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## RANKING

University/Institution

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Country  
1,225  
Region  
224,342  
World  
1,063,192



**Jimmy Masagca**  
Catanduanes State University

**Agriculture & Forestry / Fisheries**  
Climate Change | Mangroves | Fisheries | Crabs | MPA

**H Index**  
Total: 8 Last 6 year: 6 Last 6 year total: 0.750  
**i10 Index**  
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University/Institution

2

Country  
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Region  
343,036  
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1,371,537



**Jimmylen Tonio**  
Catanduanes State University

**Education / Foreign Language Education**  
Linguistics | psycholinguistics | philippine english | sociolinguistics

**H Index**  
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**i10 Index**  
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University/Institution

3

Country  
3,291  
Region  
403,898  
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**Jose Z. Tria**  
Catanduanes State University

**Education / Education (Other, All)**  
Curriculum Evaluation | Leadership | Educational Management

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## RANKING

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**Kristian O. Aldea**  
Catanduanes State University

**Natural Sciences / Biological Sciences**  
Marine Ecology | Fisheries Biology | Conservation Science | Education

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**Aurora E. Araojo**  
Catanduanes State University

**Others**

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**Gemma G. Aceido**  
Catanduanes State University

**Others**  
Information Communications Technology / Engineering

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**Patrick Alain T. Azanza**  
Catanduanes State University

**Education / Sociology of Education**  
IT Education

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**Lily P. Custodio**  
Catanduanes State University

**Business & Management / Business Administration**  
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**Belen M. Tapado**  
Catanduanes State University

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**Maria Concepcion Suarez-Vera**  
Catanduanes State University

**Others**  
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**Sonia R. Sapico**  
Catanduanes State University

**Others**

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**Dexter M. Toyado**  
Catanduanes State University

**Engineering & Technology (Civil Engineering)**  
Geotechnical Engineering

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**Ma. Emmie T. Delluza**  
Catanduanes State University

**Engineering & Technology / Computer Science**  
Information Technology

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# 13 CatSU scientists among world's best in 2024 AD Scientific Index

Anjo G. Tugay

**Catanduanes State University** (CatSU) climbed to the 86th spot among 179 public universities in the Philippines after 13 of its scientist-professors earned places in the 2024 Alper-Doger (AD) Scientific Index World Scientist Rankings.

Maintaining its upward trajectory in academic performance and productivity, CatSU has made notable leaps

from rank 93rd in 2023 and 135th in 2022.

Leading the group is Dr. Jimmy T. Masagca, Professor VI in the College of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF), who is renowned for his research on agriculture, forestry, and fisheries, with a particular focus on climate change, mangroves, and crabs.

Complementing his achievements, Dr. Jimmylen Z.

Tonio, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUMSS), has made substantial contributions to education and foreign language education, specializing in linguistics and sociolinguistics.

Another faculty who made it to the ranking is Dr. Jose Z. Tria, Director of Research Services, recognized for his work in music education, educational

management, and culture and arts. While Dr. Kristian Q. Aldea, Assistant Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs (REPA), excelled in natural sciences and biological science, focusing on marine ecology and citizen science.

The list of acclaimed scientists continues with Dr. Aurora E. Araojo, a retired

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# CatSU among 18 finalists of DOST's Stitch-Off tilt

Anjo G. Tugay

**Catanduanes State University** (CatSU) has secured a spot among the Top 18 finalists in the Stitch-Off Year 2 competition organized by the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Textile Research Institute (DOST-PTRI). The competition, titled Stitch-Off: Urban Vibe, is a national textile design contest aimed at expanding the youth's knowledge of Philippine textiles, as well as the science, technology, and innovation behind them. Now in its second year, the competition focuses on urban wear and inclusivity, emphasizing diversity and embracing various styles ranging from masculine, feminine, children's, and plus-size to androgynous looks. Each finalist team, including CatSU, showcased their unique

talents in designing garments using local textiles, blending innovative ideas to create modern and creative outfits. CatSU is set to compete with other finalists at the upcoming fashion show and awarding ceremony, which will take place at the Philippine International Convention Center in Manila on September 21, 2024.



**WEAVING HERITAGE.** Students from Catanduanes State University showcased their creativity by designing fashion wear that reflects Filipino heritage through the use of local textiles. Their innovative approach led them to become one of the 18 finalists in the Department of Science and Technology's Stitch-Off competition.

