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Introduction

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as Global Goals, are a set of 17 integrated and interrelated goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that humanity enjoys peace and prosperity by 2030.

The Central Philippines State University (CPSU) is committed to advancing the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of its broader mission to foster inclusive and sustainable development through education, research, and community engagement. This 2024 SDG Report outlines the university's ongoing efforts to integrate the principles of sustainable development into its academic programs, research initiatives, community outreach, and institutional operations.

As a leading institution of higher education, CPSU has recognized its critical role in driving progress toward the achievement of the 17 SDGs. From reducing inequalities and enhancing access to quality education to promoting environmental sustainability and responsible innovation, CPSU's initiatives and programs have been carefully aligned with the global goals. This report highlights the key accomplishments, challenges, and future plans that underpin CPSU's dedication to sustainable development.

CPSU has strengthened its partnerships with local communities, government agencies, and international organizations to further amplify its impact. The university's holistic approach emphasizes the importance of collaboration, innovation, and resilience in addressing the pressing issues of today while preparing future generations for a sustainable tomorrow.

As we reflect on the progress made in 2024, this report serves not only as a testament to CPSU's achievements but also as a reaffirmation of our unwavering commitment to the SDGs. Through concerted efforts, we continue to strive towards creating a better, more sustainable world for all.

DOST, CPSU, Cooperating Agencies Bring Pandayan ng Bayan to Indigenous Farmers



To empower locals and inspire local metalwork industry in Negros Occidental, Central Philippines State University, Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region VI, and cooperating agencies granted a Pandayan ng Bayan package to Magcorao Upland Farmers Association (MUFA)

The turnover ceremony for the DOST - Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST)-funded project, took place at Brgy. Katilingban, Talisay City, Negros Occidental on May 21, 2024 with the presence of DOST VI Regional Director Rowen R. Gelonga.

Hon. Mayor Nilo Jesus Antonio Neil Lizares, and on behalf of Hon. Congressman Jose Francisco Benitez, Hon. Vice Mayor Jose Nicolas Jalandoni III attended the event, expressing their commitment to support the project and its utilization.

CPSU President Aladino C. Moraca, and representatives from the project's cooperating agencies namely Campus Director of TUPV Dr. Eric A. Malo-oy, and RU Foundry & Machine Shop Corp's Chief-Executive-Officer Ramon D. Uy, Sr., also gave their respective messages which entailed the long-term, country-wide benefits that the project's success will bring.

Project Manager Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa, with the implementing agency, CPSU College of Agriculture and Forestry, facilitated the turnover of the pieces of equipment and tools to MUFA, a farmers association composed of members from the Magcorao Tribu Bukidnon indigenous group.

It can be recalled that DOST, CPSU, TUPV, RU Foundry, Carlos Hilado Memorial State University (CHMSU), Philippine Normal University - Visayas (PNUV), and State University of Northern Negros (SUNN) previously delivered Pandayan Packages to chosen farmers' associations recipients from Districts 3, 4, and 5 of Negros Occidental.

The Pandayan Packages, which include welding machines, angle grinders, electric drills, table vise clamps, T-squares, oxygen tanks, etc., are foreseen to aid in the self-sufficiency of local farmers in creating and repairing localized and gender sensitive farming tools.

SEARICE, CPSU, Negrense Farmers Set Sights on Farmer-Friendly Gene Bank



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.

The said project is targeted towards the empowerment of local farmers associations and the establishment of a gene bank accessible to grassroot farmers, the workshops are namely, Inception Workshop, Baseline Study Workshop, Agroecology for Sustainable Food Systems: Basic Training on Agro-Ecology for Youth Partners of SEARICE, and Biocultural Community Protocol Workshop.

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.

29 Italians University Graduate School Students Visit CPSU for Food Practices Exchange



Italy's University of Gastronomic Sciences (UNISG) master's program students and tutors engaged with Cenphilians for an expeditionary learning experience at Central Philippines State University–Main Campus last March 18.

Twenty-nine UNISG students from countries like the United States of America, Kenya, India, Colombia, France, and Italy brought food products that are representative of their culture and are representative of the artisanal food practices of Italy for CPSU students to try as part of the food exchange workshop; College of Business Management (CBM) students under the supervision of CBM Dean Shiela A. Ignacio also introduced the sweet potato flour pandesal innovation to the said group of visitors.

CPSU officials from various offices toured the guests including UNISG students, UNISG tutors Ms. Martina Graglia, Meriam Venturino, and Lark Maag, Slow Food Negros representatives, and UNISG alumnus and UP Diliman's Professor Rae Macapagal, to CPSU's project sites which showcase the organic farming and slow food practices of the university which are designed to be replicated by students and locals as livelihood initiatives.

