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Central Philippines State University **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL**



**Local Roots, Global Impact: Strengthening the SDGs
Through Education and Innovation**

Introduction

Central Philippines State University is steadfast in its commitment to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through transformative education, pioneering research, and impactful community engagement. As a leading regional institution, CPSU has integrated sustainability into its core mission, demonstrating measurable contributions to the global agenda for sustainable development.

In 2025, CPSU's initiatives exemplify how higher education can drive systemic change. Our academic programs are designed to cultivate knowledge, critical thinking, and ethical leadership, ensuring graduates are not only skilled professionals but also responsible citizens committed to societal progress. Through innovative teaching, experiential learning, and competency-based curricula, CPSU nurtures future leaders who contribute meaningfully to the economy, environment, and social development.

Research at CPSU is strategically aligned with pressing societal challenges. By generating evidence-based solutions in agriculture, engineering, environmental management, and community health, our research outputs are directly utilized by stakeholders—from local governments to industry partners—enhancing livelihoods and promoting sustainable practices. This approach underscores our commitment to research that is relevant, actionable, and impactful.

Equally, CPSU's Technical Advisory and Extension Programs translate knowledge into tangible community benefits. By forming partnerships with marginalized groups, government agencies, and industry, our extension initiatives foster inclusive development, capacity building, and empowerment. These programs demonstrate our dedication to ensuring that higher education contributes directly to the well-being and resilience of the communities we serve.

Through this 2025 SDG Report, CPSU presents a comprehensive account of our accomplishments, highlighting measurable outcomes in education quality, gender equality, environmental stewardship, innovation, and community impact. Our work reflects a steadfast commitment to sustainability, collaboration, and social responsibility, positioning CPSU as a catalyst for equitable, resilient, and transformative development—locally rooted and globally engaged.



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Breaking the Chains of Poverty: CPSU Champions Cacao-Based Livelihood for Ayungon Farmers



The partnership seeks to introduce the high-value Criollo Cacao variety as a sustainable source of livelihood for local farmers, transforming unproductive lands into income-generating cacao farms. Through this initiative, farmers will receive technical training, planting materials, and guidance in cacao production, processing, and marketing—providing them the opportunity to improve household income and long-term economic stability.

This effort reflects CPSU's firm commitment to community empowerment through research-based extension programs that directly address poverty at the grassroots level. By equipping farmers with the necessary knowledge and support systems, CPSU and its partners aim to reduce rural poverty, enhance food security, and foster inclusive growth among vulnerable farming families in the upland communities of Ayungon.

Beyond the promise of a new cash crop, the Criollo Cacao project represents a broader vision of economic inclusion and social transformation—turning smallholder farmers into agri-entrepreneurs and making the cacao industry a vehicle for sustainable rural prosperity.

As Dr. Moraca emphasized, CPSU's mission extends beyond education—it is about empowering communities to rise above poverty through innovation, partnership, and purpose.

Indeed, the Criollo Cacao initiative does more than plant trees—it plants hope, dignity, and opportunity, nurturing a future where no farmer is left behind.





GAD Promotes Inclusive Empowerment via Livelihood Training for PWDs, Solo Parents, and Marginalized Groups



The Chorizo Making and Cake-Baking Livelihood Training facilitated by Central Philippines State University's Gender and Development (GAD) Office for disadvantaged students ended on a sweet and savory note on February 21, 2025. Fifty (50) solo parents, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and marginalized Cenphilians from the Main Campus joined as trainees and were trained by university instructors in making the food products in the campus Mini-Hotel.

Mr. Roland A. Celis from the Main Campus' College of Hospitality Management (CHM) gave a lecture on baking vanilla, pandan, and ube-flavored chiffon cakes, and Mr. Emmanuel M. Salaza from CPSU-Victorias campus taught the trainees about making garlic-flavored chorizo. The venue was filled with enthusiastic chatter, and trainees gave meaningful nods as they attentively listened to the lectures and watched the demonstrations in baking and making the products.

Hands-on training ensued after the lectures and demonstrations, which enabled students to engage and be more immersed in the learning process in groups—producing their respective outputs in synergy.

The GAD office received an overwhelming student response after the announcement of the activity and invitation for interested disadvantaged students was made and is considering having another training to heed the demand and accommodate more trainees in the future.





Empowering Rural Communities through Innovation and Inclusive Livelihoods



CPSU's engagement with Tokyo University serves as a strong demonstration of its commitment to poverty alleviation through innovation and community-centered livelihood programs. During the educational visit, CPSU highlighted locally developed technologies that directly benefit grassroots sectors—such as its muscovado sugar production, vermiculture technology, and the Pandayan ng Bayan project.

These initiatives are designed not only to serve as learning models for students but also as replicable livelihood frameworks for farmers and local associations. Through the Pandayan ng Bayan, for instance, CPSU provides accessible and affordable agricultural tools, empowering smallholder farmers to increase productivity and income. Meanwhile, vermiculture technology enables communities to generate organic fertilizers from farm waste, reducing production costs and fostering entrepreneurship.

By integrating technology, research, and community partnerships, CPSU transforms education into a tool for socio-economic empowerment. The collaboration with Tokyo University further amplifies this impact, inspiring a shared global commitment to addressing poverty through innovation, sustainable livelihoods, and inclusive growth.





“Dagyaw sa CPSU”: Farmers and University personnel strengthen ties through “Bayanihan” initiatives



Through joint efforts between CPSU personnel and farmers within the university's reservation area, the activity not only fostered environmental care and community solidarity but also reinforced the university's ongoing mission to enhance local food systems. By extending life-changing agricultural technologies, sustainable farming practices, and livelihood innovations to its partner farmers, CPSU continues to address food insecurity and rural poverty.

The university's continuous provision of technical support—from sustainable crop production to small-scale farm tools fabrication—empowers farmers to increase productivity, reduce losses, and improve the market value of their produce. These community-driven programs have become critical in building food-secure communities and uplifting the socio-economic conditions of rural households.

CPSU's efforts, rooted in bayanihan, demonstrate that food security is not only a matter of production but also of partnership and shared responsibility. By nurturing this collaborative spirit, CPSU helps ensure that every farmer family has the knowledge, skills, and opportunity to sustainably grow and provide food for their communities—paving the way for a hunger-free and self-reliant future.

Looking ahead, CPSU remains committed to strengthening this collaboration by maintaining its extension initiatives that foster both environmental sustainability and economic growth to empower the community. With continued partnership and support, the university will also ensure that the farmers' children will have the opportunity to pursue quality higher education, achieve their full potential, and secure a brighter future to be able to contribute to the growth of their communities.





Growing a Sustainable Future: Advancing Food Security through Organic and Green Farming



CPSU's agricultural demonstration to the visiting Tokyo University students centered on the importance of sustainable food systems and responsible land use. The visitors were introduced to the university's organic farming practices, including muscovado production and vermiculture technology, which emphasize soil health, ecological balance, and waste reduction.

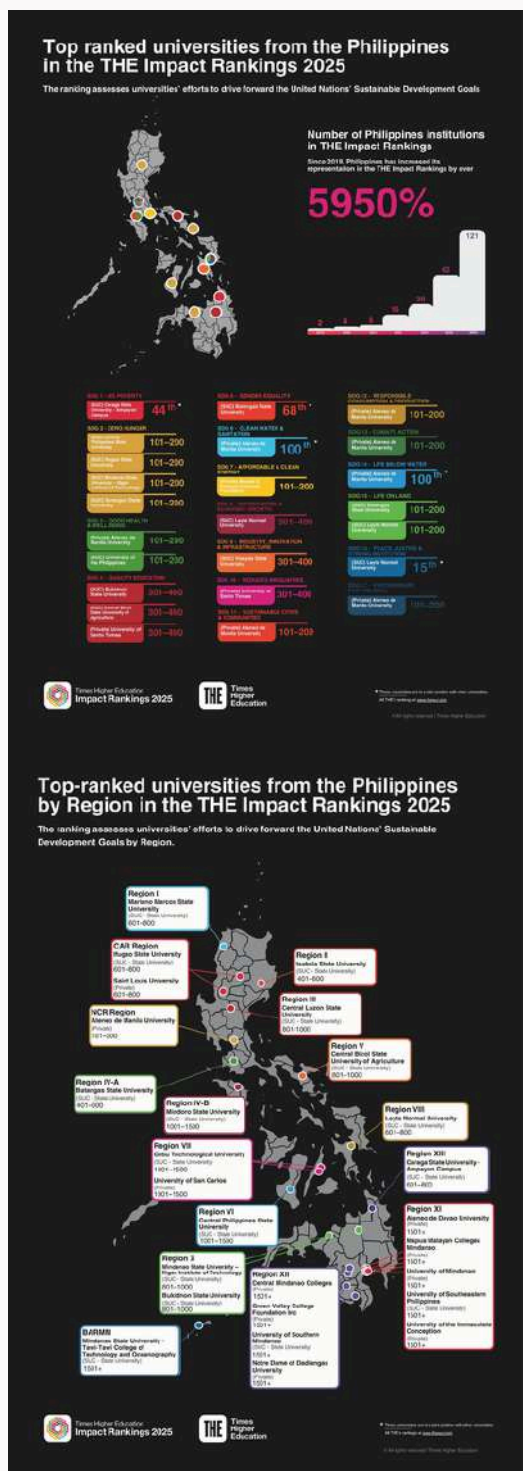
Through these sustainable methods, CPSU contributes to the realization of food security and self-sufficiency among rural farming communities. The university's green mining technology for sweet potato production, replicated across partner communities, stands as a pioneering approach to climate-resilient farming. This innovation maximizes land productivity without depleting natural resources—ensuring a consistent food supply even amid changing environmental conditions.

By sharing these practices with international academic partners, CPSU strengthens knowledge exchange on sustainable agriculture, promoting awareness that ending hunger requires both innovation and cooperation. The collaboration demonstrates that agricultural modernization and ecological conservation can go hand in hand to nourish people, protect the planet, and sustain communities.





Feeding the Future: CPSU's Agricultural Innovation Gains Global Spotlight



Commission on Higher Education Regional Office 10 (CHED RO-10) recognized Central Philippines State University (CPSU) as one of the top-performing Philippine Higher Education Institutions (PHEIs) in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2025, particularly for its outstanding initiatives aligned with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 – Zero Hunger.

CPSU earned a ranking within the 101–200 bracket worldwide for SDG 2, underscoring the University's continuous dedication to promoting food security, sustainable farming, and agricultural innovation across Negros Island. This recognition affirms CPSU's mission as an agricultural institution to lead programs that empower farmers, enhance food production systems, and combat hunger and malnutrition in rural communities.

Through its research-driven agricultural programs, community-based extension projects, and farmer training initiatives, CPSU continues to address the root causes of hunger by providing access to agricultural technologies, sustainable livelihood opportunities, and climate-resilient practices. Projects focusing on integrated farming systems, organic production, and indigenous crop propagation have significantly improved food sufficiency and economic resilience among partner communities.

The University's inclusion in the THE Impact Rankings reflects not only academic excellence but also its tangible contribution to reducing hunger and poverty in the countryside—creating pathways toward a more sustainable, food-secure future.

CHED RO-10 commended CPSU's consistent success, which has contributed to a 5,950% increase in Philippine representation in the global rankings since 2019. Such recognition reinforces the role of higher education institutions like CPSU as drivers of innovation, sustainability, and community empowerment in the pursuit of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.





Dr. Ravindra Joshi trains farmers in Fall Armyworm pest management at CPSU



Dr. Ravindra Joshi, entomologist and volunteer expert, shares his expertise with local farmers in the ongoing training workshop and Handbook Development for Integrated Pest Management for Fall Armyworms.



The training workshop is organized by the Central Philippines State University Farmer-to-Farmer: Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow (CPSU F2F ALOFT) and is scheduled today, December 3, until December 5, 2024, at the university's Research Development and Extension Center Conference Room.