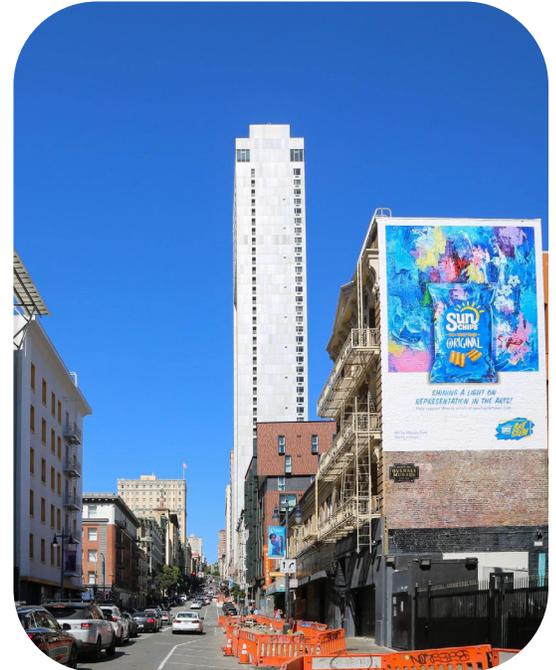
# CatSU PDO II featured in Manila Bulletin for her winning artworks in global stage

Anjo G. Tugay

**Engr. Maruja Panti, presently** working as Planning and Development Officer II of Catanduanes State University, has been featured in one of the country's leading newspapers, the Manila Bulletin, after winning an international art competition organized by the food brand Sun Chips in 2023.

The self-made artist and licensed engineer from Virac, Catanduanes, shared in her interview with the Manila Bulletin that the limited-edition packaging she designed for Sun Chips was officially launched in 2024.

In its August 22 issue, the publication wrote that 'from a simple goal of showcasing her work online, Panti's art is now held by people who purchase Sun Chips in the US. This experience taught the Pinay artist the importance of dreaming and working hard to make those dreams a reality.'



**FROM CATSU TO THE WORLD.** Planning and Development Officer II, Engr. Maruja Panti (left), proudly shows her designed packaging for Sun Chips, which is now displayed on a billboard (right) abroad.

# Catandunganon kids, youths brush up their dance skills at CatSU's free dance workshop with Krystn Janicek

Albert G. Clemente

**To nurture young local talents** and instill a deeper appreciation for the arts, the Center for Catandungan Heritage and the Arts (CCHA) in partnership with Hablon Dawani launched a two-day Ballet and Contemporary Dance Workshop at the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) auditorium on August 13.

Spearheaded by a classically trained ballerina in Cuban-Vaganova ballet, Krystn Noelle Janicek from California, USA, the event has drawn over 48 eager participants.

Janicek trained under esteemed mentors like Yoira Esquivel-Brito and Jorge Esquivel and performed as a Demi-Soloist with Sierra Nevada Ballet in productions such as *The Last Unicorn*, *Dracula*, and *The Peanutcracker*.

With a career that spans multiple dance companies and over 20 choreographed works, Janicek advised students to focus on personal progress rather than comparison, saying, "Work with what we were given and go from there without having to compare

with other people."

University President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, who was present at the opening of the event, expressed the importance of arts education in shaping character and discipline.

Recounting his own experience in ballet during his younger years under the tutelage of Rico Romero, Dr. Azanza emphasized how ballet helped instill discipline and resilience in him.

He further encouraged parents to support their children in artistic pursuits, saying, "You will be surprised by the return of investment in their grades and the kind of people they will become."

Dr. Azanza also underlined the intrinsic value of the arts in daily life, stating, "People would prioritize food on the table rather than seeing it, not realizing that the arts really are food for the soul."

Echoing Dr. Azanza's sentiments on the importance of perseverance and practice in ballet, Marla C. Chua, the current

Artistic Directress of MC Dance Studio and the one who invited Janicek to hold a free workshop at the university, urged the kids and youths that "when you dance, it

is not about you now. It is about making other people happy. Dance is a God-given talent."



**DANCE WORKSHOP.** Filipino-American Krystn Janicek teaches and guides students in the Ballet Workshop at Catanduanes State University on August 13, 2024.

# Speech Lab equipment bid completed in CatSU

Albert G. Clemente

**The long-awaited Speech Laboratory** project is now moving forward, as Catanduanes State University (CatSU) President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza announced on July 24, that the bidding for the said project has been completed. "Ang speech laboratory na ito [ay] may software at headsets na maririnig mismo ng CatSU students ang kanilang sariling pronunciation ng mga English words at mamonitor din ito ng kanilang teacher at matutulungan silang magkaroon ng neutral accent," Dr. Azanza wrote in his social media post and added that

the delivery and installation of the new facility are scheduled for this semester.

He likewise emphasized that this project is a key component in the establishment of the English Language and Speech Communication Center (ELSCoM).

