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SWIFT, SMART, SWIPE. A student demonstrates the smart operations of the newly-installed turnstile at the gate, swiping his identification card to swiftly enter inside the university campus.

Advancing Campus Security: CatSU installs turnstiles at two entrance gates

Angelie Ann Delantar and Anjo G. Tugay

Upgrading the campus security measures, the Catanduanes State University installed two turnstiles at the university entrance gates, one each for Gates 1 and 2, a major step for the implementation of smart ID system.

The smart ID scanner and

turnstile is programmed to verify the identification of a person entering the university, and it will also serve as a monitor for the students and teaching staff's time of entry and exit inside the school, explained by CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza in his social media post.

Serving as a monitoring method, the smart ID system, once fully operational, will notify parents via text message every time their child enters or exits the CatSU main campus.

The installation of the turnstile systems was personally witnessed by the CatSU

president, along with Engr. Benjamin Hannycel T. Nuyda, Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs, Dr. Gemma G. Acedo, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Information Technology Officer Jay-R R. Redita on March 13.



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5 CatSU students to participate in an Indonesian Short Online Program

Mack Neil T. Vital

In pursuit of continuously strengthening the internationalization efforts of the Catanduanes State University, the following students: Carlo Beo (CIT - RLBSIT - Food Technology); John L. Tacorda, Jr. (CHS - BS Nursing); Mheama Triz L. Evangelista (CatSU Panganiban); Jhunniemae C. Limbaga (COED - Bachelor in Culture & Arts education); and Joshua D. Tabinas (CBS - BSBA - Human Resources management), successfully made it into the roster of participants who will attend the CommTECH Nusantara 2024 Virtual Exploration of Indonesia: "Ramadhan Edition" on March 25 - April 5, 2024 organized by the Institut Teknologi Sepuluh (ITS) Nopember Surabaya, Indonesia.

The CommTECH Nusantara

is a short program aimed to introduce Indonesian cultures to participants from all over the world. It focuses more on art and culture-related activities through a virtual event which will explore the rich values and cultures of various regions of Indonesia, especially some activities during Ramadhan.

A project competition will also take place during the program where teams will develop a video or poster that captures the Indonesian values and cultures introduced in the CommTECH Nusantara 2024 program. Participants will have the opportunity to present their creations on a Virtual Project Exhibition.



ROAD TO INTERNATIONALIZATION. CIT Food Tech student, Carlo Beo, is among the five participants to Indonesian Short Online Program.

CatSU students flock to University Library on first day of extended operating hours; receive free snacks, bus service

Albert G. Clemente

Marking the first day of the extended operating hours with free snacks, students from different colleges, including Laboratory Schools, flocked to the Catanduanes State University - Library yesterday, March 21, in preparation for their midterm examinations.

Free coffee, water, and biscuits were provided to the students along with the free service of CatSU as per the directive of CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza.

For third-year BS Nursing student, Carla Mae Molenderas, the president's initiative of extending the library service hours has increased her focus on reviewing and helped to alleviate expenses.

"Actually po nakatuwang siyang grabe lalo sako na dai naka-focus pag sa bahay ga-review and kesa maggastos para lang magluwas or magpunta sa cafe, mas okay po yung tig-extend yung oras sa library," the nursing student shared.

"Sana po bako lang ngonyan na may mid-terms, kasi imbes na magluluwas pa 'yong mga students, sa library na lang," she added.

Meanwhile, according to Johnnylyn De Leon, a fourth-year BS Accountancy student, the library's well-ventilated space and free snacks made the students' experience more comfortable while reviewing.

"Yong extended hours ng library serves as an



BEATING THE MIDTERM EXAMS. Undergraduate and senior high school students are seen queuing inside the university's library, taking advantage of its extended hours to prepare for their midterm examinations.

accommodation for me, and [a space for my groupmates to discuss] about sa [mga] gibuhon mi kahit past 5 PM na, kasi may kanya kanya [r]in kaming OJT," she explained.

Shaping up the pedagogical skills: CatSU faculty convene for TOS, OBE Syllabus, and Test Construction seminar-workshop

Albert G. Clemente and Mack Neil T. Vital

With the university's continued commitment to academic excellence, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs led by Dr. Gemma G. Acedo, in collaboration with the College of Education (COEd), organized a one-day seminar-workshop on Outcome-Based Education (OBE) Syllabus, Table of Specification (TOS), and Test Construction for the faculty members of the Catanduanes State University (CatSU).