In partnership with the University of Tennessee-Smith Center for International Sustainable Agriculture with the financial support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), CPSU F2F ALOFT is bridging the gap between grassroots farmers and foreign subject matter or field experts to address current problems in agriculture.





Entomologist trains farmers in fall armyworm pest management at CPSU



Entomologist Trains Farmers in Fall Armyworm Pest Management at CPSU
December 9, 2024 — The Training-Workshop and Handbook Development for Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for Fall Armyworms concluded successfully at Central Philippines State University (CPSU), highlighting the university's continuous efforts to support sustainable farming practices.

The session was led by Dr. Ravindra Joshi, an entomologist and volunteer expert, who shared his extensive knowledge and practical techniques for managing fall armyworm infestations, a major pest threat affecting crops across the region.

Through interactive discussions and field demonstrations, farmers gained valuable insights into pest identification, prevention, and eco-friendly control strategies under the IPM framework.

The workshop served as a capacity-building initiative aimed at equipping local farmers with scientific approaches to pest control while minimizing environmental impact. CPSU reaffirmed its commitment to empowering farming communities through research-driven training and agricultural innovation.





ΣAE Spreads Warmth and Gratitude Through Feeding Activity at CPSU



October 1–3, 2024 — The Sigma Alpha Epsilon (ΣAE) 1966, a fraternity of Central Philippines State University–Main Campus, shared over 200 cups of sopas and arroz caldo to students, volunteers, and faculty members during the celebration of University Week.

According to the group, the activity was their way of expressing gratitude for the continued service and support of the university community toward their fraternity.

Moreover, the initiative showcased ΣAE's commitment to community development and social responsibility, breaking the usual stereotypes often associated with fraternities. Instead of rivalry or conflict, the fraternity demonstrated brotherhood through service and compassion for others.



A Taste of Tradition: Preserving Culture and Sustainability through Pinipig-Making



In the quiet weeks before rice fields are ready for harvest, a unique and time-honored ritual still takes place in some rural communities in the Philippines: the making of pinipig.

Pinipig, although often mistaken for just a delicacy, is more than a snack—it is a cultural practice that reflects the ingenuity and deep-rooted beliefs of Filipino rice farmers. This traditional dish involves harvesting rice grains at the firm dough stage, just before they reach full maturity. The grains are then carefully pan-roasted over fire to reduce moisture and harden. Once cooled, they are pounded using a wooden mortar and pestle, which transforms them into soft, flattened grains ready to be eaten.

This cultural practice is still observed in some farming communities within the Central Philippines State University (CPSU) reserve, particularly within the university's organic rice production area. In these areas, the rice used for making pinipig is the black rice variety, known for its rich nutritional value and aromatic quality. The preparation allows both farmers and researchers to assess the eating quality of the variety even before full harvest, giving valuable insights into texture, taste, and cooking behavior.

However, the process doesn't end there. Pinipig is often served alongside a whole chicken dish, a pairing that carries symbolic significance. In many farming communities, it is believed that this act encourages rice plants to mature more quickly and helps promote better grain filling. Farmers see this ritual not just as a culinary celebration but as a way of calling in an abundant harvest.

Beyond its ceremonial purpose, pinipig serves as a link between agricultural tradition and scientific observation. By preparing pinipig, farmers are not only passing on generational knowledge but are also participating in varietal evaluation—an informal yet insightful method in local agriculture.

As the modern world shifts toward convenience and technology, the preparation of pinipig is becoming a rare sight. Yet, in communities where traditions remain strong, like those in CPSU, this ritual continues to bring families and learners together—bonded by shared labor, communal meals, and collective hope for a fruitful harvest.

Pinipig is more than food; it is memory, belief, and resilience served on a plate. Preserving this cultural practice not only honors our farming ancestors but also reconnects us with the very grains that sustain the Filipino spirit.



Integrated Pest Management for Rodents, Golden Kuhol Empowers Local Farmers, Cenphilians



The Integrated Pest Management for Rodents and Golden Kuhol Infestation Training concluded on a successful note, featuring resource speaker and guest entomologist Dr. Ravindra C. Joshi, who trained attendees in addressing pest infestation.

Farmers from local farmer associations, Central Philippines State University's (CPSU) Bachelor of Science in Agriculture students, graduate school students, and faculty members attended the four-day Integrated Pest Management training, which was divided into three sessions scheduled for May 21, 22, 23, and 24, 2025.

The training was focused on educating and training participants, especially the grassroots farmers, in integrating chemical-free yet effective methods to sustainably control and eliminate infestations of these invasive species, providing long-term and cost-effective solutions.

With the active support of the University President, Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, the initiative was spearheaded by the Research and Development Services headed by Director Angelie Rose Lumba, Ph.D, with the Extension and Community Services (ECS) Office headed by Director Dr. Jimmy O. Degillo, Ph.D., and the CPSU Graduate School headed by Dean Riza Stephanie A. Alfaras, Ph.D.

The Integrated Pest Management trainings facilitated by the university are a testament to CPSU's commitment to contribute to the attainment of United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including #12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), #15 (Life on Land), and #2 (Zero Hunger).





“Manamit kag Sulit”: CPSU-Murcia Highlights Innovative Agri-Food Creations at Baligayaanay 2025



From made-to-order crispy lady's fingers to pickled bilimbi and carrot smoothies—booths buzzed as aspiring entrepreneurs and patrons gathered at the Agri-Trade Fair 2025.

Nestled in the rural heart of Negros, Central Philippines State University-Murcia Extension Class welcomed visitors to their much-anticipated Baligayaanay 2025, an event showcasing the culmination of their learning from traditional classrooms to under-the-mahoganies makeshift classrooms.

The Agri-Trade Fair product list boasted an array of agricultural products like native poultry, vegetables, and fruits, and creatively reinvented made-to-order food, pre-packaged displays, cold beverages, and desserts.

Talong (Eggplant) Fries, Malunggay (Moringa) Balls, Banana Fries, Squash Turon, Banana Turon, Pineapple Rolls, Kangkong (Water Spinach) Dumplings, Potato Pillows, and Crispy Okra (Lady's Fingers) filled visitors' stomachs as hot dishes prepared and served fresh.

Pickled Iba (Bilimbi), Tomato Jam, Ube Pastillas, Coco Pastillas, Spring Onion Kimchi, Crispy Tops, Kamote (Sweet Potato) Donuts, Kalabasa (Squash) Leche Flan, Coconut Vinegar, Calamansi (Filipino Lime) Jam, Langka (Jackfruit) Jam, Taro Chips, and Banana Trunks were also available—perfect as instant treats or souvenirs for locals or international guests.

Amid the humid tropical weather, Carrot Smoothies, Sugarcane Ice Cream, Mango Ice Cream, and Dragon Fruit Ice Cream offered a refreshing way to combat the heat while satisfying over-stimulated appetites.

Representatives from government-affiliated units and non-governmental organizations, namely, Local Government of Murcia represented by Hon. Mayor Gerry Rojas, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Provincial Office-North, Department of Education (DepEd) Murcia, ALOFT Philippines, Sangguniang Bayan officials, LGU offices, JCI Bacolod, Cansilayan Farm School, Murcia Youth Leaders, farmers and parents also participated in the event held at the extension class site in Barangay Salvacion, Murcia, Negros Occidental, on February 19, 2025.

Now in its second year, the Agri-Trade Fair has evolved from a simple exhibit of outputs into a testament to Filipino youth ingenuity—with CPSU-Murcia Cenphilians challenging their contemporaries in bringing the fruition of higher education training into tangible, marketable, and profitable realities.





A Drop for You, a Lifeline for Someone Else": CPSU Bloodletting tallies 184 successful donations



March 27, 2025 — A total of 184 successful blood donations were recorded during the bloodletting program organized by Central Philippines State University (CPSU), reflecting the strong spirit of volunteerism and compassion within the university community.

Held at the Mt. Ballo Hall, the event was spearheaded by the CPSU Medical-Dental Health Unit (MDHU) in partnership with the National Service Training Program (NSTP) and the Philippine Red Cross.

Out of 227 registered donors, 43 were deferred due to ineligibility conditions such as hypertension and low hemoglobin levels. The final tally of donated blood bags included 87 Type O, 50 Type A, 39 Type B, and 9 Type AB, significantly contributing to the Red Cross' life-saving blood supply.

The initiative, themed "A Drop for You, a Lifeline for Someone Else," underscores CPSU's ongoing commitment to public health advocacy, community service, and humanitarian engagement.

Through this activity, CPSU continues to promote a culture of care and social responsibility, reminding everyone that a single act of generosity can help save lives.





Raising awareness, breaking stigmas highlighted at SAFE Center's Suicide Awareness Month Seminar



Raising Awareness, Breaking Stigmas Highlighted at SAFE Center's Suicide Awareness Month Seminar

Breaking the silence and promoting hope took center stage during the Suicide Awareness Month Seminar organized by the Student Admission and Facilitative Enhancement (SAFE) Center of Central Philippines State University (CPSU).

With the theme "Breaking the Silence: Creating Hope through Action," the seminar emphasized the importance of open conversations about mental health and the collective responsibility to combat stigma and support individuals facing emotional challenges.



Ms. Gemmilyn J. Acsioma, a professional guidance counselor, served as the resource speaker and shared valuable insights on understanding mental health struggles, identifying early signs of distress, and developing healthier coping mechanisms. Held at the Clemente Sports Complex, the event encouraged students and faculty alike to become advocates of empathy, awareness, and mental well-being within the CPSU community.

Through this initiative, the SAFE Center reaffirmed its commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment where mental health is openly discussed and help-seeking is normalized.





Symposium on Breast Cancer and Rabies Awareness Conducted at CPSU



March 24, 2025 — Promoting proactive health education and awareness, the Gender and Development (GAD) Program and the Medical and Dental Health Unit (MDHU) of Central Philippines State University (CPSU), in collaboration with the College of Agriculture and Forestry and the City Health Office, conducted a Symposium on Breast Cancer and Rabies Awareness at the CPSU Covered Court.

The activity aimed to educate students and community members on the prevention, early detection, symptoms, and management of breast cancer and rabies—two critical public health concerns that continue to affect many Filipinos.

Resource speakers from the City Health Office emphasized the importance of regular health checkups, vaccination, and early intervention as vital steps in disease prevention. The event also highlighted CPSU's ongoing advocacy to promote health literacy, gender sensitivity, and community well-being among its stakeholders.

Through initiatives like this, CPSU reaffirms its commitment to fostering a health-conscious and informed campus community that values both preventive care and social responsibility.





CPSU Guidance Office Welcomes and Orients Students Toward Mental Wellness and Support Services



The Counseling and Guidance facilitated orientations for Central Philippines State University-Main Campus freshers, transferees, and continuing students at the old Criminology Building.

The orientations that spanned from Monday to Friday, September 2-6, 2024, introduced the services being provided and offered by the office to the student body—encompassing social, emotional, and psychological support for students' wellbeing.

University Psychometrician and Guidance Services Head, Mr. Jirec A. Bacongco with the Guidance Counselor III, Ms. Sune S. Quintab, and Psychometrician/ Guidance Advocates, Ms. Leody May T. Villacarlos, and Ms. Cristel Mae D. Recto expounded on the topic and answered inquiries as orientation speakers.

As reflected by the orientation and its existing services, the office aims to address the increasing trend of anxiety and depression among the youth and so, continues to advocate for healthier mental health among students who are prone to problems brought on by various pressures and problems.

The speakers and office personnel expressed their willingness to cater to the needs of Cenphilians, encouraging them to visit the Guidance and Counseling Office which commits to being their safe space throughout their stay in CPSU.





CPSU Empowers Students and Personnel through Firefighting and First Aid Training for a Safer Community



To equip Cenphilians with basic knowledge and skills, and the right attitude to confidently perform basic life-support techniques, the Basic First Aid and Fire Fighting Skills Training was conducted at Central Philippines State University (CPSU).