Now led by Director Reashiela Khan, ELSCoM is focused on enhancing the communication skills of CatSU students.

Director Khan expressed her appreciation to President Azanza for securing the funding necessary

to bring the project to fruition. She noted that the laboratory will also support research and interventions for students with speech impediments, aiming to boost their self-confidence and communication abilities.

"I am very much excited to have the speech facility because of the opportunities to send the students and faculty members outside the country. This will prepare them to learn foreign language, which is a requirement before you can enter your target country," Khan said.

She also mentioned that

the speech lab will be equipped with software that supports five languages, including Russian, Mandarin (Chinese), and English.

For Cendy Toledana, an incoming second-year Bachelor of Arts in English Language student, the new lab will be invaluable for enhancing language learning and comprehension.

"The laboratory will significantly improve our skills and talents in the field of language," Toledana remarked.

# COEd student named 'best research presenter' at International Filipino Conference; CatSU-SWKF Director among the speakers

Albert G. Clemente

**Kate S. Guerrero, a student** from the College of Education majoring in Filipino, won the title of 'Best Research Paper Presenter' at the recently concluded 'LIRIP 8: International Conference on Filipino,' held at the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA), Pili, Camarines Sur.

Her research was titled 'Collection and Analysis of Folktales from Baras, Catanduanes.'

"Iba ang danas at umaapaw ang naidalumat na aral na pabaon ng pagtitipon. Nawa'y idambana at mas maging maalab pa ang ating pagmamahal sa Wika, Kultura at Sining sa iba't ibang larang lalo't higit sa larangan ng pananaliksik," pagbabahagi ni Guerrero sa isang panayam," Guerrero shared in an interview.

Also among the speakers at the conference was Dr. Jovert R. Balunsay, Director of the Center for Language and Filipino Culture (SWKF) of Catanduanes State University (CatSU), who discussed 'Filipino in a Global Context.'

"Isang karangalan at kasiyahan makapagbahagi ng kaalaman sa wikang Filipino sa

harap ng mga kalahok ng Lirip 8. Nais nating itampok na may espasyo ang wikang Filipino sa pandaigdigang pagtitipon kagaya nito," said Dr. Balunsay.

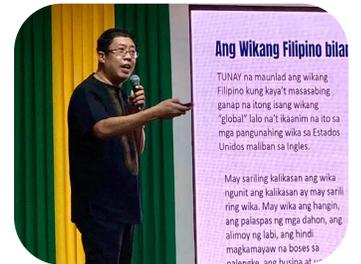
"Pinatutunayan ng aking panayam na ang Wikang Filipino ay wikang global na kayang makipagsabayan sa iba pang wika ng daigdig," he added.

Joining the SWKF director were Dr. Gregory S. Ching from National Chengchi University, Taiwan, and Engr. Abdon M. Balde, Jr., a writer and researcher from the Bicol Region.

In addition to Guerrero, five other students majoring in Filipino from the College of Education presented their research papers at the conference. These students were Adnrilyn Soner, Laurence Vicente, Melody Oclarino, Danica Temena, and Jessa Mae Tapel.

Two other professors from the Department of Languages, Dr. Susan S. Tindugan and Prof. Ma. Sofia S. Llaguno, also presented their research.

The event was attended by teachers, writers, language planners, and scholars from various fields and regions of the country, including senior students



**WINNING MOMENT.** College of Education student Kate S. Guerrero (upper left) poses on stage as she receives her certificate for winning "Best Research Presenter", accompanied by Dr. Jovert R. Balunsay, who also served as a speaker at the International Filipino Conference, held from July 26-28, 2024.

from CatSU taking Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Filipino.

Held from July 26-28, 2024, this year's theme was "Filipino: Wika at Larang na Handa sa Hinaharap" and organized by the LUMINA Foundation for Integral

Human Development (LIRIP) in collaboration with the Network of Professional Researchers and Educators (NPRE), Bicol University, Camarines Norte State College, CatSU, CBSUA, Sorsogon State University, and University of Southern Mindanao.

# CatSU lab schools welcomes new, returning students with orientation

Anjo G. Tugay *with reports from Angelie Ann Z. Delantar*

**Over 600 students, along with 30 teaching and non-teaching staff of CatSU Laboratory School kickstarted the S.Y. 2024-2025 during an orientation on August 5 at the university gymnasium.**

Principal Prof. Joerandy C. Tablizo, in his welcome address, emphasized the importance of embodying values such as respect, honesty, and perseverance, encouraging students to become role models for their peers and sources of inspiration for their community.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gemma G. Acedo expressed her appreciation to the students and parents for choosing CatSU LabSchools for their basic education. She also stressed the importance of making sacrifices

to achieve their goals.