The workshop, held on March 14, 2024, at the university auditorium, engaged the university educators in comprehensive sessions on the significance of intended learning outcomes and assessment activities alignment, and the process of crafting a quality TOS as well as developing a problem-solving based question that can challenge students' critical thinking skills.

As one of the speakers, COEd faculty and NSTP Director Emlyn M. Lanon shared her expertise and insights regarding

OBE Syllabus. She underscored the important role of devising clear and measurable expected learning outcomes, including aligning targets with the prescribed curricula.

The NSTP director also touched in her discussion the content arrangement and referencing for syllabi, and the relationship between syllabi and other instructional documents such as learning plans, assessments, and modules.

Conveying the constructive alignment of TOS and test construction, Research and Development Services Director Dr. Jose Z. Tria, who served as the second speaker, shared that teaching-learning activities and assessment tasks should meet the intended learning outcomes.

Dr. Tria's discussion also explored the basics of evaluation and assessment, elaborating on the various types of evaluation and assessment approaches.

After the lecture, the faculty proceeded to their respective colleges' buildings for a

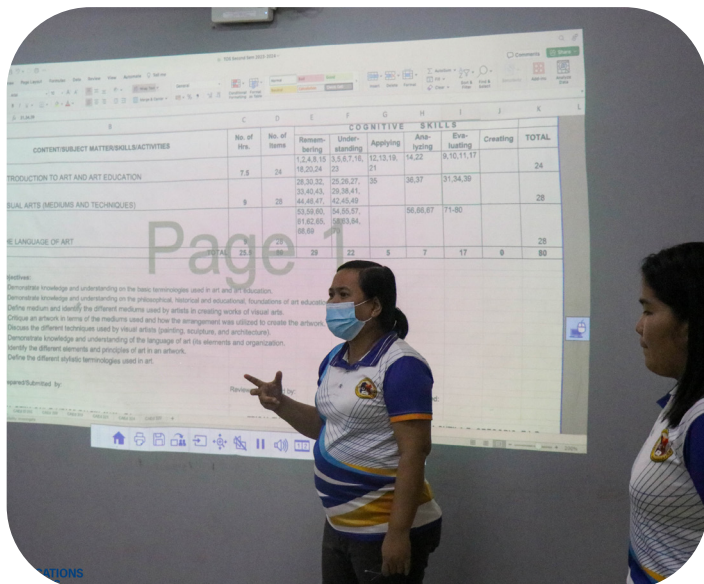


FOCUS-ORIENTED. College of Science faculty members pay attention closely to the handouts given at the test construction seminar.

brainstorming workshop, focusing on their test construction for the upcoming midterm examinations.

The workshop concluded with participants equipped with a deeper understanding of effective pedagogical strategies, assessment techniques, and curriculum design principles,

poised to enrich the educational experience for students and further elevate the academic standards of CatSU.



KNOWLEDGE SHARING. College of Education faculty guides her fellow educators in the process of crafting assessment tools, focusing on Bloom's Taxonomy Cognitive Domain.

Aspiring entrepreneurs, innovators urged in STARTUP Bicol Roadshow in CatSU: Never settle on 'puwede na'

Angelie Ann Delantar and Albert G. Clemente

"Never settle on *puwede na* yan, think of how this can be done better,"

This was expressed by Prof. Ma. Crestia C. Bañares, BiCoRSE project leader, to the aspiring entrepreneurs from the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) during the 'STARTUP Bicol Roadshow' with the Bicol University - Bicol Consortium for Regional Startup Enablers (BiCoRSE) team.

The BiCoRSE project leader likewise shared some pro-tips on the first day of the event on how to have an innovative and entrepreneurial mind among the participants.

On the first day, the students and faculty members engaged in discussions on various critical topics such as startup policies, effective marketing strategies, understanding intellectual property rights, and the commercialization of ideas.

These sessions aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the startup ecosystem and the essential components for building successful ventures.

On the second day of the event, participated by various stakeholders from key government departments including the Department of Science and Technology (DOST),

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), as well as representatives from the Provincial and Municipal Local Government Units, the formulation of a 5-year innovation plan for the province as an activity was held.

Participants were tasked with identifying key areas for development, potential challenges, and strategies to foster a thriving startup ecosystem.