"I was also talking to some of the students from our university and they enjoyed this a lot because, you know, it's about sharing like how you welcomed us here and how we also brought something so we can share our culture and food with you. I think it's a very strong moment of bonding with you. It's something that we and our students really appreciate a lot, and that is something that could be repeated. The significance of this expeditionary learning experience is that it brings together different cultures, different people, and different thoughts but with the same love of food that we share. Love of food is what I believe, the thing that brought us here," answered UNISG tutor Ms. Martina Graglia when asked about her experience in CPSU and the significance of the expeditionary learning activity.

International Affairs Director Dr. Joe-an Mae G. Escobar facilitated the expeditionary learning activity, coordinating with UNISG tutors and Slow Food personnel to ensure that the attendees' concerns will be addressed.

"CPSU caters to farmers as well as their sons and daughters who enter CPSU as undergraduate students. Your presence in our university will play a critical role in my advocacy that farmers will be served the respect that they deserve, comparable to their noble toil of feeding the nation, comparable to the respect given to other professionals. I believe that the most important group of visitors to the university are our fatherland's farmers and you, foreign friends, are next to them. Today, you will be interacting with the local farmers and students, and the products they will share with you are certainly representative of the efforts we are exerting in this mountainous area. The demonstrations that you will be witnessing will show how our farmers prepare safe and healthy food. Hopefully, today's activity will be a stimulus for a ripple effect for more intercultural and borderless undertakings as your continuous support for us and our farmers has the potential to popularize our efforts on the ground and bring our projects to the international community," expressed CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca who consistently advocates for the university's internationalization campaign in his message.

University officials, including Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Fernando D. Abello, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Dr. Michael M. Bacolod, Quality Assurance Director Dr. Grenny I. Jungco, Extension and Community Services Director Dr. Jimmy O. Degillo, Graduate School Dean Dr. Riza Stephanie A. Alfaras, the College of Computer Studies Officer-in-Charge Shara Mae R. Tee, CPSU–Sipalay Dean of Instruction Dr. Aubrey Ginelle P. Rallos, Disaster for Risk Reduction Management Director Dr. Alejandro E. Nalagon, Production and Enterprise Development Office Director Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa, Ms. May Opino, and university nurse Mr. Kent Galdren Y. Banjao's respective presence, support, and assistance contributed to the success of the activity.

"It is noteworthy that many technologies surround us in this small world, in today's global city. Now, the role of the university is to bridge the gap between the academe and the farmers by teaching them and bringing to them the appropriate and adaptable technology for utilization—technology that is highly technical but economically viable. Your role, University of Gastronomic Sciences graduate school students, is of considerable magnitude as your visit will help us by widening CPSU's reach and narrowing the said gap. We would like to commend and congratulate you for visiting Central Philippines State University," said Dr. Abello in his remarks.

The expeditionary learning activity encompassed an opening program, food exchange workshops, group tours to the Muscovado Production Facility, Vermiculture Production Site, Green Tech Mining site, and a luncheon that put the local organic and slow food into the limelight.

CPSU acquires Rice Reaper



Central Philippines State University's newly procured rice reaper grazed the rice field of the university in its test run, at 10:00 am on April 16, 2024.

Overseen by College of Agriculture and Forestry (CAF) Dean Dr. Hanzel L Pedrosa, Supply Office Head Ma'am Ma. Socorro T. Llamas, and CAF Faculty, the testing of the equipment was witnessed by CAF students.

In addition to the rice reaper worth P395,000, the university also acquired a rice transplanter worth P398,000.

The acquisition of the pieces of equipment is perceived to be instrumental in the education of CPSU's students who specialize in the field of agriculture—enabling them to have a firm grasp of the use of the latest technology in the said domain.

University Update: Rice Transplanter, Agricultural Drone Field Demonstration



Central Philippines State University conducted two rice planting method demonstrations using the university's newly acquired rice transplanter, and agricultural drone, morning of May 10, 2024 at the university's rice paddies.

The rice transplanter demonstrated its capability of loading six mat-type rice nurseries and transplanting the seedlings into six rows on one passing through the paddy field while the agricultural drone demonstrated its capacity of dispersing seeds over paddies in one flight. The field demonstration was overseen by College of Agriculture and Forestry Dean Dr. Hanzel L. Pedrosa and Production and Enterprise Development Office Director Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa, and was conducted by the PEDO staff and CAF faculty.

CAF students witnessed the demonstration of CPSU's agricultural machinery—observing the capabilities of new technologies in improving agricultural practices especially in addressing surfacing issues like the lack of manpower and reduced field-time of farmers due to the rising temperatures in the country. Alongside the students, the university's office heads and staff also observed the said demonstration.