Pinning hopes on the power of collective effort, College of Education Dean Dr. Maria Sheila R. Gregorio urged the CatSU LabSchools community to shift their focus from individual goals to shared aspirations.

CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, in his message to the Laboratorians, emphasized the university's commitment to providing quality education on the island.

"At CatSU, our commitment to excellence in education ensures that every student receives the best possible foundation for their future, which they could get right here on the island," Dr. Azanza said.



**PRESENTATION.** Elementary students raise their hands during roll call at the orientation conducted by Laboratory Schools for the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Taking the first step:

# CatSU holds pre-enrolment orientation for College of Law's pioneer batch

Albert G. Clemente

The pioneering batch of enrollees of Catanduanes State University - College of Law (CatSU-COL) took their first step toward earning their Juris Doctor (JD) degree on Saturday, August 3, as they attended the 'Pre-enrollment Orientation' held at the JD Seminar Hall.

Associate Dean Atty. Gregorio M. Sarmiento Jr. provided an overview of the academic policies, the JD program, and student conduct and discipline to the enrollees.

University Registrar Marilyn Tejada addressed the admission and enrollment requirements, while COL Librarian Jinky T. Tejada discussed library policies relevant to the new students.

In a video message, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T.

Azanza extended his warm welcome to the pioneer batch of the University's Juris Doctor program.

"I'm truly very proud of all of you. Just like our dean, Atty. Gabionza, I look forward to seeing you all top the Bar Examinations. More importantly, I hope you will commit to serving the poor and fighting for every Catandunganon," Dr. Azanza expressed.

"Subscribe to the idea that those who have less in life, should have more in law," he added.

The event was attended by Dean Atty. Santiago T. Gabionza Jr., Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gemma G. Acedo, and Assistant Vice President Dr. Joseph G. Zafe.



**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.** Assistant Dean Atty. Gregorio M. Sarmiento, Jr. from the College of Law opens the orientation for first-year law students by providing an overview of the academic policies for the JD program.

# Pioneer law students at CatSU to get high-speed Starlink Internet

Anjo G. Tugay

The pioneer batch of law students at Catanduanes State University (CatSU) is set to benefit from enhanced educational resources following the donation of a Starlink internet unit on August 2 by Atty. Monico V. Jacob, Chief Executive Officer and President of STI Education Systems Holdings, Inc.

The donation, made possible by College of Law (COL) Dean Atty. Santiago T. Gabionza Jr., a friend of STI President Jacob, was received by Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gemma G. Acedo and Associate Dean Atty. Gregorio M. Sarmiento Jr., who acknowledged its significant contribution to the educational resources of COL.

The enhanced internet connectivity, with average download speeds of 150 to 350

Mbps and the potential to reach 650 to 900 Mbps, alongside upload speeds of 20 to 60 Mbps, will facilitate easy access to learning materials, virtual learning options, and improved communication and collaboration. It will also create opportunities for professional development and support online classes.

Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Joseph G. Zafe emphasized the importance of the donation, noting that it will aid during hybrid classes allowed by the Legal Education Board (LEB) during this year’s adjustment period.

“This will greatly help during hybrid classes at COL. Faculty may opt for online classes, but the law students will meet in person in the classroom, with professors required to report in

person at least thrice a semester,” he explained.

Pinning on high hopes and enthusiasm for the new internet capabilities, incoming law students said it will help them in their academic engagement and performance.

“The high-speed and low-latency attributes of Starlink are expected to facilitate uninterrupted access to digital educational resources, enhance the quality of synchronous online interactions, and support efficient data retrieval and transmission... optimizing both the scope and effectiveness of my academic engagement and performance,” Mark John Eustaquio shared.

“As a pioneer of the College of Law and one of its beneficiaries, it will greatly assist my studies by enabling easier access to data

and validation of information,” added Roy Caballero.

CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza has been actively working to secure essential resources for COL to ensure the best quality education for its pioneer batch of 60 law students. Notably, he secured another set of Supreme Court Reports Annotated (SCRA) volumes three days ago from the University of the Philippines (UP) College of Law.

Earlier in January, Dr. Azanza also secured donations of SCRA volumes and various law books from generous CatSU alum CPA Lawyer Jose Villanueva Cabrera and his wife, Atty. Lehua Lao-Cabrera.

# Distribution of UIPRC Manual and Orientation for UIPRC and Research 2024

Anjo G. Tugay

The Catanduanes State University, through its newly established office, the University Intellectual Property Rights and Commercialization (UIPRC) Office, is conducting the Distribution of UIPRC Manual and Orientation for UIPRC and Research 2024 today, August 9, 2024, at the Accreditation Center.

