Cares decided to allocate 62 wheelchairs to match the university's anniversary celebration.

"Kang nakaulay ko si Doc Pat, sabi niya kung pwede daa lamang ako makatao ning maski 30 wheelchairs para man sa anniversary kan CatSU. Tinanong ko siya kung pang ilang taon na yung anniversary, sabi niya 62 kaya ginibo ko din na 62 wheelchairs para mas dakol pa an samong matuwangan."

With this benevolent act, Dr. Azanza expressed his sincerest gratitude to the Batalla Cares for extending their mission of creating a PWD-friendly environment through the provision of mobility tools to the people of Catanduanes.

"Dakulang tabang ini sa satuyang kahimanwa," Dr. Azanza assured, commending the organization's philanthropic endeavor that reaches every corner of the Philippines.

Delighted with the thought of receiving a free wheelchair, Jojo Tapez, one of the recipients, personally came to the distribution, even if he had to travel from San Miguel

to Virac.

"Pang 27 years ko na po ini na dae nakalakaw dahil man sa naaksidente ako sa motor, na coma pa ako kaito. Malaking tulong [ito dahil] wala akong magagawa kung wala akong wheelchair [kaya] super salamat kasi may bago akong wheelchair, malaking tulong 'to," he excitedly shared, underscoring that this is only the second time he will receive a free wheelchair after 27 years.

Commending the university president's effort in bringing positive changes not only inside the institution

but to the lives of every Catanduanon, Dr. Batalla pledged to allocate an additional 60 wheelchairs for the PWDs in the province.

"Ibang klase an CatSU. Kumbaga sa hotel, five-star ang pag manage ni Dr. Patrick... [Kaya] arog sa sabi ni Doc [Patrick], bako ini an primero saka huri na mabalik digdi ang Batalla Cares. Ngunyan pa lang mag-aallocate ulit ako ng 60 [wheelchairs]. 'Pag kumpleto na ang 60, mabalik po digdi ang Batalla Cares [ta] maw-ot kang Batalla Cares na makatao [pa] nin ginhawa sa mga PWD," he concluded.



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## CatSU-COE mentorship program hones BEED students' pedagogical skills

Darwin M. Bongon

To prepare future teachers in navigating the teaching profession, the Catanduanes State University - College of Education (CatSU-COE) organized a whole-day mentorship program for the Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED) students on Thursday, November

30, 2023.

Teacher Janice Lopez-Icawat from Laboratory Schools was among the invited mentors who gave insightful discussions on writing a detailed lesson plan.

In the afternoon session, the university's guidance counselor, Noly T. Benavides, talked to the

future teachers about maintaining a growth mindset in this post-pandemic period.

Gracing the event was Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, together with EEdTO Adviser Prof. Jane Rose C. Azanza and EEdTO Co-adviser Prof. Emlyn Lanon.



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