Students, faculty, and staff joined the training conducted by the Kabankalan City Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and CPSU Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (DRRM) on April 28-29, 2025, at the Animal Science Building Audio-Visual Room. BFP Community Relations Unit Chief, Fire Officer II - Emmanuel John Minayo, taught life-saving skills such as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitations (CPR) and Foreign Body Airway Obstruction (FBAO) response to students and personnel on the first training day.

Participants learned and practiced administering proper CPR techniques during the interactive session, ensuring that they grasped the life-saving skills under his expert guidance. Handling and operating fire hoses, and injured person transfer and transport techniques were taught in the second training day, followed by hands-on practice sessions for essential lifesaving areas knowledge-application and skill-testing.

Alongside the participating students, faculty and non-teaching personnel, the members of the Fire Brigade Organization (FIBO), and of the Community Rescue and Disaster Emergency Services (COMRADES) also joined the basic life-support and emergency-response endeavor.

Spearheaded by the DRRM Office and Director, Dr. Alejandro E. Nalagon, the successful organization and conduct of the Basic First Aid and Fire Fighting Skills Training among multiple stakeholders underscores the university and partners' commitment to empowering Cenphilians.





“A Drop for You, a Lifeline for Someone Else”: CPSU’s Bloodletting Drive Saves Lives with 184 Donations



184 eligible donors successfully completed the blood donation process of Central Philippines State University’s (CPSU) recent bloodletting program with 87 (Type O), (39 Type B), (50 Type A), and (9 Type AB) blood bag outputs. A total of 227 the students and university stakeholders joined as blood donors having 43 identified as deferred donors due to common ineligibility grounds like hypertension, and low hemoglobin count.

Organized by the CPSU Medical-Dental Health Unit (MDHU), in partnership with the National Service Training Program (NSTP) and the Philippine Red Cross, the event catered to the donors in the Mt. Ballo Hall venue on March 27, 2025. The primary objective of the bloodletting activity is to advocate and encourage the values of volunteerism and generosity, and to help secure medical resources availability, particularly of transfusion-ready blood.

The commendable number of volunteer donors, despite the call-for-donations only being announced on the night of March 26, showcased a strong sense of community engagement, shared commitment for a cause, and the common upholding of social responsibility towards supporting the health and welfare of others.

The team foresees the 184-blood bag output to go a long way in helping those in need of life-saving blood transfusions and in inspiring more stakeholders to participate in future bloodletting endeavors.





“A Healthier CPSU”: Mental Health and Wellness Program Makes a Strong Comeback



The Mental Health and Wellness Program made a successful comeback at Central Philippines State University yesterday, March 6, 2025, and was received with enthusiasm by university employees.

The Main Campus' academic and administrative personnel, wearing their fitness apparel and athletic wear, convened in the campus covered court for the relaunching program.

Scheduled from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, the two-hour Mental Health and Wellness Program will be held every Thursday in all CPSU campuses, dedicated to CPSU personnel's holistic wellness.

Employees grooved to the beat of hype-inducing music during a Zumba dance session led by CPSU students, perspiration dropping as energy overflowed in the venue.

Ms. Sheena Mae Z. Tanilon, Human Resource Officer II, with the support of Mr. Vicente M. Trio, Jr., Supervising Administrative Officer (SAO) for Administration and Human Resource Management Office (HRMO) Designated Head, spearheaded the reimplementation of the program aimed at breaking the monotonous work routines in the institution and encouraging a healthier work environment.

In her keynote message, Ms. Tanilon discussed the significance of mental health care in the overall well-being of an individual, encouraging attendees to be intentional in engaging in activities that alleviate the effects of work-induced stress and aid in optimizing their mental health.

The cheers and laughter from the simultaneous activities seemingly inspired students to join the fun in the field as they spontaneously and voluntarily played basketball, frisbee, and other sports—desirable by-products of the academic and administrative personnel being exemplars of holistic wellness.





Empowering Educators Through Innovation: CPSU-Hinigaran Joins Malaysia-Based International Summit on Educational Management



The 2nd International Summit on Educational Management and Emerging Technology (ISEME), co-organized by Central Philippines State University–Hinigaran Campus, marked a milestone in advancing global education and academic collaboration as it successfully concluded in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Held from February 22 to 23, 2025, both onsite and virtually, the summit brought together educational leaders, researchers, and technology experts from various parts of the world to discuss innovative trends in education management, digital transformation, and emerging technologies shaping 21st-century learning environments.

CPSU-Hinigaran's co-organization of the summit underscores the University's firm commitment to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 – Quality Education, which promotes inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all. Through this initiative, CPSU has contributed to the global dialogue on improving academic systems, strengthening teacher competencies, and integrating technology-driven approaches to enhance teaching and learning outcomes.

By facilitating platforms such as ISEME, CPSU-Hinigaran amplifies the voice of Philippine higher education institutions in the international arena—fostering knowledge exchange, research collaboration, and policy innovation aimed at raising the standards of education management in both local and global contexts.





PSABE-PPG-CPSU Hailed Highest Student Delegation at ANCON 2025



The Philippine Society of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineers – Pre-Professional Group – Central Philippines State University Chapter (PSABE-PPG-CPSU) bagged the Highest Student Delegation award during the 74th PSABE Annual National Convention (ANCON).

PSABE-PPG-CPSU Chapter also clinched medals in various Iloilo City-held ANCON 2025 events and raised the Cenphilian banner high.

David Miles Carian placed 1st in the CAD Challenge; while Glory Jane Peñas, Priah Deñola, and Ruel Relota Jr. also placed 1st in the ABEMAZING Quiz Bee.

Dhecery Guanzon, Canester Otañez, and Aldin Yanos placed 2nd in the Manual Surveying; while Trixie Marie Señeres placed 3rd in the Agricultural Machinery Parts Identification.

The University recognizes the collective effort of the delegation who exemplified higher education excellence and persevered in bringing honor to CPSU.

The institution also extends gratitude to the College of Engineering (COE) Dean – Engr. Janet P. Serisola, Program Chair – Engr. Jolly Coronado, coaches, and COE students who tirelessly supported the delegation in the endeavor



CPSU GAD Office Strengthens Gender Advocacy and Student Character Development



This day September 21, 2024, the Central Philippines State University (CPSU) ROTC unit conducted a community service activity, which included a clean-up drive in and around the CPSU vicinity. Both cadets and officers actively participated in this initiative. Following the clean-up, the cadets gathered at the CPSU field to practice basic commands and facing movements.

During the event, the ROTC unit was visited by several key officials, including MAJ Nell Ven T. Maybanting, CDC Director; CPL Rogaciano V. Arib Jr., Operations NCO; and 1LT Nathaniel Jan G. Celis, Assistant Commandant. Their presence provided encouragement and oversight during the day's activities.

In the afternoon, the cadets attended a lecture at the College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE) building. The topic of the lecture was "AFP Core Values," which was delivered by Tsg Moody D. Deocares, the ROTC Coordinator. This session aimed to instill the core principles and values upheld by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in the cadets.



BGEN Escanillas Lauds CPSU Cadets' Discipline at ROTC Presentation 2025



BGEN Escanillas Lauds CPSU for Discipline During ROTC Presentation of Parents and Sponsors 2025, February 14, 2025 — “Of all the ROTC units that I encountered, Central Philippines State University has the most disciplined cadets,” said Brigadier General Joey A. Escanillas, Commander of the 302nd Infantry Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, during the ROTC Presentation of Parents and Sponsors 2025 held at CPSU Main Campus.

The event highlighted the formal presentation of 25 female sponsors to the CPSU community, university officials, and distinguished guests. The ceremony also recognized the Corps Sponsors, Corps Sweetheart, and the Dean of Sponsors, Ms. Shirley A. Calugcugan, who also serves as the Director of the Gender and Development (GAD) Office.

General Escanillas’ presence underscored the importance of discipline, leadership, and service—core values upheld by the ROTC program. The event celebrated the cadets’ commitment to national service and the support of their sponsors, who play a vital role in fostering camaraderie and motivation within the corps.

Through such activities, CPSU continues to cultivate a culture of patriotism, discipline, and civic responsibility among its students, reinforcing the university’s mission of producing service-oriented and community-driven leaders.





Learning Beyond Borders: CPSU and Tokyo University Cultivate Global Education



The visit of Professor Emeritus Dr. Toru Nakanishi and thirteen students from Tokyo University highlights CPSU's growing role in advancing global and experiential education. Through hands-on participation in agricultural practices—such as muscovado production, vermiculture application, and local enterprise activities—both CPSU and U-Tokyo learners engaged in meaningful cross-cultural learning.

This collaboration reinforces CPSU's mission to provide transformative education that bridges theory with practice, allowing students to experience how sustainability principles apply in real-world contexts. It also expands CPSU's academic network, enhancing its internationalization agenda and fulfilling its pursuit of Outcome-Based Education (OBE) through global partnerships.

The exchange not only cultivates technical and agricultural knowledge but also fosters mutual respect, cultural awareness, and shared responsibility toward sustainable development. By opening its doors to foreign learners, CPSU positions itself as a hub for global knowledge sharing, preparing both Filipino and international students to become agents of positive change.





Project BAYAN Bridges Learning Gaps among Binalbagan District Jail PDLs



The Project Bayan organized by Central Philippines State University (CPSU) and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Binalbagan District Jail, culminated successfully last September 5, 2025, as the PDLs received certificates for completing the intervention sessions.

Pre-tests and post-tests result for various disciplines revealed that the PDLs attained significant learning gains despite circumstantial constraints as the elementary level learners gained most in foundational literacy and values formation and the secondary-level learners exhibited transformative improvements in language and communication.

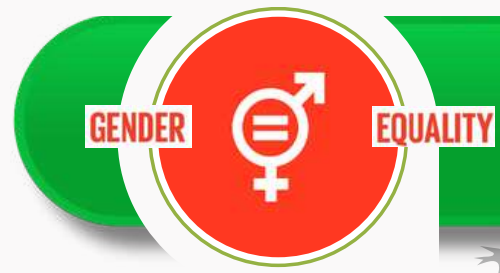
Project BAYAN or the Building Alternatives for Your Advancement and New Beginning was designed to enhance the literacy and numeracy skills of PDLs in support of the existing Alternative Learning System (ALS) program they are undertaking. Under the project, COTED faculty visited the BJMP Binalbagan District Jail to extend their pedagogical and content expertise through blended learning and tutorial activities among the PDLs who were divided into the elementary and high school learner groups.

Improving the PDLs' access to learning to develop their foundational skills and to reduce accumulated learning disparities which are essential in their potential reintegration in society is part of the project's rationale.

In his testimony, one PDL expressed, "Kanami gid kung gatuon kita gali sang bag-o nga kaalam nga aton gamiton sa adlaw-adlaw nga ginawi. Nagapasalamat akon sa Ginoo nga ginhatagan Niya kita sang maayong lawas kag bag-o nga kabuhi. Kabay pa nga sa paghatag Niya sa aton sini, buligan ta man ang aton kaugalingon nga magbag-o kag hindi ta pagpabay-an nga biskan ari ta di sa sulod. Ipalanggaon ta gid ang problema ta kay ang pag-antos ta di sa sulod may katapusan gid. Nagapasalamat kami gali kayna Ma'am sa pagtudlo sa amon—sa paghatag sa amon sang kaalam kag sa pagbag-o sa amon kaugalingon. Kay Warden and Sir Nacional, salamat gid sa pagtudlo sa amon sang inchakto nga pangginawi."

The Project Bayan is organized by the COTED under its PAGTATAP or Pedagogical Application and Guidance: A Teacher Advocacy through Tutorial Assistance Project Program was made possible by a signed Memorandum of Agreement between BJMP-Binalbagan and CPSU last April 14, 2025.