The manual, updated and revised by expert team from the Office of the Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs, led by VP Dr. Rosana S. Abundo and AVP Dr. Kristian Q. Aldea, will help employees and students of the university to protect their Intellectual Property Rights

produced from their inventions and creations.

Proud of the expert team, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza added the manual will support inventors by providing more opportunities for their inventions and creations to succeed in the market, encouraging more research and innovation.

“I firmly believe in the intellect, innate skills, and research capabilities of our researchers – faculty, staff, and students. We are on par with others and I fully support you, as you are the great minds that will make a significant impact in our society,” the President said.



**BOTTOMLINE.** A speaker facilitated the discussion during the orientation of the newly established University Intellectual Property Rights and Commercialization (UIPRC) office.

# CAF kicks off 1st sem with orientation, oath-taking

Anjo G. Tugay

**Catanduanes State University** (CatSU) welcomed over 1,000 students of the College of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) during an orientation on July 10 at the university gymnasium.

CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza assured the students of the administration's institutional support and encouraged them to focus on their academic goals, drawing inspiration from board topnotcher and former CAF Dean, now Executive Vice President, Dr. Roberto B. Barba Jr.

Echoing this sentiment, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gemma G. Acedo offered encouragement, assuring

students that the administration "is here to guide" them all the way.

The event also featured the introduction of university and college officials, a review of college retention policies, and the oath-taking of the newly elected College Student Council officers and sub-organization officers.

Among those present were the faculty of CAF, EVP Dr. Roberto B. Barba Jr., Dean Dr. Michael Owen P. Malijan, Open University Director Dr. Medie M. Lopez, OSADS Director Ma. Nena T. Vital, and USC Vice President Joshua M. Argarin.



**DRAWING INSPIRATION.** Executive Vice President Dr. Roberto B. Barba, Jr. delivered an inspirational message to the students of the College of Agriculture and Fisheries during the orientation at the beginning of the semester. He is a former dean of the college and has also achieved recognition as a top performer in the agriculture examination.

## Nearly 2k CICT students join orientation

Anjo G. Tugay

**Catanduanes State University** (CatSU) hosted on July 10 an orientation this morning at the university gymnasium for nearly 2,000 students from the College of Information and Communications Technology (CICT).

CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza addresses the attendees, pledging the administration's steadfast support and urging students to remain committed to their academic pursuits.

The program also highlights

the introduction of university and college officials, an overview of college retention policies, and the formal oath-taking of the newly elected College Student Council and sub-organization officers before the President.

Present at the event are

Executive Vice President Dr. Roberto B. Barba Jr., Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gemma G. Acedo, OIC Dean Dr. Maria Antonia E. Rojas, OSADS Director Ma. Nena T. Vital, and USC Vice President Joshua M.

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Professor VI noted for her contributions to education, and Dr. Gemma G. Acedo, Vice President for Academic Affairs, who has made significant strides in information communications technology and engineering.

Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, SUC President III, is distinguished for his dual role in administration and research. Despite his extensive responsibilities as president, Dr. Azanza has significantly contributed

to education, sociology of education, and information technology, earning a spot among the world's best scientists.

Other notable scientists include Dr. Lily P. Custodio, Professor Emeritus and former Executive Vice President, recognized for her work in business, education, and accountancy; Dr. Belen M. Tapado, Professor VI, for her contributions to information and communications technology; and Associate Professor Maria Concepcion Suarez-Vela, also in information and communications

technology.

Additionally, Retired Professor Sonia R. Sapico, known for her work on marine ecosystems and sanctuaries, and Engr. Dexter M. Toyado, Dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture (CEA), recognized for his contributions to civil and geotechnical engineering, have also been acknowledged.

Rounding out the list is Associate Professor Ma. Emmie T. Delluza, Dean of the College of Information and Communications Technology (CICT), with her significant contributions to

information technology.

The AD Scientific Index evaluates academic work using citation scores and author impact indices from Google Scholar, considering both total and recent six-year values. This independent international ranking organization provides a comprehensive analysis of productivity and efficiency, ranking individuals and institutions based on H-index, i10 index, and citation counts.

# Webinar on Philippine languages held by CatSU-SWKF

Anjo G. Tugay

**The Catanduanes State University (CatSU) Center for Filipino Language and Culture** successfully conducted a webinar as part of the celebration for National Language Month.

According to Dr. Jovert R. Balunsay, Director of CatSU’s Sentro ng Wika at Kulturang Filipino, the webinar facilitated important discussions led by notable speakers. He also expressed his gratitude to everyone who supported and

participated in the event. For two consecutive years, the university has been awarded the Seal of Excellence in Language and Culture by the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF), a testament to the university’s efforts in promoting language and culture.