The STARTUP Bicol Roadshow at CatSU highlighted the immense potential for innovation and entrepreneurship within the province. By encouraging participants to never settle for "puwede na," the event ignited a passion for excellence and continuous improvement.

As the event concluded, participants carried with them not just the knowledge and skills acquired, but also a mindset geared towards excellence.

The STARTUP Bicol Roadshow has planted the seeds of innovation and entrepreneurship, promising a future where "never settling" becomes the norm and continuous improvement drives success.



SPARKING INNOVATION. Blue-blooded CatSUans engage at STARTUP Bicol Roadshow with BiCoRSE team.



DepEd-Bicol SDOs made benchmarking visit to CatSU for best practices in GAD programs

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Highlighting the university's

best practices with the implementation of Gender and Development (GAD) programs, GAD focal person, Reashiela L. Khan presented various initiatives of the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) in promoting gender equality and women empowerment, to the officials of the Department of Education from 10 schools division offices (SDOs) of Region V.

The GAD focal person shared about the university's new buildings, which includes the ongoing construction of Infirmary, and conveyed about gender mainstreaming in education.

Held on the 19th day of March 2024, the benchmarking visit coincided with the Search for Gender and Development Ambassador hosted by the Schools Division Office of Catanduanes in celebration of National Women's Month Celebration.

CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza personally welcomed the DepEd Bicol personnel and extended his heartiest congratulations to the team for the success of the event, upholding a gender-responsive society.



BENCHMARKING VISIT. The Department of Education - Bicol officials were warmly welcomed by CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza during their benchmarking visit at the university for Gender and Development programs.

10 curricular programs of CatSU undergo mock accreditation

Albert G. Clemente

In preparation for the upcoming accreditation by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) from May 27-31, the Catanduanes State University kick-started its first day of mock accreditation on March 4, through the Quality Assurance Services office.

A total of 10 programs were submitted to the university's national accreditors, who are

faculty members with expertise in evaluating and accrediting different institutions.

The programs that underwent preliminary survey visits were the Bachelor of Science in Agri-Business, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Human Resource Management, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Financial Management, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science,

and Bachelor of Science in Internal Auditing.

The Master of Arts in Agricultural Education underwent the first survey visit, while the programs scheduled for the second survey visit include the Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling, Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, Bachelor of Technical Vocational Teacher Education, Bachelor of Science in Accounting Information

System, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, and the Bachelor of Technical Vocational Teacher Education (PC).

The university sees these surveys as a means to ensure that the programs offered align with national and international quality standards.

Recognizing Swift Feedback Mechanism: QAS holds seminar-workshop to automate client satisfaction surveys

Albert G. Clemente

To facilitate the efficient delivery of quality service to its clients, the Catanduanes State University, through the Quality Assurance Service (QAS), organized a seminar-workshop titled 'Client Satisfaction Survey System and Customer Service Efficiency', which was attended by more than 80 frontliners from different offices and units on March 14.

Held at the accreditation room, the seminar-workshop seeks to train the participants in automating the client feedback mechanism using technology, according to QAS.

"As the CatSU community continues to grow, we anticipate a continuous increase in the number of offices and expansion of services. The digitalization of the CSS Form was conceptualized by the QAS and developed by the Information Technology Services for this reason," QAS wrote in its official social media page on March 18.

On the morning session, QAS Administrative Officer IV Ms. Josephine D. Rojas discussed the fundamentals of excellent customer service and facilitated an interactive workshop on creating a customer-centric culture.

To fully operationalize the automated feedback

mechanism, Information and Technology Services Director Mae Ezra T. Abundo talked about incorporating technology for customer service excellence, and followed after an interactive workshop on navigating the CatSU Client Satisfaction Survey System through the guidance of Information Technology Officer I Jay-R R. Redita, the system developer.

The QAS announced that the CSS System was set to be implemented next rating period, July-December 2024 and all units and offices were encouraged to utilize the system for familiarization and testing.

With the success of the activity, the QAS extended its heartfelt gratitude to all the participants and unit heads for their cooperation.

"The activity would not be possible without the support of our SUC President III, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, and our Executive Vice President, Dr. Roberto B. Barba Jr. We also extend our gratitude to Dr. Gemma G. Acedo, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Engr. Benjamin Hannycel T. Nuyda, Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs for gracing the occasion," the QAS concluded.