Building Gender-Responsive Leaders: CPSU Conducts Gender Sensitivity and Character Development Program



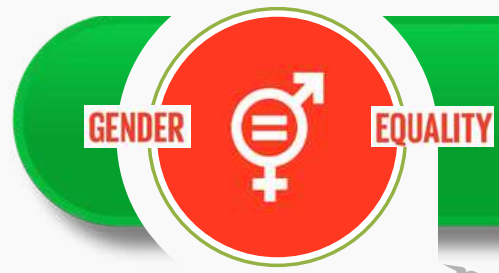
Gender Sensitivity Orientation and Character Formation Program Conducted for 4th-Year Students

A Gender Sensitivity Orientation and Character Formation Program were successfully conducted by the Gender and Development (GAD) Office of Central Philippines State University (CPSU), attended by all 4th-year students across various colleges.

The program aimed to deepen students' understanding of gender awareness, inclusivity, and equality, while also reinforcing the importance of values formation, ethical conduct, and responsible citizenship as they prepare to transition from academic life to the professional world.

Through discussions and interactive activities, participants gained insights on how gender perspectives influence workplace dynamics and community relations. The initiative further strengthened CPSU's commitment to promoting gender-responsive education and holistic student development.





GAD Empowers Participants and Breaks Gender Stereotypes Through Chorizo and Cake-Making Training



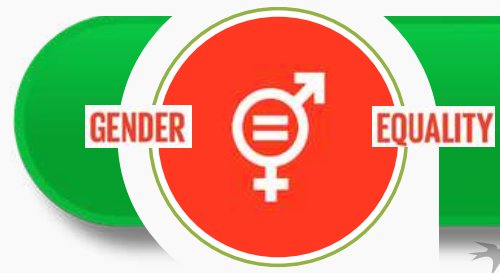
With the belief that learning is lifelong, the Gender and Development Office has given the locals of six Kabankalan City barangays the opportunity to learn the essentials and gain new skills to start their chorizo and cake ventures. In the “Livelihood Training on Chorizo Making and Cake Baking” program by Central Philippines State University’s GAD office, 75 trainees from Barangays 3, Binicuil, Camugao, Camingawan, Oringao, and Tagukon.

Among the participants, male residents also joined as they aspired to learn the skills being offered in the training—breaking the stereotypes about baking and cooking being feminine activities while business and enterprise being male-dominated.

“Being a trainee of several CPSU trainings, I was able to apply my learnings and make food products like ice cream. I tried making an avocado ice cream at home, which my family and friends said tasted good. So I thought of using improved packaging and eventually selling my product. Honestly, it has also been my dream to learn how to bake cakes, but I lack the knowledge and the training. Although YouTube has tutorial videos, learning it and the techniques in person is just different. I was able to learn how to bake cakes now, and my children approved the taste of the finished product that I brought home yesterday—I now prefer my homemade chiffon cakes over store-bought ones. I’m now planning to make a livelihood out of selling my avocado ice cream this Christmas and by selling them to school canteens and eateries in Brgy. Binicuil,” said Filma P. Consulta, a three-time beneficiary of GAD-organized and funded livelihood training and a businesswoman from Brgy. Binicuil.

When asked why the livelihood training specifically included chorizo making and cake baking, GAD program Director, Ms. Shirley Calugcugan, answered, “We actually conducted a needs assessment in every barangay, and the outcome implied that locals wanted to explore chorizo-making and cake-baking under the meat processing and bread-making categories, respectively; hence, we organized this training around those specific learning needs.”





CPSU March Convocation Celebrates Women's Empowerment and Academic Achievements



Women's rights and newly licensed professionals were highlighted and recognized during the Central Philippines State University–Main Campus' (CPSU) March Convocation, held on March 24, 2025, at the covered court. The monthly convocation hosted by the College of Teacher Education (COTED) headed by COTED Dean, Dr. Merfe C. Hucalinas, featured the theme, "Babae sa Lahat ng Sektor, Aangat ang Bukas sa Bagong Pilipinas," which emphasized women empowerment through the talk of the event resource speaker, Atty. Charisse A. Tomaro.

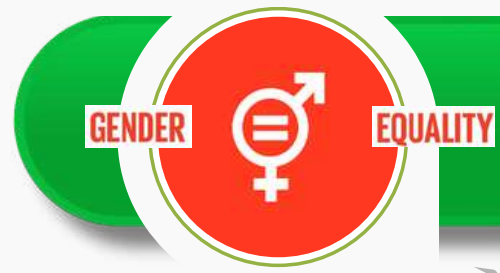
Atty. Tomaro tackled the rationale behind the National Women's Month celebration, labor statistics in different age groups, including the challenges in women's labor force participation, empowered female figures in the Philippine society and introduced gender-related laws.

The Gender and Development Office (GAD) Director, Dr. Shirley A. Calugcugan, expressed, "Our theme reminds us that women are vital contributors to every aspect of our society, and their empowerment is crucial to our progress. We remember the struggles and trials of women who came before us, paving the way for the progress we see today. Together, let us continue to stand and overcome the challenges that women face, such as discrimination and lack of opportunities."

Dr. Malacapay also commended the deans, professors, and instructors from the College of Engineering (COE) and the Colleges of Criminal Justice Education (CCJEs) from CPSU Main, Hinigaran, and Victorias Campuses for molding the licensed professionals—garnering a MELE institutional passing rate of 80.00% and a LEC institutional passing rate of 71.32%.

Vice President for Administration and Finance, Engr. Marc Alexei Caesar B. Badajos, Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Officer-in-Charge Dr. Grenny I. Jungco; university key officials present; and the community celebrated exceeding the national passing percentages of 48.89% for MELE and 60.50% for LEC.





Gender Sensitivity and Character Formation Program Held for CPSU 4th-Year Students



A gender sensitivity orientation and a character formation program were successfully commenced by the Gender and Development (GAD) office, attended by all Central Philippines State University (CPSU) 4th-year students. As the first resource speaker, Ma'am Nelly Cabual, Board Secretary V, discussed "Character Formation," including its significance for graduating students and its role in developing strong character traits that would help them achieve future success.

The Vice President for Academic and Finance (VPAF), Engr. Marc Alexie Caesar B. Badajos expressed, "Safe Space Act should first be embraced among students and faculty. Noting and realizing the importance of the Safe Space Act in the university, CPSU has applied gender and development principles to promote equality over the years and is ensuring a safe environment for students. I am hoping that students would not only impart the knowledge that they learned but also embrace values of gender equality and adhere to the Safe Space Act"

Director Calugcugan elaborated the rationale behind the orientation and program as well as their significance for CPSU Main Campus graduating students, citing the preparation of the students as members of the Philippine workforce, in furthering their educational attainments, and or in other personal and professional pursuits—dealing with real-life challenges and opportunities beyond the walls of the university.

In his closing remarks, the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA), Dr. Grenny I. Jungco, expressed gratitude to the GAD office for spearheading the orientation; he also highlighted that as the students move forward from the university, they should embody good character and manifest Cenphilian core values. Through the orientation, the university hopes to have inspired students to carry the invaluable life lessons they gained from their higher education journey and to steadfastly foster a sense of responsible citizenship as Filipinos.





CPSU and Philippine Red Cross Provide Potable Water to 16 PEMO-LCA Households Through “Water for the Waterless” Project



Harmonizing with the sound of the gushing faucet water, is the sound of a man’s resounding laughter—bidding goodbye to decades of trekking a distance to quench their daily thirst and need of water. The screams of the bayanihan spirit reverberated in the uplands as the Central Philippines State University (CPSU), the local community, and partners installed a 5000-liter tank with water piping for sixteen households at Purok Upper Ballo, Barangay Tagukon, Kabankalan City under the Water for the Waterless Project.

In partnership with the Provincial Environment Management Office and the Philippine Red Cross Bacolod Chapter, the water system project is now successfully providing the recipient community with safe and potable water in the comfort of their respective households after the PEMO-donated water tank and the CPSU water line counterpart were installed and connected with the spring source. Having a 600-meter distance from the community, the spring source located within the PEMO’s Local Conservation Area (LCA), was susceptible to the introduction of water contaminants due to unavoidable human contact from domestic activities.

The project also targets active community participation in safeguarding the local forests from man-inflicted environmentally-degrading activities through information drives focused on the significance of preserving the local forest in the protection of the local watershed conducted by CPSU and Ph Red Cross. Despite its straightforward design, the Water for the Waterless Project aims to contribute to the attainment of six United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Apart from the attainment of SDG 6 or the “Clean Water and Sanitation” by protecting the upland spring from contaminants and pollutants, the project also seeks to minimize the health risks posed by water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases, and to make the Upper Ballo Community as a resilient and sustainable human settlement with access to potable water—targeting SDG 3 or the Good Health and Well-Being, and the SDG 11 or the Sustainable Cities and Communities.





“Refreshing the Waterless”: CPSU and Philippine Red Cross Bring Sustainable Water Access to Upper Ballo



The BRIDGE Project, conceived from Central Philippines State University (CPSU) and Philippines Red Cross Bacolod Chapter's partnership, endeavors to provide service for households in far-flung and isolated areas by addressing their inadequate access to clean water, and the lack of sanitation facilities by providing polyethylene tanks which were key to the creation of sustainable rain catchment systems.

Situated in the mountainous Purok Upper Ballo area, of Barangay Tagukon, Kabankalan City, the household beneficiaries used upland water sources for decades, trekking nearly an hour to reach the said sources while carrying water containers to sustain their domestic needs.

Following the official turnover last December 2024, ten polyethylene tanks were delivered to Upper Ballo and were installed per household with the help of CPSU's Production and Enterprise Development Office manpower headed by Director, Dr. Marivic P. Pedrosa; the Extension and Community Services Office, headed by Director, Dr. Jimmy O. Degillo; and the College of Agriculture and Forestry headed by Dean, Dr. Hanzel L. Pedrosa.

In addition, the project also aims to minimize health risks related to poor sanitation and lack of facilities; by improving clean water access through providing sustainable catchment systems, CPSU and Ph Red Cross target lower prevalence of water-borne and improper sanitation-borne illnesses, bolstering the well-being of the recipient community.

Additionally, this may help lower the risk of water contamination in upland natural water sources by reducing domestic activities which could introduced harmful household waste, detergents, and other contaminants in these areas

Limiting human interaction and contact with these vulnerable areas is a proactive approach in preserving the quality of upland natural water sources and maintaining the ecological balance in these areas for sustainability.





Philippine Red Cross Bacolod, CPSU Strengthen Community Access to Water in Upper Ballo



New polyethylene tanks were given to ten Upper Ballo family recipients by the Philippine Red Cross Bacolod Chapter and the Central Philippines State University on December 11, 2024, at the Main Campus' Mini Hotel. The initiative is a part of the Bridging Rural Infrastructure Development for Growth and Empowerment: A Strategic Partnership Initiative or BRIDGE project under the Ph Red Cross Bacolod and CPSU partnership.

The polyethylene tanks are perceived to be installed in the recipient residences as an integral part of household-based water catchment systems to provide beneficiaries with access and more convenient access to clean water—promoting improved sanitation and health, providing water for taking care of their livestock, and promoting agricultural activities for consumption and commerce.

"I feel happy because my family now has a tank which will be useful in tending to our crops. I look forward to the tank's arrival in our homes as having a comfort room will be easier. Thank you," Rogie Jalapa, project beneficiary, said in an interview.

Ph Red Cross Bacolod Chapter Administrator, Ms. Rita Benita Mirasol, and CPSU President, Dr. Aladino C. Moraca led the turnover for the selected recipients, these recipients being identified families who met the criteria set for the BRIDGE project, being dependent on rainfall, having far-flung fresh water source, and lacking access to the services of water concessionaires.

It can be recalled that the Ph Red Cross Bacolod, CPSU, alongside the CPSU F2F ALOFT conducted a joint assessment of target households in the Upper Ballo area last October 10, aiming to have a more concrete picture of the daily realities and struggles of residents when it comes to their water and sanitation needs.





CPSU Installs Solar Power System at Cultural Heritage Center



January 8, 2025 — Central Philippines State University (CPSU) has taken a significant step toward sustainability with the installation of a solar power system at its Cultural Heritage Center. This initiative highlights the university's dedication to environmental protection and the promotion of renewable energy sources.