Dr. Balunsay stated that this recognition serves as an inspiration to further expand projects focused on language and culture within

and beyond the university. He highlighted the importance of the continued support from CatSU’s administration, under the leadership of Dr. Patrick Alain Azanza, as well as from the KWF, for the initiatives of CatSU’s Center for Filipino Language and Culture.

He also encouraged everyone to continue their love and appreciation for the Filipino language, not just during National Language Month but in their

everyday lives.

“Natapos man ang Buwan ng Agosto ngayong Agosto 31, hindi matatapos ang ating pagiging Pilipino, kaya araw-araw, patuloy nating pasiglahin ang ating tangkilik, malasakit, at pagmamahal sa ating wikang pambansa, ang Wikang Filipino,” emphasized Dr. Balunsay.

# CEA holds orientation among 1.3k students

Anjo G. Tugay

**Over 1,300 students from the College of Engineering and Architecture (CEA) converged at the University gymnasium this morning for an orientation led by Dean Engr. Dexter M. Toyado, PhD.**

The event brought together students from various programs, including BS in Electronics Engineering and BS in Architecture, both opened under the administration of CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza.

During the orientation, the College Student Council and its sub-organization officers took their oath of office before the University President.



**MEET AND GREET.** During the class opening orientation at the Catanduanes State University gymnasium, President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza shook hands with the students.

# NSTP students, faculty unite for '4 O'clock Habit Dengue Prevention' clean-up drive

Albert G. Clemente

**Hundreds of students of the** National Service Training Program, together with their teachers, joined hands in a campus-wide cleanup activity under the '4 O'clock Habit Dengue Prevention' campaign as a measure to curb the dengue incidence.

The volunteer-students were

able to collect sacks of solid waste around the campus and destroyed the mosquito breeding sites on August 22, 2024.

Prior to the cleanup activity, the Medical and Dental Unit of the university conducted a lecture to raise awareness on how to fight against dengue and the things to

do when infected.

"We would also like to emphasize the 5S plan, which includes search and destroy mosquito breeding areas, self-protection measures, early consultation, fogging to prevent epidemics, and hydration," the Medical and Dental Unit wrote on

their request letter regarding the conduct of the said activities.

"Active engagement and commitment to this habit will be critical in ensuring the health of our school community," they added.

# Pista sa Nasyon in LabSchool celebrates Filipino culture, identity

Albert G. Clemente

**The students of CatSU** Laboratory Schools showcased their skills and talents in various competitions in celebration of the National Language Month.

This was part of the closing activities of the month-long celebration, themed 'Filipino, Wikang Mapagpalaya'. These competitions aimed to instill

in the minds of the youth the importance of raising awareness and valuing the use of the Filipino language as an essential part of Filipino culture and identity.

A lively "Pista sa Nasyon" was the highlight of the closing program for the National Language Month celebration of Catanduanes State University

(CatSU) Laboratory Schools, held last night, August 30, at the University gymnasium.

Students, teachers, and parents gathered to celebrate Filipino culture and tradition through various activities, featuring some exciting performances that added vibrancy to the celebration.

Moreover, the attire of each participant emphasized the richness of Filipino culture, from the colorful baro't saya to the elegant barong Tagalog.



## CELEBRATING CULTURAL HERITAGE.

Students from Laboratory Schools participated in the Pista sa Nasyon event, showcasing their cultural awareness by wearing Filipiniana and Barong Tagalog outfits.

# CatSU prexy seeks funding for 10B Smart Campus project in Congress

Albert G. Clemente

**Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza** personally went to the Appropriations Committee of Congress on August 26, 2024, to seek funding for the proposed one-billion-peso Smart Campus project at Catanduanes State University (CatSU).

Dr. Azanza met with Congressman Elizalde Co, the committee chairman, who responded positively and assured his support for the CatSU project.

"I am very happy that no less than Appropriations Chairman 'Zaldy' Co assured me that he will support my proposed Smart Campus Project, and it will be on top of the regular budget of CatSU," Dr. Azanza said in a Facebook post.

The president added that he and the technical staff of the appropriations committee quickly reached an understanding regarding the project, thanks

to his post-doctoral program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Institute of Data, Systems, and Society (MIT-IDSS) in Data Science and Machine Learning.

"I remember we made a similar effort for the PHP300 million coliseum (MICES Building) project, which is now under implementation within the CatSU Campus," the

CatSU president concluded.