ON POINT. Information Technology Officer I Jay-R R. Redita (above) and Administrative Officer V Josephine D. Rojas served as resource speakers at Client Satisfaction Survey seminar-workshop on March 14.

Educating the 'would-be-workers': CatSU junior, senior students attend labor education seminar with DOLE

Albert G. Clemente

In a bid to raise awareness on the country's labor laws and key employment generators, Grade 10 and 12 students of the Catanduanes State University - Laboratory Schools, participated

in the 'Career Development Support Advocacies' organized by the Alumni Relations Office on March 6.

Representatives from the Department of Labor and

Employment (DOLE) were invited as resource speakers led by Senior Labor Employment Officer Engr. Julie Cid-Manalang, along with TUPAD Coordinator Carl Japheth A. Arcilla.

This kind of event prepares these future "would-be-workers" of the country in the world of work.

A Glimpse of University's Green Space: CatSU featured as eco-friendly school at DENR's coffee table book

Mack Neil T. Vital and Albert G. Clemente

As one of the winners for the 'Search for Sustainable and Eco-Friendly Schools', the Catanduanes State University was visited and featured by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) on March 13, 2024.

Led by Jacinth R. Tacuyan, chief environmental education and information unit, the DENR team documented the lush greenery of the campus, surrounded by numerous big trees and different kinds of plants.

Environmental programs and initiatives were also documented to be included in their upcoming release of the coffee table book.

To share some insights about the university's effort on environmental sustainability, students and officials of the university were interviewed.

One of the major highlights of the visit was to showcase the university's e-charging station being offered by the Center for Island Climate Solutions, headed by Engr. Dexter M. Toyado.

Assisted by the staff of the Corporate Communications and

Multimedia Services, the officials toured around the campus' eco-friendly sites including the CatSU Eco-Park, where a native flora and fauna thrive, and at Smart Greenhouse.

The visit concluded with a presentation by Dr. Roberto B. Barba Jr., Executive Vice-President of CatSU, who proudly showcased the university's achievements as a "Green University." Dr. Barba emphasized the importance of integrating sustainability into the university's operations and curriculum, positioning CatSU as a model for

other institutions in the region.

The DENR-EMB's monitoring visit to the university underscores the institution's dedication to environmental stewardship and its role in promoting sustainable practices.

As educational institutions increasingly adopt green initiatives, CatSU stands out as a leading example of how sustainability can be seamlessly integrated into campus life and academic programs.

CAF faculty, students learn about advanced statistical analysis at research seminar

Mack Neil T. Vital

Getting insights about advanced statistical methodologies, faculty and students from the College of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) joined the three-day seminar-workshop titled 'Advanced Statistical Analysis for Innovative

Research', organized by their college and in collaboration with the Bicol University.

Held on March 11-13, 2024 the participants delved into the basic research processes, sampling techniques, hypothesis testing, and statistical tests.

The topics were delivered by invited resource speakers from the University and BU including Dr. Antonino B. Mendoza Jr., Dr. Renan U. Bobiles, Dr. Roberto B. Barba Jr., Dr. Jose Z. Tria, and Ms. Sharmaine C. Binas.

Their insights provided

valuable guidance to the participants in advancing their knowledge in conducting innovative studies about agriculture and fisheries.

Understanding the Legislative Process: CatSU student legislators join 'Lektiyur at Lehisasyon' training-workshop

Mack Neil T. Vital

The Catanduanes State University (CatSU) brought together student leaders from various recognized student organisations for a training and workshop titled "Lektiyur at Lehisasyon: Strengthening the Role of Legislature in Campus

Politics."

The event, held on March 2, 2024, at the CatSU Auditorium, aimed to deepen participants' understanding of their legislative roles and responsibilities within the university.

During the one-day event,

student leaders engaged in sessions on drafting bills, resolutions, and ordinances, and learned about legislative processes and procedures.

The training equipped them with the skills necessary to address student needs

effectively through legislative action. Inspired by the workshop, participants are encouraged to utilize their remaining months in office to create and pass impactful resolutions and bills for the studentry.

Clearer Vision for All: CatSU's Optical Mission under Padagos na Patanos Movement serves over a hundred Catandunganons

Albert G. Clemente

In line with its commitment to community service and extension program as one of the university's fourfold functions, the Catanduanes State University, under the Padagos na Patanos Movement spearheaded by Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, launched the Eye Clinic program and has served more than 100 beneficiaries within four months.