The newly installed solar panels will harness the abundant sunlight in the region, converting it into clean, sustainable electricity to support the center's operations. By reducing reliance on conventional energy sources, CPSU aims to minimize its carbon footprint while demonstrating the practical benefits of solar technology.

University officials noted that the project not only aligns with global efforts to combat climate change but also serves as an educational tool for students and visitors. The installation of the solar power system underscores CPSU's commitment to fostering an environmentally conscious campus and inspiring the wider community to embrace renewable energy solutions.





Harnessing Solar Technology for Sustainable and Efficient Duck Egg Production



The training introduced solar-powered incubators for duck egg production, demonstrating practical applications of renewable energy in agriculture. Participants learned to operate and maintain the incubators, enhancing hatchery efficiency while reducing reliance on conventional electricity. This aligns with CPSU's goal of promoting clean, cost-effective, and sustainable energy solutions for local farmers.

The program encouraged participants to innovate within their local contexts, exploring how solar technology can be scaled or adapted to other agricultural processes. By integrating renewable energy, farmers are empowered to increase productivity without compromising environmental sustainability, contributing to energy efficiency and reducing carbon footprints.

Additionally, CPSU fostered awareness and capacity-building around clean energy adoption. Participants gained knowledge that can be shared with neighbors and local communities, creating a ripple effect of energy-conscious farming practices. This initiative exemplifies how higher education can drive sustainable technological adoption in rural settings, linking innovation with environmental responsibility.





SEARICE Empowers Farmers Through Crop Improvement Training



Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE) conducted a Training of Trainers (TOT) on crop improvement to deepen farmers' understanding of genetic and hereditary concepts and enhance their skills in breeding and selecting important crops from September 23–27, 2024. In partnership with Central Philippines State University, the TOT was held at different indoor and outdoor venues in the university and participated by representatives of fifteen (15) farmer associations from the cities of Bago and Kabankalan, Negros Occidental, accompanied by their LGU's agriculture office representatives.

The resource persons for the five-day training were crop improvement experts, Mr. Eddie Sasi and Mr. Guiller Domingo from SEARICE Mindanao, who gave inputs on methods and techniques for plant breeding and the development of their priority crop varieties through lectures, demonstrations, and fieldwork.

"I am a graduate of Agriculture (major in Plant Breeding and Genetics, minor in Horticulture), so my desire and passion are to help farmers by sharing my knowledge—capacitating and empowering them to be independent of commercialized products. We are not only focusing on the crops mentioned, but we are also advocating for Agroecology to diversify sustainable methods at the disposal of our local farmers and fisherfolks as what we aim to teach ranges from agriculture to aquaculture using resources that are adaptable to their locality," said Mr. Domingo.

SEARICE and CPSU also organized demonstrations and field exercises on data gathering, pollination of priority crops, mass selection, seed rehabilitation, breeding methods, seed handling for storing as plant genetic material, and alternative animal feed creation.

Lastly, the farmers visited the Camingawan-Tagukon Farmers Association (CATAFA) headquarters and farmlands for benchmarking.





SEARICE Equips Negrense Farmers, CPSU Staff with Journalism and Development Communication Skills



During the “Training on Communicating Project Outputs Workshop”, resource speakers trained farmers’ associations representatives from in Bago City and Kabankalan City, and Central Philippines State University (CPSU) personnel on journalism and development communication. Organized by the Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE) last July 18, 2024, the workshop was held at CPSU Main-Campus Research Development and Extension Center Conference Room.

The workshop was facilitated for capacitating local farmers and up-skilling the university personnel in creating quality communication materials for the promotion of the Food and Agriculture Organization-sponsored projects under the CPSU-SEARICE partnership. “Basically, the idea here is to make everyone aware of the value of information because it empowers people and transforms communities. So, it’s very important for farmers to have a better understanding of communication, especially for those who are engaged not only in production but also in farm development,” said Prof. Allen V. Del Carmen, Workshop Resource Speaker.

The partnership has previously facilitated numerous workshops under the two-year “Engendering Access for Smallholder Farmers to Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture for Conservation and Sustainable Use” project.

Over the course of two years, CPSU and SEARICE commonly envision the realization of numerous activities under the said project, in cooperation with the partner farmers associations. SEARICE and CPSU are expected to continue their baselining endeavors among partner farmers’ associations and will be conducting Farmers’ Field School projects in relation to the gene bank establishment initiative.





30 Kabankalan Beneficiaries Gain Livelihood Skills from CPSU GAD's Fish Deboning Training



A free fish deboning training was facilitated by Central Philippines State University's Gender and Development (GAD) Office on September 24, 2025, aimed at empowering local community beneficiaries.

The livelihood training catered to thirty trainees from four partner barangays in the City of Kabankalan, namely Binicuil, Camingawan, Tagukon, and 3, and primarily aimed to upskill Kabankalanons in value-adding techniques for raw and cooked fish products—improving their product marketability and vending strategies.

Dr. Rhoda Aguilos, CPSU–Ilog Campus Administrator and fisheries expert, served as the resource person as she delivered a lecture on the subject matter and provided trainees with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the skeletal structure of milkfish. Dr. Aguilos also demonstrated the fish deboning procedure and supervised the trainees as they applied what they learned during her lecture and demonstration.

Trainees showed keen interest as they listened to the lecture and engaged in the hands-on activity, recognizing the benefits of the training in upgrading their local food products and preventing unwanted health risks among consumers associated with improper fish deboning practices. The training focused on milkfish, or bangus as the primary training material, given its widespread availability in local markets as a product of Negros Island's local fishing industry.

The training is a manifestation of the GAD Office's (headed by Director Shirley A. Calugcugan) and the university's goal of providing efficient and quality gender-sensitive products and services.





Newly Renovated Homemaker Building Officially Inaugurated at CPSU Main Campus



The newly renovated Homemaker's Building for the finance division was inaugurated on October 25, at Central Philippines State University (CPSU) Main Campus. Rebuilt and remodeled, the new Homemaker Building now stands with modern aesthetic touches and is ready to house the office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance (VPAF), as well as the Chief Administrative Officer for Finance, Accounting, Budget, Cash and Disbursing, and Procurement Offices.

The University President, Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, the VPAF Engr. Marc Alexei Caesar B. Badajos, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Fernando D. Abello, and the administrative staff witnessed the inauguration and blessing of the building, with the renovation costing an estimated ₱6.5 million.

Dr. Moraca congratulated the contractor and the CPSU offices who were involved in the successful renovation of the building and reminded the personnel who will be occupying the offices to continue being service-oriented to the University clientele who come from all walks of life.

Rev. Fr. Ritchie A. Villaflor of Our Lady of Candles Chaplaincy offered a prayer and led the blessing of the building; attendees lit candles and solemnly entered the structure.

"This beautiful building will hopefully be a reflection of the quality of service that we will continue to provide our clientele, that is a challenge that I would like to impart to our personnel. Moreover, let us treat this place as our own—our home that we'll take good care of. I believe that this is just the start of more developments in our university," said Engr. Badajos.

More projects to accommodate university personnel are expected next year to improve process flows and make transactions more convenient for the clientele and employees.

Due to the Revised Organization and Staffing Standards for SUCs enabled the addition of 93 employees of permanent status to CPSU's human resources within 2024 alone.

The Homemaker Building has a rich Cenphilian history as it served as a dormitory for female students and housed offices for the Office of Students Services and Affairs (OSSA), Supreme Student Government (SSG), CPSU Marching Band, The Cenphilian, and the Yearbook Office.





CPSU Showcases Innovative Agricultural Machines at Techno-Demo 2025



Central Philippines State University (CPSU) showcased its latest innovations in agricultural technology during the Techno-Demo 2025, held at the Research Development and Extension Center lobby.

The event featured the official inauguration of three newly designed and fabricated machines: the Peanut Shelling Machine, Peanut Roaster, Wood-Saving Stove, and Multi-Bean Roasting Machine. Attendees of the Research and Development Symposium 2025 witnessed live demonstrations, highlighting the functionality and efficiency of the machines.

These innovations reflect CPSU's commitment to advancing agricultural mechanization and supporting local farmers by providing practical, cost-effective solutions to improve productivity. The event also served as a platform for students, researchers, and industry stakeholders to explore technological innovations and their applications in real-world farming.





Certificate of Accreditation Conferred to CPSU AMFTC



The Agricultural Machinery and Fisheries Testing Center (AMFTC) of Central Philippines State University (CPSU) has officially received its Certificate of Accreditation in a ceremonial turnover held at the university's Main Campus Accreditation Center.



The accreditation was conferred by the Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE), in partnership with the Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center (AMTEC) of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) and the Department of Agriculture (DA).



This milestone marks a significant achievement for CPSU as it strengthens its capability to conduct reliable testing and evaluation of agricultural and fisheries machinery. The accreditation affirms the university's commitment to promoting innovation, safety, and quality assurance in agricultural mechanization—key components in advancing sustainable rural development.





CPSU Reviews 124 Research Proposals at R&D Symposium 2025



Central Philippines State University (CPSU) faculty proponents gathered for the Research and Development Symposium 2025, where a total of 124 research proposals and completed studies were reviewed and critiqued.



The two-day annual in-house review, organized by the Research and Development Services Office (RDS) under the leadership of Director Dr. Angelie Rose L. Lumba, brought together faculty from all CPSU campuses. The symposium provided a platform for rigorous evaluation, discussion, and feedback to enhance the quality and impact of the university's research outputs.



By fostering a culture of academic excellence and innovation, CPSU continues to strengthen its research capabilities and contribute to knowledge development in various fields, aligning with its mission to advance science, technology, and community development.





CPSU Details Best WURI Practices as Mentor-University



Central Philippines State University (CPSU) shared its innovative approaches in higher education as one of the mentor universities at the “Strategic Capacity Building for Global University Rankings: Advancing WURI, THE, and QS Performance” workshop

The two-day event, held at the University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos (UNO-R) in Bacolod City, provided a platform for universities to discuss strategies for improving performance in global rankings. CPSU’s International Affairs and Linkages Director, Dr. Joe-an Mae G. Escobar, served as a resource speaker, presenting the university’s initiatives that contributed to its recognition in the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI).

CPSU’s participation underscores its commitment to excellence in education, innovation, and global collaboration, further solidifying its role as a mentor institution guiding other universities toward international recognition.



Access Road Improvement



Central Philippines State University (CPSU) has taken a major step to enhance local infrastructure by improving access roads in Purok Mansumbil, Barangay Tagukon, and Purok Payong, Barangay Camingawan, all located within the university's reservation area.

To facilitate the project, CPSU formalized Usufruct Agreements with the heads of the respective barangays. These agreements grant the university the right to develop and maintain the access roads while ensuring that the local communities benefit from the improvements.

The initiative underscores CPSU's commitment to community development, accessibility, and fostering stronger partnerships with neighboring barangays. Improved road access is expected to enhance mobility, safety, and connectivity for residents, students, and university personnel alike.



Driving Agricultural Innovation: CPSU Honored with Platinum Award



Central Philippines State University (CPSU) received its second platinum award during the 2024 Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) Innovation and Technology Support Office (ITSO) President's Summit on April 10, 2025.

CPSU, represented by its Intellectual and Property Management Office (IPMO) and Research and Development Services Office (RDS) in the awarding ceremony, expresses its gratitude to the prestigious awarding body for recognizing the university's efforts in developing technologies that propel the advancement of agricultural mechanization and rural development in the country.

The IPOPHIL ITSO Summit and General Assembly was held at the Sequoia Hotel, Manila Bay, Parañaque City, with the theme: "Empowering ITSOs towards Global Recognition of Innovation Breakthroughs."





Inspiring Excellence: CPSU Commends Faculty for Academic Achievement



May 5, 2025 — Central Philippines State University (CPSU) recognized 110 faculty members from its Main Campus colleges for their outstanding teaching performance during the first semester of Academic Year 2023–2024.