Finally, Dr. Azanza expressed his gratitude to Ako Bicol Party-list representatives Cong. Elizaldy Co and Cong. Alfredo 'Pido' A. Garbin Jr. for their continued support of CatSU.



**COURTESY VISIT.** Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza poses with Congressman Elizaldy S. Co (left photo), his fellow Bicolano, during his visit to Congress, and takes a selfie with Ako Bicol Partylist representative Hon. Alfredo 'Pido' A. Garbin (right photo).

# CatSU president joins COEd's Meet and Greet with BEED students

Anjo T. Tugay

**Nearly 200 Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED)** students gathered at the University auditorium for a Meet and Greet with the program's faculty and University President, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza.

The President called on the future teachers to put their

hearts into the profession, which he hailed as "the noblest." He also stressed the importance of faith in overcoming challenges, declaring that it "will keep us afloat" and urged everyone to keep moving forward.

Continuing the tradition of surpassing the national passing

rate, Dean Dr. Ma. Sheila R. Gregorio assured the students of the faculty's full support, with the goal of achieving a 100% passing rate in the board exams and clinching top spots in the LET.

Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and BEED core faculty member, Dr. Joseph



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



G. Zafe, joined the event and challenged the students to embody virtues such as love, patience, diligence, and smart work. Associate Professor Dr. Edna A. Pante echoed this call, advising students to have a clear path for their goals, as the college drives toward becoming a Center for Excellence in teacher education.

Also in attendance were faculty members Associate Professor Dr. Leonor S. Turbolencia and Assistant Professors Emlyn M. Lanon, Jane Rose C. Azanza, and Lilibeth G. Magtangob.



**COED ORIENTATION.** The faculty and students of the College of Education participate in an orientation session during the opening of classes.

## Over 1k Catandunganon women get free health check-ups at CatSU's medical mission with KnKP Inc.

Anjo G. Tugay

**Catanduanes State University** has launched a medical mission focused on women's health, running from September 26 to 28, 2024. The initiative, part of the university's "Padagos na Patanos Movement" Extension Services, was spearheaded by University President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza. The event is a collaboration with Kalusugan ng Kababaihang Pangkabayanan, Inc. (KnKP Inc.) and NPK Medical Trading.

Over 1,000 Catandunganon women received a range of free

healthcare services. These include lectures on women's health, prenatal ultrasounds and check-ups, breast examinations and ultrasounds, cervical cancer screenings, cervical prevention therapy (cryotherapy), pelvic and transvaginal ultrasounds, biopsies (as needed), and gynecological consultations.

This extension activity is supported by the Office of the Vice President for Extension Services, led by VP Dr. Rosana S. Abundo, alongside Director Dr. Adem Nalu V. Rubio, College of Health Sciences Dean Dr. Maria

Alma V. Tabirara, Medical Officer III of the Medical and Dental Services Dr. Abegail M. Abundo, and GAD Coordinator Prof. Melinda V. Abichuela.

The "Padagos na Patanos Movement" has already served over 8,400 individuals, addressing the health needs of Catandunganons. With this latest partnership with KnKP Inc. and NPK Medical Trading, the university aims to continue its mission to uplift the well-being of the community.

# 11 programs submitted by CatSU in five-day AACUP survey visit

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**At the conclusion of the five-day Survey Visit of the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP), the 'Closing Meeting' was held this morning, August 30, in the Accreditation Room.**

A total of eleven programs were submitted by Catanduanes State University, with five undergoing a preliminary survey visit, while six were part of the

2nd Survey Visit.

According to Quality Assurance Officer Dr. Edna A. Pante, the programs undergoing the Preliminary Survey Visit are the Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, Bachelor of Science in Internal Auditing, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Financial Management.

Meanwhile, the programs

submitted for the 2nd Survey Visit include the Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling, Bachelor of Science in Accounting Information System, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, and Bachelor of Technical-Vocational Teacher Education (Main Campus and Panganiban Campus).

The overall coordinators, Dr. Isidro L. Duran (Cluster 1) from Don Mariano Marcos Memorial

State University and Dr. Iris April L. Ramirez (Cluster 2) from Bukidnon State University, gave positive and constructive feedback during the Closing Meeting.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gemma G. Acedo attended the meeting and delivered her closing remarks, along with other university officials and faculty members.

# CatSU Delegates Showcase Excellence at 12th Annual BIOTA Bicol Chapter Convention, Scientific Sessions

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**Delegates from Catanduanes State University (CatSU) demonstrated their expertise at the 12th Annual BIOTA Bicol Chapter Convention and Scientific Sessions held on August 24-25, 2024, at the BUño Student Union Center, Bicol University, Legazpi City.**

Participated by experts, professors, and students from across the Bicol Region, the event aimed to promote scientific research, strengthen collaboration, and enhance methodologies in science education.