Launched on December 6, 2023, the university has partnered with Dr. Ferdinand S. Que, owned a private eye clinic in Virac, to provide free eye check-up consultations and distribute free eyeglasses to deserving beneficiaries.

This initiative is a significant milestone in the university's ongoing efforts to serve the

community.

Dr. Azanza, known for his unwavering dedication to social causes, has championed this program to address the critical need for accessible eye care services in the community.

Through free eye check-ups and the provision of eyeglasses, the program aims to improve the overall eye health and well-being of individuals who may not have access to such services otherwise.

"We believe in the power of education and service to create positive societal change. By providing free eye care services to those in need, we are fulfilling our mission to make a

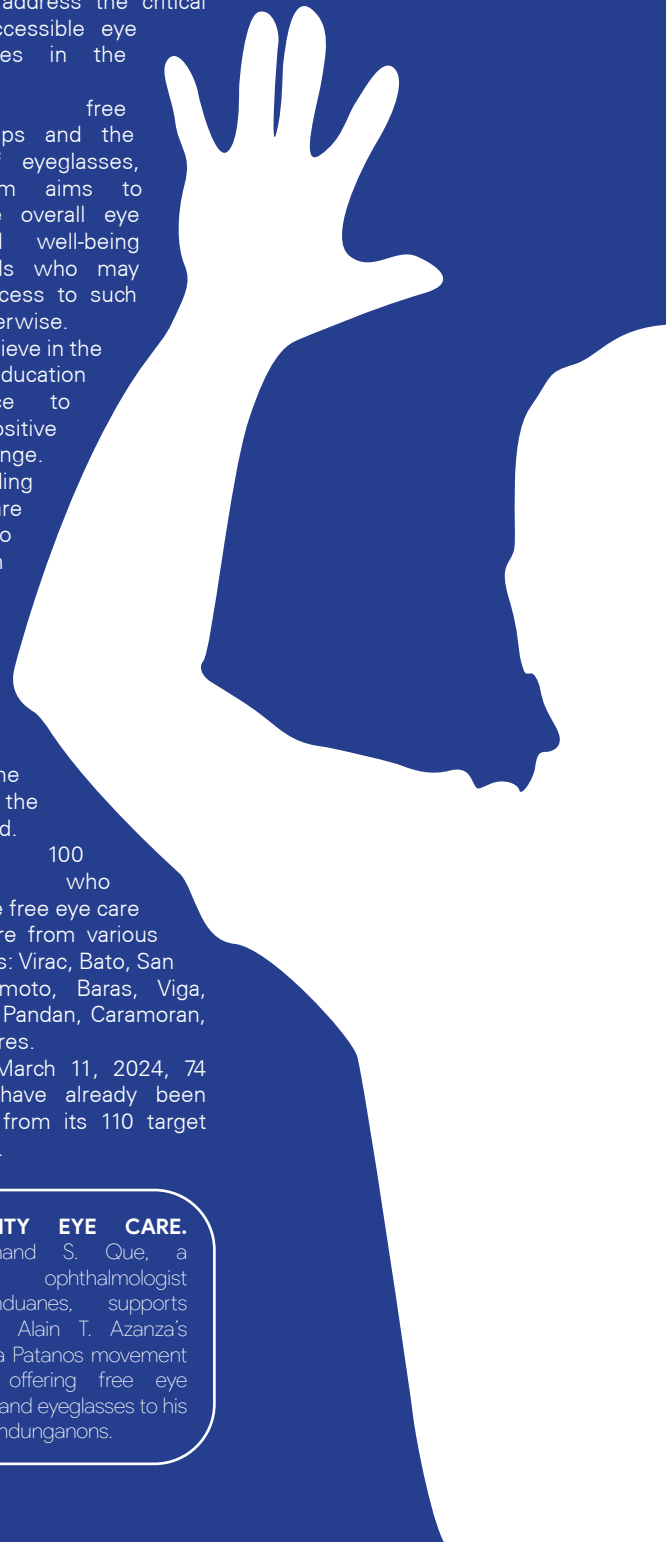
meaningful impact in the community," the president said.

The 100 beneficiaries who availed of the free eye care services were from various municipalities: Virac, Bato, San Miguel, Gigmoto, Baras, Viga, Bagamanoc, Pandan, Caramoran, and San Andres.