The awarding took place during CPSU's monthly convocation, which also featured the theme "Financial Literacy and Quality of Life"—emphasizing the importance of financial awareness as a key to achieving long-term stability and well-being.



The recognition aimed to honor faculty members whose commitment to academic excellence and student success reflects CPSU's dedication to high-quality education. The event served not only as a celebration of teaching excellence but also as a reminder of the value of lifelong learning and financial responsibility.



CPSU Observes Mental Health Awareness Day: Empowering Minds, Strengthening Spirits



January 31, 2025 — Central Philippines State University (CPSU) celebrated Mental Health Awareness Day with the theme “Empowering Minds, Strengthening Spirits: Exploring Identity, Advocacy, and Faith in a Connected World” at the CPSU Covered Court.

The event aimed to promote emotional well-being, self-awareness, and resilience among students, faculty, and staff. Through engaging activities, talks, and discussions, the celebration emphasized the importance of understanding one’s identity, advocating for mental health, and nurturing faith as sources of strength in navigating modern challenges.

CPSU’s observance of Mental Health Awareness Day reaffirms its commitment to fostering a compassionate and supportive campus environment where mental health is valued as an essential part of holistic development.



ROTC Cadets in Action: Building a Cleaner and Greener CPSU Community

On September 21, 2024, the Central Philippines State University (CPSU) ROTC Unit conducted a clean-up drive within and around the CPSU vicinity as part of their community service activity. Both cadets and officers actively took part in clearing waste, cleaning pathways, and maintaining the cleanliness of public areas within the university grounds.

This initiative supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities, which promotes the creation of inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable human settlements. By taking part in environmental preservation activities, the ROTC cadets demonstrated civic responsibility and leadership in promoting a cleaner and healthier environment conducive to learning and community development.

The activity not only enhanced the physical environment of the university but also encouraged environmental consciousness among the students, reflecting CPSU's commitment to sustainability and the development of responsible future leaders who value the importance of maintaining a green and orderly campus community.





Building Safer, More Sustainable Cities: CPSU and Kabankalan LGU Unite for a Disaster-Resilient and Sustainable Community



The Deed of Usufruct for the new City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) Training Center and Substation was officially signed by the Central Philippines State University (CPSU) and the City Government of Kabankalan on March 18, 2025.

Held at the Barracks, Crossing Taroc, Barangay Camingawan, the agreement was signed by CPSU President, Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, and Kabankalan City Mayor, Hon. Benjie M. Miranda, and was witnessed by CPSU Attorney IV, Atty. Racel D. Malalu-an, and on behalf of Barangay Camingawan Chairman, Hon. Rico Regalia, by Mr. Alan A. Posadas.

This collaboration underscores CPSU's commitment to make communities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. The establishment of the CDRRMO Training Center and Substation strengthens local capacities for disaster preparedness, response, and risk reduction, ensuring that the people of Kabankalan are better equipped to face natural and man-made hazards.

By allocating university property for this purpose, CPSU demonstrates its proactive role in promoting community resilience and urban safety, aligning higher education with local government efforts to build a disaster-ready and sustainable city.





From Groundbreaking to Greatness: CPSU Science Complex Set to Transform Learning



The groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the new Central Philippines State University (CPSU) Science Complex building transpired this afternoon, November 18, at the Main Campus.

Rev. Fr. Ritchie Villaflor led the construction site blessing ceremony of the P11.9 million-worth building that is expected to house facilities that would aid the academic advancement of generations of Cenphilians in the years to come.

Prior to the ceremonial shoveling of soil, a brief opening program was organized by the Project Management and Monitoring Office (PMMO), where the Vice President for Administration and Finance, Engr. Marc Alexei Caesar B. Badajos shared his hope for the project to be instrumental in providing more and improved services for Cenphilians.



Safe Schools, Resilient Communities: BFP Kabankalan Trains CPSU for Fire Prevention and Preparedness



The City of Kabankalan's Bureau of Fire Protection trained Central Philippines State University personnel and students during the Fire Brigade Organization and Training held on October 28-29, 2024.

Students alongside teaching and non-teaching personnel underwent rigorous physical training and comprehensive lectures in the activity conducted by the BFP under their Oplan Ligtas na Paaralan (OLP) or the Safe School Initiative (SSI) campaign.

The Kabankalan BFP trainers, headed by the Acting City Fire Marshal, SFO3 Restito C. Salon, BFP, conducted the training in cooperation with the University's Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) office led by Dr. Alejandro E. Nalagon.

Despite the random downpours and the cold winds blowing from time to time, CPSU personnel and students were up to the challenge as they crawled through streams and patiently listened to the lectures.

The first training day included completing lectures and modules on the Concept of Fire, Firefighting Tools and Equipment, Fire Operation Strategy, and School Emergency Response Team.

Trainees were also equipped with basic firefighting skills through adrenaline-pumping team exercises like bucket relay, hose throwing, and hose rolls and folds, and were also taught various lifting and carrying techniques.

The first day ended and the second day started with physical conditioning orientation and exercises, succeeded by more simulation exercises or field training exercises.

The successful end of the ceremony was marked by an acquaintance party, following the closing ceremony where certificates were conferred to trainees who completed the two-day endeavor.

Turning Waste into Worth: CPSU Champions Sustainable Production Practices



In alignment with the United Nations' call for responsible consumption and production, CPSU showcased to the visiting Tokyo University students its eco-innovations that transform waste into valuable agricultural resources. The university's vermiculture technology, which converts sugarcane bagasse and food waste into organic fertilizer, exemplifies circular economy practices that minimize environmental impact.

CPSU's initiatives demonstrate how higher education institutions can lead in sustainable production by integrating research, innovation, and environmental ethics into campus operations and community engagement. Through the muscovado processing and bagasse reuse model, CPSU proves that economic efficiency and environmental stewardship can coexist—turning agricultural by-products into viable inputs for production and enterprise.

The visiting Tokyo University delegation witnessed how sustainability is embedded in CPSU's day-to-day operations, from laboratory innovation to local enterprise development. These initiatives underscore CPSU's vision of creating environmentally responsible citizens who value conservation and make sustainability a way of life.



CPSU Champions Agricultural Diversity for a Food-Secure Nation



To promote the diversification of crops and food security for national resilience, Central Philippines State University observed its February 2025 Convocation, which highlighted “Agricultural Diversity and Food Security,” yesterday, February 24, 2025.

Cenphilians gathered at the Main Campus covered court for the event, which commenced with the traditional opening salvo, patriotic and civil service oaths, and the welcome remarks of Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Dr. Fernando D. Abello.

Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE) Program Coordinator for Visayas, Ms. Olive H. Seruelo, shared her expertise and insights for the forefront of advocating for agricultural diversity and food security—working together with local and foreign farmers in identifying arising problems in agriculture and workable sustainable farming solutions.

In her resource speech, Ms. Seruelo also elaborated on agroecology and the significance of using sustainable farming methods and intentional diversification in agriculture to ensure the food security of the Philippines to ensure resilience amidst local and international turmoil; she also emphasized the need to capacitate farmers to actively engage in agricultural research through education.

In his message, VPAA Abello expressed how CPSU has been advocating for organic and sustainable agriculture, attested to by its partnerships with numerous Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) like SEARICE, who believe in the genuine heart shared by all levels of the university in leading the nation through life-changing technologies and innovation.

The CPSU Youth Christian Circle uplifted the attendees' hearts through their spirit-encouraging song dedicated to honoring the Almighty God and fostering spiritual resilience among Cenphilians.

The College of Agriculture and Forestry (CAF) led by Dr. Hanzel L. Pedrosa, successfully hosted the event with the support of the College of Agriculture and Forestry Federated Officers (CAFFO)—facilitating the program that cascaded relevant and essential food for thought to the CPSU community.



Empowering Local Farmers: CPSU Leads Integrated Pest Management Training for Fall Armyworms



The Training-Workshop and Handbook Development for Integrated Pest Management for Fall Armyworms ended on a productive note as Dr. Ravindra Joshi, Entomologist and Volunteer Expert, trained local farmers in integrated pest management.

In partnership with the University of Tennessee – Smith Center for International Sustainable Agriculture with the financial support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Central Philippines State University – Farmer-to-Farmer: Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow (CPSU F2F ALOFT) brought Dr. Joshi to the university to help address problems that local farmers face.

The training-workshop was facilitated by the CPSU's Research and Development Services (RDS) headed by its Director Angelie Rose L. Lumba, Ph.D, and the Extension and Community Services (ECS) headed by Director Jimmy O. Degillo, Ph.D, with the technical support of the CPSU F2F ALOFT headed by Country Director, Dr. Manuel C. Palada.

Conducted from December 3 until December 5, 2024, the training-workshop was held at the university's Research Development and Extension Center Conference Room and site visits at Purok Bantolinawon, and Purok Kanding of Barangay Camingawan, Kabankalan City.

Dr. Joshi led the farmers in conducting a field inspection, observation, and assessment to have a glimpse of the actual entomological situations in the local farmlands—teaching farmers how to assess their lands effectively, conducting lectures about pest management, and engaging farmers in a workshop for the community-based surveillance system.

In a news article by the Philippines News Agency, it was reported that the infestation of armyworms in 18 local government units as of August 2024 affected 3,377.61 hectares tilled by 5,256 farmers, and accumulated agricultural loss amounting to PHP50.238 million.

Integrated pest management is one of the areas of concern that CPSU F2F ALOFT identified after meeting with various organizations in the earlier months of 2024, aiming to provide technical assistance to the agricultural sector and institutions.

Funded by the USAID and in partnership with the UT – Smith Center for International Sustainable Agriculture, CPSU F2F ALOFT is bridging the gap between grassroots farmers and foreign subject matter or field experts to capacitate and increase the knowledge of Negrense farmers for a more food-secure Negros and Philippines.



Greening the Future: CPSU Plants 625 Trees and Collects 4 Tons of Waste for Climate Resilience



Central Philippines State University–Main Campus planted a total of 625 assorted native tree seedlings and collected four tons of solid waste from its two-day environmental activities last June 18–19, 2025.

The university's Natural Resources and Environmental Management Services (NREMS), headed by Director Gregorio D. Predo, tallied the output as the institution's contribution to the City of Kabankalan's 25th Environment Week Celebration.

Under its "Oplan Tanom" in partnership with the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) and the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO), the university personnel, on-the-job training interns from the College of Agriculture and Forestry, and Philippine Army personnel from the 94th Infantry Brigade conducted reforestation activities at the newly established Spiritual and Wellness Park located at the 3-King Hills, CPSU Main Campus.

In contribution to the city-wide clean-up campaign by the Local Government Unit, four tons of solid waste gathered during the CPSU clean-up drive were properly hauled and disposed of at the Kabankalan City Sanitary Landfill through the assistance of the Brgy. Camingawan garbage vehicle.

The transplanted seedlings and collected waste are testaments to the university's commitment to upholding the spirit of environmental stewardship, fostering inter-agency collaboration for a shared purpose, and embracing its zeal for sustainable practices and ecological protection.

The active participation of CPSU's faculty and staff, led by the top management and the NREMS, is a concrete example of the university's belief in leading by example—inspiring students and the community to engage with ecologically sound programs, extending civil service beyond administrative and academic walls, and manifesting environmentally concerned citizenry.





Rooted in Sustainability: CPSU and DAR VI Lead Reforestation Drive with Local Farmers



Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Region VI personnel and Negros Island Region farmers planted trees at the Central Philippines State University (CPSU) Legacy Park 3 in coordination with the CPSU Natural Resources and Environmental Management Services (NREMS).

Eight (8) DAR – Negros Occidental employees and twenty (20) farmers from Barangay Ayungon, Valladolid, Negros Occidental, planted native tree species, participating in the reforestation efforts of the university as a part of DAR's Farm Business School program.