Highlights of the convention included the Youth Biologists Forum (YBF) Poster Presentation, YBF Paper Presentation, BioTalks, and BioTaktik, where CatSU delegates excelled.

Melchor Borromeo, Eddie Bernacer, Mark Keenan Gianan,

and Luis Emmanuel Macero won first place in the YBF Poster Presentation for their study titled "Diversity and Health Status of Corals in Northern Catanduanes Island, Philippines."

Jericho Obierna, an alumnus of the BSES Program and currently a contractual faculty member of the Natural Science Department, along with his group, secured second place for their poster titled "Limnological Faunal Composition and Perceived Ecological Impacts of Quarry Activities at the Pajo-Sto Domingo River System in Virac, Catanduanes."

Meanwhile, Kyle Alastair Arcilla, Aramarie Arcilla, Aira Banas, and Ara Mae Daroya took third place for their study titled "Quantification of Microplastics in the Cuts and Muscles of Rabbitfish (Siganidae)." The

research posters were co-authored by Prof. Ma. Cecilia T. Arcilla.

Certificates of participation were also awarded to John Rod Cabida, Rialyn Felcamen, Cristine Angela Icaro, and Ms. Maricon G. Vargas for their study titled "New Geographical Distribution Record of *Nepenthes graciliflora* in Panganiban 75, Catanduanes, Luzon Island, Philippines."

In the Professional Category of the YBF Poster Presentation, Ms. Karmela I. Del Rosario, an alumna of the MAT Biology Program of the Graduate School, and Prof. Ma. Cecilia T. Arcilla won first place for their study on "Microplastic Pollution in the Sediments of Cabugao Bay, Catanduanes Island, Philippines."

Ms. Maricon G. Vargas, a BSES Program instructor, placed second in the YBF Paper

Presentation for her study titled "Ecological Parameters Influencing Herpetofauna Diversity and Distribution in Mt. Buktot, Catanduanes, Luzon Island, Philippines."

Ms. Esther Duchess Bien De Leon, an alumna of the MAT Biology Program, secured third place in the YBF Paper Presentation with her advisor, Prof. Abelisa D. Evangelista.

University President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza expressed his gratitude to all the delegates who brought honor to the university. According to the president, their success is a testament to CatSU's commitment to delivering high-quality education in these fields.

# BS Electronics Engineering students learn about their program through General Assembly 2024

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The **Catanduanes State University** – Electronics Engineering Student Organization hosted its 2024 General Assembly on Thursday, August 22, at the University Auditorium. The assembly provided a platform for electronics engineering students to learn more about their program and explore the career opportunities that await

them after graduation.

CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza served as the guest of honor at the annual event.

Engr. Nanette M. Valeza kicked off the event by highlighting the history of the program at CatSU.

The Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communications

Engineering (BS ECE), was first offered at the university under Dr. Azanza's administration, beginning in the academic year 2022-2023.

The program received its Certificate of Program Compliance from the Commission on Higher Education in August 2023.

# CICT, CEA students clinch 2nd spot in DICT's regional tilt

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

The **Catanduanes State University**, wins second place in the pitching competition in AI.Deas Workshop for Impact: AI for Innovation and Social Impact Workshop.

Organized by the Department of Information and Communications Technology Region V, the said competition showcased the talents and innovative ideas of

our students from the College of Information and Communications Technology (CICT) and the College of Engineering and Architecture (CEA).

The team, guided by their mentor Ralfh Edwin W. Panti, comprised the following students:

1. Josue Martinez – Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering
2. Micael Ramos – Bachelor of

Science in Computer Science

3. Justin Vince Ong – Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

4. Roberto Tarroza - Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

5. Marc Anthony Besa - Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

The awarding ceremony took place on August 20, 2024, in Legazpi City, Albay.

# CatSU employees take part in PhilHealth's Konsulta Assisted Registration

Albert G. Clemente

**Employees, including their dependents**, of the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) participate on Wednesday, August 21, in the KonSulta (Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama) Assisted Registration, organized by Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) - Local Health Insurance Office of Catanduanes, together with the

Catanduanes Doctor's Hospital Inc. as the healthcare provider consultant.

The KonSulta registration process begins with enrollment, followed by medical profiling and a medical check-up. Afterward, the employees will receive a pamphlet introducing KonSulta the new outpatient package for all members and their dependents.

Led by Chief Social Insurance Officer Dr. Maria Zyla Bagadiiong-Romero, the two-day KonSulta-assisted registration and orientation took place from August 21-22 at the lobby of the CatSU-Administrative Building.



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