As of March 11, 2024, 74 eyeglasses have already been handed out from its 110 target beneficiaries.

COMMUNITY EYE CARE.

Dr. Ferdinand S. Que, a renowned ophthalmologist in Catanduanes, supports Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza's Padagos na Patanos movement advocacy, offering free eye check-ups and eyeglasses to his fellow Catandunganons.





Tackling SDG 2 'Zero Hunger': CatSU partners with ARDCI for food assistance scholarships

Albert G. Clemente

In support to the Catanduanes State University's 'Edukain' program, contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger, the ARDCI Foundation has awarded food assistance scholarships to CatSU students.

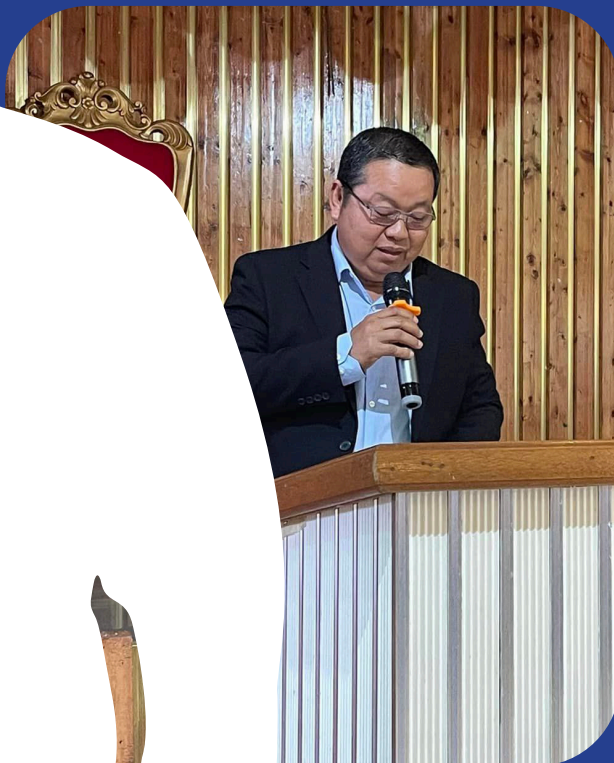
This initiative ensures that CatSU students have access to nutritious meals while pursuing their academic endeavors.

Expressing his appreciation and gratitude, Dr. Azanza conveyed his heartfelt

thanks to the ARDCI Foundation for their commitment to supporting education and their dedication to improving the lives of students.

The university president reiterated its commitment to providing holistic support to its students, ensuring that they can thrive both academically and personally.

Through partnerships with organizations like the ARDCI Foundation, CatSU continues to empower its students and uphold its mission of providing quality education to the community.



ENSURING ACADEMIC SUCCESS. To alleviate food insecurity among students, the Catanduanes State University, represented by Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, partners with ARDCI for the food assistance scholarship, a significant initiative to support students' nutritional needs and academic success.



BICOLANO GENERALS VISIT. Two Bicolano Generals, Commanding General of the Philippine Army and Philippine Ambassador to Israel Lt. Gen. Macairog Alberto, and former Commander of the First Scout Ranger Regiment Liberated Marawi MG Rene Glenn Pajepay, a courtesy visit to Catanduanes State University President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza.



GAWAD ALA GAD AWARDEE. With his steadfast commitment to advancing women's empowerment in the academe, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza was awarded the Gawad Ala Gad on March 19 by the Department of Education - Bicol.



MOA WITH MAXICARE. Maxicare Health Services Inc. (MHSI), a leading Health Maintenance Organization in the country, forges a partnership with Catanduanes State University for student internships and scholarships.



WATER CATCHMENT BASIN NEARING COMPLETION. To be used in recycling rainwater, the construction of a catchment basin at the back of the Catanduanes State University's administrative building is set to be completed this year, among the projects included in the approved Land Use Development plan.



BENEVOLENT DONOR. Fifty-three brand new volumes of Supreme Court Reports Annotated (SCRA) were donated by Atty Jose Cabrera of Cabrera & Associates Law Firm for the Catanduanes State University's College of Law. The donated books were personally received by Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza.



DIGITAL INFORMATION. Catanduanes State University President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza unveils the newly-acquired LED wall of the university worth P1.3 million to be used for instructional, extension, and student activities.



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