"We were actually talking about how timely this tree planting activity is because we have a tree planting activity scheduled before today's but some of us will not be able to attend. We're delighted that the entire team experienced this event," answered Ms. Hannah Gustino, DAR VI Senior Agrarian Reform Officer, and added, "We cannot disregard the effects brought by climate change, as there are abnormalities in the short-term and long-term meteorological conditions that we experience. It is desirable that more will be encouraged to engage in reforestation efforts as our contribution in addressing these pressing environmental concerns."

Held last September 20, 2024 NREMS Director, Mr. Gregorio D. Predo, facilitated the activity with Gender and Development Program Director, Mrs. Shirley A. Calugcugan, who hosted the succeeding short program.

"For us farmers, planting trees is very important to support the environment and to protect our watersheds, ensuring the availability of water for our farmlands. I believe that the activity is very successful due to the DAR personnel and CPSU officials' support for us farmers," said Fernando Oberio, Chairman of the Ayungon Farmers and Livestock Association, in an interview, where he also expressed his gratitude for CPSU for the successful benchmarking activity.

The group was also toured by the university officials in CPSU's project sites and was introduced to the best agricultural and entrepreneurial practices and technologies designed by the university to encourage local and partner farmers to imitate in their homes.

University President, Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, also interacted with the group, delivering an inspirational message to the farmers and sharing the university's commitment to improving the lives of the poor by extending the leading technologies that it generates to create a real impact in the community.





CPSU and DAR Join Forces to Reforest Legacy Park and Strengthen Climate Action



The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Negros Occidental Field Office actively engaged in reforestation efforts with Central Philippines State University's Natural Resources and Environmental Management Services (NREMS) today, October 30, 2024.

Regreening CPSU's Legacy Park 4, twenty-one DAR VI personnel including their Program Beneficiaries Development Division (PBDD) personnel, and District 4 DAR Municipal Office (DARMO) representatives participated in the tree planting activity where they planted wild native Philippine fruit trees locally known as the "lumangog" in attempts of helping provide the local fauna with habitats and more food sources.

"We pursued the realization of this activity for our GAD program and in compliance with the mandate that government employees are required to plant at least ten trees annually, which we faithfully practiced. As officials and employees of DAR, we want the land that we endow to farmers to be not barren but productive and resilient, especially in times of calamity. We have witnessed how our lands were dried up in the recent El Niño phenomenon. Farmers also suffered because of the scarcity of water, and what we want to become is to be exemplars for our farmers to plant and nurture," answered Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer (PARPO) I, Ms. Edna Villaruel, when asked about their objective for the tree planting endeavor.

DAR VI and local farmers whom they train under their Farm Business School program also previously participated in a tree planting activity organized by the NREMS last September 20 at CPSU's Legacy Park 3.

"Not just 'tree planting, but tree growing' so we chose to partner with CPSU and to have CPSU as our location for this activity to ensure that what we have planted will be well looked after. We're also thinking of naming the trees we planted so that we will be even more driven to return and check on them in the future, which is something that I believe will invoke happiness and fulfillment in the team because it's something we all contributed and worked out for our environment," Ms. Villaruel added.



Innovating for Climate Action: CPSU and JIRCAS Install Mini Weather Station to Advance Climate Research



ATMOS 41 Gen. 2, a mini weather station, was installed by the Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS) in Central Philippines State University-Main Campus today, February 2, 2025.

Brought by JIRCAS' Rural Development Division - Senior Researcher, Mr. Koichi Takenaka, the ATMOS 41 Gen. 2 is an all-in-one weather station that can measure 12 weather variables, including air temperature, barometric pressure, dual precipitation, gust and direction, lightning strike counter and distance, precipitation electrical conductivity (EC), relative humidity, solar radiation, vapor pressure, and wind speed.

The data produced by the all-in-one weather station can potentially be utilized in future research initiatives by both students and faculty of the university, especially of the College of Agriculture and Forestry's (CAF) Forestry Department, which is currently engaged in a collaboration with Mr. Takenaka for innovative research in the field of forestry.

Prof. Mary Ann S. Dagunan, Prof. Mae Flor G. Posadas, For. Dominic L. Billen, For. Wendel A. Pangaral, and instructors enkindled the Bayanihan spirit among the students as they physically prepared the site in front of the department's VOAG building dedicated to the installation of the mini weather station.

The Physical Plant Management and General Services Office (PPMGSO) staff also lent their manpower to the site preparation, adding features that will secure the protection of the device after its installation.





Restoring Life Below Water: CPSU's Mangrove Advocacy for a Sustainable Future



The Central Philippines State University (CPSU) community once again demonstrated its strong environmental advocacy through the “EmergenSibol Kalikasan” Mangrove Planting Initiative, held at Sitio Bagacay, Brgy. Daan Banua, Kabankalan City, on November 23, 2024.

Organized by the CPSU COMRADES, in partnership with the Supreme Student Government (SSG), student organizations, societies, and faith-based groups, the activity gathered volunteers from across the university who worked hand-in-hand to plant mangrove propagules along the coastal area. The initiative aimed to restore degraded mangrove ecosystems, enhance marine biodiversity, and strengthen the natural defense of coastal communities against erosion, storm surges, and flooding.

Mangroves play a vital role in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No. 14 – Life Below Water, as they serve as nurseries for fish and marine species, act as carbon sinks, and filter pollutants that flow from land to sea. By expanding mangrove coverage in Kabankalan’s coastal zone, CPSU contributes to the preservation of aquatic life and supports the sustainable use of marine resources for future generations.

Moreover, the event fostered environmental awareness and volunteerism among students and community members, reinforcing the value of collective responsibility in protecting marine ecosystems. Through initiatives like “EmergenSibol Kalikasan,” CPSU continues to champion education-driven environmental action, empowering youth and local stakeholders to become stewards of coastal and marine conservation.





Bridging Science and Sustainability: CPSU-JIRCAS Team Up for Forest Regeneration Research



To develop innovation in regreening degraded forest areas and sustain the needs of communities for raw materials, Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS) and Central Philippines State University (CPSU) Forestry Department partnered for research.

JIRCAS' Rural Development Division—Senior Researcher, Mr. Koichi Takenaka—collaborated with CPSU's forestry professors and instructors for his research entitled "Research on Environmental Conservation for Tropical Islands (Ridge-to-Reef Agroecosystem Connectivity): Forest Conservation Research Themes".

"We are delighted with this engagement with JIRCAS and we can really see the sincerity of our partner researcher, Mr. Takenaka who brought an array of equipment which can be utilized for supplementation of instruction to students and for future foresters who will endeavor in experimentation and research on the field. In Forestry research, the equipment are rare and very valuable assets. The engagement with our foreign partner will be addressing the department's target in internationalization which is also a requirement in our application for level 4 accreditation and as a center of development in the field of Forestry," said Professor Mae Flor G. Posadas.

Using the fast-growing *Anabiong* and the indigenous material-made soil briquettes, the team aims to innovate in addressing degradation in hillside areas; provide local communities with tree-planting models that could produce standard logs harvestable after two years of planting and that could regrow from remaining tree stumps; and minimize plastic waste produced in tree-planting activities.

Mr. Takenaka and CPSU experimented with the efficacy of soil briquette technology in making and using soil briquette technology as a substitute for plastic seedling bags that are typically used in reforestation activities, with soil briquettes being cylindrical-shaped, hollow-holed, and grooved, and made from locally sourced materials like bagasse and cassava starch as a binder.

Another research material incorporated in the endeavor is the *Trema orientalis* (L.) Blume, or the *Anabiong*, which is a fast-growing, Philippine native tree and is used as a raw material for ropes, paper, medicines, soil conservation, mushroom cultivation, and as fuel wood—ideal in regreening deforested areas and harvestable as raw materials for industries among local communities.

The department led by Professor Posadas, Professor Mary Ann S. Dagunan, For. Wendel A. Pangaral, and Forestry Department Chair, For. Dominic L. Billen, who actively communicated with Mr. Takenaka in the pre-planning stage of the collaboration, extended their expertise in the scientific endeavor last February 2025, assisting the visiting partner in the installation of ATMOS 41 Gen. 2, a mini weather station—sharing the common denominator of pursuing a breakthrough in forest conservation and innovation in sustainable income generation in woodland & hillside communities.





A Landmark Achievement: CPSU Secures Two Land Reserve Patents to Advance Sustainable Development



The special patents for 6,905,384 and 1,788,426 square meters of land within the Central Philippines State University (CPSU)—Main Campus reserve were officially conferred to the university and received by CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca.

For. Charlie E. Fabre, Officer-in-Charge Regional Executive Director (OIC-RED) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)—Negros Island Region (NIR), formally handed over the patents to President Moraca during the turnover ceremony.

This milestone marks a significant step in CPSU's land development efforts, which are geared toward the protection and conservation of natural resources, sustainable development of the local community, and supporting national government initiatives in regional development.

Dr. Moraca greeted the partners and guests in attendance and acknowledged Mr. Hernane Malabor and the CPSU Survey Team who worked for the attainment of the documents and encouraged the students to help in the development of the university assets in the fulfillment of the school's mandate and to be instrumental in addressing the food security issues of the country.

OIC-RED Fabre was joined by representatives from the Local Government Unit of Mabinay, Negros Oriental.

Extension and Community Services Office Director Dr. Jimmy O. Degillo, Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS) officers, Literacy Training Service (LTS) officers, and Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) cadets witnessed the event that was held at the Accreditation Center on September 13, 2025.





Ka-Peace-Tahan 2025 Unites CPSU, LGU, and Global Partners for a Peaceful Tomorrow



The Ka-Peace-Tahan Peace Fair ended successfully, with participation from local dignitaries, foreign guests, and Cenphilians who joined various activities promoting peace at Central Philippines State University (CPSU) – Main Campus.

Organized in partnership with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU), Ka-Peace-Tahan 2025 was celebrated in line with the National Peace Consciousness Month, featuring the theme: “Mapayapang Bukas, Abot Kamay sa Bagong Pilipinas.”

OPAPRU representatives, local dignitaries, and CPSU key officials led the ceremonial ribbon-cutting to mark the commencement of the three-day fair, held from September 16 to 18, 2025.

Japanese visitors from Niigata Agro-Food University also enjoyed trade fair products from various local entrepreneurial and artisanal associations and establishments that gathered at the event to showcase their home-grown and handmade products, which epitomize Negrense creativity, artisanship, and resourcefulness—reflecting the everyday life and culture of the locals.

Participating associations and establishments included the Kabankalan Showroom, CPSU Production and Enterprise Development Office (PEDO) Bagsakan Center, Oringao Garments Workers & Producers Association, Camugao Organic Growers Association, Daan Banua SLP Vendors Association, Balicotoc Farmers’ Association, Brgy. 6 Drivers’ Association, and KAPATIRAN Community Products.

City Mayor of Kabankalan Hon. Benjie M. Miranda, City Vice Mayor Hon. Divina Gracia S. Miranda, Extension and Community Services Director Dr. Jimmy O. Degillo (on behalf of CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca), the Commanding Officer of the 15th Infantry Battalion LT COL ELMAR SALVADOR, and the Commanding Officer of the 94th Infantry Battalion LT COL ZIEGFRED D TAYABAN, imparted messages throughout the occasion and highlighted the essence of the event.

PCMS MARY JUNE P FUENTES, Ms. Greace Agape Llamas, Mr. Kaiser R. Divinagracia, and Ms. Sandra G. Arellano also engaged with the attendees as resource speakers and discussed various peace-related and education relevant issues and concerns.

With OPAPRU as the spearheading body, the activity was organized in partnership with CPSU’s Research and Development Services (RDS), headed by Director Dr. Angelie Rose L. Lumba; the Extension and Community Services Office, led by Director Dr. Jimmy O. Degillo; and the Lions Club of Kabankalan, which provided various community services for the attendees.



Instilling Discipline and Patriotism: CPSU ROTC Shapes Future Leaders through Peace and Discipline Education



In the afternoon of September 21, 2024, after the clean-up drive, the CPSU ROTC Unit held a lecture on “AFP Core Values” at the College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE) building. The session was facilitated by Tsg Moody D. Deocares, the ROTC Coordinator, and attended by cadets and officers who were eager to learn about the key principles of the Armed Forces of the Philippines—patriotism, integrity, and discipline.



This undertaking aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 16 – Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, which advocates for building peaceful and inclusive societies, ensuring access to justice, and promoting effective, accountable institutions. By instilling the core values of discipline, leadership, and civic duty, the CPSU ROTC plays a vital role in nurturing youth who contribute to social order, peacebuilding, and responsible citizenship.



The activity was further strengthened by the presence of MAJ Nell Ven T. Maybanting, CDC Director; CPL Rogaciano V. Arib Jr., Operations NCO; and ILT Nathaniel Jan G. Celis, Assistant Commandant, whose leadership inspired cadets to become role models of service and integrity in their respective communities.



CPSU Opens Doors to New Horizons: HCCCI and NHSAFI Presidents Visit for International Learning Partnership



Presidents of South Cotabato-based Holy Child Central College Inc. (HCCCI) and New Hope of Agriculture and Fisheries Inc. (NHSAFI) visited Central Philippines State University-Main Campus on May 28, 2025.

HCCCI President, Ma'am Marivet Caballero and NHSAFI President, Engr. Ariel Bantayan were welcomed by CPSU's International Affairs Director, Dr. Joe-an Mae G. Escobar and CPSU-Victorias Campus Administrator, Dr. Noel B. Fordente for a tour around the campus' project sites and for partnership discussions.

With ongoing talks about the implementation of the Collaborative Online International Learning or COIL Program between HCCCI, CPSU, and other HEIs throughout the country, CPSU officials showcased the university's ongoing initiatives and expounded on its efforts in academe and the community.

Visitors also had a first-hand experience of the Cenphilian way of life as they rode through the iconic Abada and Mahogany Avenues, and had a glimpse of Cenphilian history through the CPSU Historical and Cultural Heritage Center curated pieces.

Director Escobar and HCCCI representatives alongside educators, policymakers, and academic leaders recently attended the International COIL Conference 2025 held at the Green Leaf Hotel, General Santos City, on May 21-22, 2025.

With the presence of the distinguished Atty. Lily Freida M. Milla, CESO III, OIC of the Office of the Deputy Executive Director, from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) International Affairs Services (IAS), local and international HEI internationalization figures convened in the conference for the advancement student mobility through the implementation of COIL among Philippine HEIs.





Cultivating Partnership, Cultivating Prosperity: CPSU Leads Collaborative Cacao Initiative in Ayungon



A cold noon breeze brushed through sun-tanned faces that brimmed with silent anticipation for a sweeter future brought by the bittersweet Criollo.

[AYUNGON, NEGROS ORIENTAL | February 4, 2025] — With a shared vision of fostering inclusive and sustainable rural development, Central Philippines State University (CPSU) strengthened its ties with key private and community partners through a collaborative initiative that seeks to boost the local cacao industry in the Negros Island.

In a gathering attended by around 80 local farmers of Barangay Banban, the University, represented by CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, joined hands with Mr. Ramon Uy, Sr., Chief Executive Officer of Ramon Uy Foundry and Machine Shop Corporation, and Mr. Christopher “Chris” Fadriga, an heirloom cacao farmer and advocate of sustainable agriculture, for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Asosasyon sa Katawhan sa Lamigan ug Banban nga Nagkahilusa, Inc.

This collaboration, founded on the principles of mutual growth, resource sharing, and innovation, marks a new chapter in CPSU’s commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No. 17: Partnerships for the Goals. By linking the academe, industry, and grassroots communities, the initiative establishes a model of partnership that drives local empowerment through technology transfer, training, and livelihood support.

Under the agreement, CPSU extends its expertise in agricultural research and community-based technology, while industry partners provide essential tools, resources, and mentorship to help local farmers develop sustainable cacao-based enterprises. The partnership also ensures that scientific innovations in cacao propagation, organic farming, and post-harvest processing are integrated into local practices — enabling farmers to enhance production quality and access broader markets.

CPSU President Dr. Moraca emphasized that the initiative reflects the University’s mission to transform lives through collaborative innovation and community empowerment. He highlighted that development thrives best when public institutions, private sectors, and local communities unite toward a shared goal of sustainability and progress.

Through this partnership, Banban’s smallholder farmers are not just cultivating cacao; they are cultivating hope, opportunity, and resilience — with CPSU and its partners serving as catalysts for a sustainable and equitable future.

This endeavor stands as a testament to what can be achieved when sectors come together — bridging academic knowledge, entrepreneurial expertise, and community spirit to make a collective impact that resonates beyond borders.





Strengthening Academic Partnerships for Licensure Excellence: CPSU and Teacher A Online Review Center Unite for Future Educators



The two-day Supreme Final Coaching was successfully conducted for Central Philippines State University's (CPSU) College of Teacher Education (COTED) fourth-year student-reviewees, marking another milestone in the university's commitment to fostering excellence through collaboration.

Held on April 23–24, 2025, at the Mt. Ballo Hall, CPSU Main Campus, the activity was organized in partnership with Teacher A Online Review Center, a leading institution in professional teacher examination preparation. This joint initiative exemplified the power of academic-industry partnerships in equipping future educators with the knowledge, strategies, and confidence necessary to excel in the Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT).

Under the leadership of Dr. Marjon C. Malacapay, Director of the Review for Licensure Examination Office (RLEO), and Dr. Merfe C. Hucalinas, Dean of COTED, the collaboration merged CPSU's institutional support with Teacher A's review expertise. This synergy reflects the University's proactive stance in creating linkages that strengthen academic performance, improve licensure outcomes, and promote shared responsibility in shaping competent and globally competitive educators.

The initiative directly contributes by fostering multi-sectoral collaboration between the academe and private review institutions. Through such partnerships, CPSU continues to amplify its impact, empowering students and ensuring that the university's efforts are aligned with national and global education goals aimed at sustainable development.





CPSU's Leap Toward ASEAN Quality: Now an Official AUN-QA Associate Member



The ASEAN University Network-Quality Assurance (AUN-QA) announced that Central Philippines State University is now officially an associate member of AUN-QA.

With 23 new Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) universities added to the AUN-QA Thematic Network, Central Philippines State University is now listed among the twelve new associate member universities from the Philippines.

Established in 1998, the AUN-QA focuses on quality assurance and was created to realize the mission of harmonizing educational standards and seeking continuous improvement of the academic quality of universities in the ASEAN region.

It can be recalled that CPSU Graduate School Dean, Prof. Riza Stephanie A. Alfara, and Quality Assurance Director, Dr. Grenny I. Jungco attended the AUN-QA Tier 1 Training held in Bangkok, Thailand, from August 27 to 30, 2024—learning from the expertise of AUN-QA trainers from prestigious ASEAN Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

As a new associate member as envisioned by the university President, Dr. Aladino C. Moraca who pushed for the said membership, CPSU continues to bolster the quality of its service for students and its clientele to provide life-changing educational learning experiences and innovative technologies that are supported by standard-exceeding processes and services, in service of global and local clientele.





Building Bridges for Shared Growth: CPSU Forges Strategic Alliances for Education and Innovation with Wadhvani Foundation and Foundation University

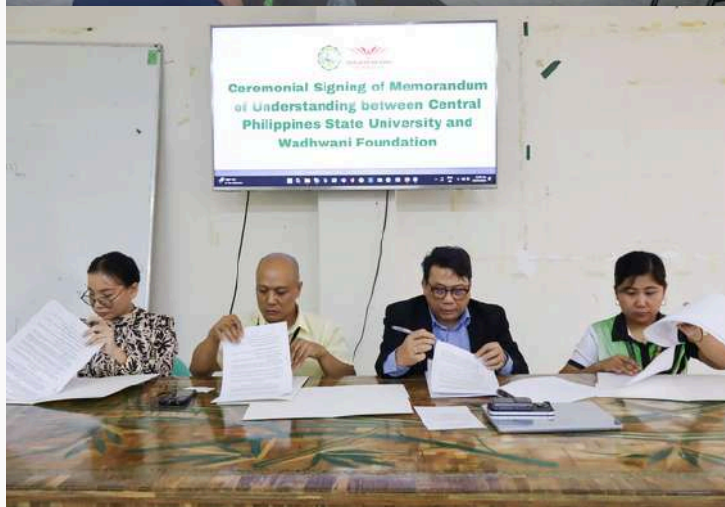


The second week of July 2025 marked a remarkable stride for Central Philippines State University (CPSU) as it strengthened its global and local linkages through two significant collaborations – the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Wadhvani Operating Foundation and the benchmarking visit of Foundation University (FU).

The MOU with the Wadhvani Foundation, represented by Mr. Lucrecio Delgado Jr., Southeast Asia Regional Director, on behalf of Mr. Meetul Patel, President and CEO, signifies a shared commitment toward advancing entrepreneurship, innovation, and employability among CPSU students and graduates. This partnership is envisioned to enhance the university's academic ecosystem by integrating skill-based and entrepreneurial learning models designed to empower students to become industry-ready and globally competitive.



Meanwhile, the visit of Foundation University officials led by Dr. Charlotte V. Cariño, University Chancellor, further strengthened CPSU's academic partnerships. Their benchmarking tour and collaborative forum focused on CPSU's best practices in internationalization, extension services, and administrative efficiency, reflecting a mutual pursuit of excellence and innovation in higher education.



Both engagements underscore CPSU's proactive efforts in building networks that promote knowledge exchange, institutional capacity-building, and sustainable partnerships—core elements of United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No. 17: Partnerships for the Goals. Through these alliances, CPSU continues to position itself as a hub for collaboration, fostering impactful linkages that contribute to inclusive and sustainable growth in the education sector.





Bridging Nations for Sustainability: CPSU and Tokyo University Forge Global Partnership



The academic engagement between Central Philippines State University and Tokyo University serves as a testament to the power of global partnerships in achieving sustainable development. Spearheaded by Professor Emeritus Dr. Toru Nakanishi, the visit fostered collaboration, knowledge exchange, and cultural understanding between Filipino and Japanese students, faculty, and researchers.

Through this partnership, CPSU strengthens its international linkages and advances its internationalization roadmap, aligning institutional goals with the broader global vision of inclusive and sustainable progress. The collaboration opened doors for joint research, technology sharing, and future exchange programs that benefit both institutions and their respective communities.

This initiative also reinforces CPSU's role as a proactive academic institution that builds bridges beyond borders—mobilizing partnerships that promote innovation, sustainability, and shared prosperity. The U-Tokyo and CPSU connection exemplifies SDG 17 in action, where cooperation becomes the foundation for lasting solutions to global challenges.



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The Central Philippines State University (CPSU) conveys its deepest appreciation to all offices, units, and individuals who have contributed to the completion of the 2025 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Report.

This report embodies CPSU's continuing commitment to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through education, research, innovation, and extension services that promote inclusive growth and environmental sustainability.

The University extends its sincere gratitude to the University President, whose visionary leadership and support have guided CPSU toward becoming a model institution for sustainable and countryside development. Recognition is likewise given to the Vice Presidents, Campus Administrators, Deans, Directors, and Unit Heads for their invaluable cooperation in providing essential data and insights on various SDG-aligned initiatives.

Special acknowledgment is given to the Planning and Development Office, which led the consolidation, analysis, and layout of this report, ensuring that the University's contributions to the SDGs are clearly documented and effectively presented.

CPSU also extends appreciation to the faculty, staff, researchers, extensionists, and students whose dedication and passion for sustainability serve as the foundation of the University's achievements.

Finally, heartfelt thanks are offered to partner agencies, organizations, and stakeholders whose collaborations have strengthened CPSU's mission of empowering communities and advancing sustainable development across the region.

Together, we remain steadfast in our pursuit of a sustainable and equitable future—rooted locally, impacting globally.