Kubota, Agrimach holds 1st Kubota-Saka Agritalk Seminar for BSABE



The Kubota Philippines Inc. (KPI) and Agrimach CG Corporation showcased sophisticated agricultural machinery for Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering students (BSABE) last May 21-22 at the Kubota-Saka Agritalk Seminar 2024.

Held at various venues at Central Philippines State University Main Campus, the talk was organized for 4th year BSABE students, the highlight of which is the field demonstration of several of Kubota's machines namely, rice harvester, walk-behind rice transplanter, ride-on type rice transplanter, and agricultural tractor on the event's second day.

An opening ceremony marked the start of the two-day event, followed by the presentation of Kubota's products by the company's engineers; apart from the field demonstration, BSABE students were given the opportunity to try the different machinery being showcased.

The activities for both first and second day schedules of Kubota-Saka Agritalk seminar were preceded by discussions about the must-know about the machines and necessary safety measures, followed by assessments for the students to gauge what they learned from the experiences.

Agrimach President and Managing Director Engr. Rommel M. Cajulao and KPI Senior National Sales Manager Engr. Deonilo M. Daduya shared their professional experiences in their respective messages—motivating students to pursue their passions.

CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Fernando D. Abello also challenged the students to pursue scientific endeavors to contribute to the country by relevant technologies that could address the challenges that the nation faces and could empower communities.

In a public Facebook post, Agrimach CG Corporation wrote, "The faces behind the success of Kubota Saka Agri-talk 2024 at Central Philippines State University... Special thanks to Central Philippines State University, College of Engineering [led] by Engr. Kris Montinola[,] Engr. Alfredo U. Castro[,] and Kubota Philippines Inc."



Cenphilians Save Lives in Bloodletting Activity

“Your blood is the bridge to a better tomorrow.”

Kabankalan City – The Central Philippines State University Medical-Dental Health Unit (MHU) successfully conducted a bloodletting activity last on December 13, 2023, at Mt. Ballo, CPSU-Main Campus. The said activity was made possible in collaboration with the University National Service Training Program (NSTP) and ROTC, and the Negros First Provincial Blood Center and Kabankalan City Health Office.

Among those who showed support through blood donations were the CPSU students, staff, parents and members of CafGO, resulting to a total of sixty-eight (68) blood donors who generously contributed to this life-saving cause.

Nurse Kristine Duran, head of the CPSU-MDHU team, said that the aim of annually holding this activity was to gather blood donations that are essential for medical treatments. The joint effort of all those involved including the volunteers, along with the support of the community made this event a successful one.

The donated blood will be distributed to different district hospitals in Bacolod City including district hospitals in Kabankalan City to be used in helping people needing medical care in the community,” Nurse Duran said.

This initiative exemplifies the University’s collective efforts in making a positive impact to support the community’s crucial medical needs.



CPSU, Partners Conduct Medical Mission



"Compassion in Action"

Central Philippines State University's Medical Dental Health Unit extended its services to the local community as it held a medical mission last July 7 and 8 at CPSU Main Campus.

The medical mission materialized in partnership with the volunteers from the university's National Service Training Program, Office of the Sixth District Congresswoman Mercedes "Cheding" Alvarez, JCI Chicks United, and the Rotary Club of Kabankalan City.

CPSU stakeholders were provided with various health services namely, General Consultation, Eye Check-Up with free eye glasses, Circumcision, Mental Health Counseling, and Physical Therapy on its first day at the Mt. Ballo Hall.

Pap Smear, Tooth Extraction, and Free Blood Sugar Testing were offered on its second day at the campus' clinic; clients were also given service for legal consultation.

University Nurse and CPSU Medical Dental Health Unit head, Kristine Duran expressed, "Most of those who avail the services of the medical mission are underprivileged members of the community. They cannot access medical health services in urban areas because of financial constraints. Here, they are granted access to those services, and they are given medication for free."

Medical professionals and health volunteers from the aforementioned agencies and organizations shared their expertise and time as they served the students, faculty, staff, and residents from nearby and even far-flung communities free of charge.



Graduating Cenphilians Join CPSU OSSA's Psycho-Spiritual Enhancement Activity



The Office of Student Services and Affairs (OSSA) with its Multi-Faith Services recently concluded its two-day Psycho-Spiritual Enhancement Activity for the graduating students of School Year 2023-2024 last July 3 and 4, 2024 held at Central Philippines State University's sports field.

Pastor Remus Rico Toledo started the event on the first day with a Christian service followed by the praise and worship song performances led by Ms. Alegria Ruth Abello. A break-out session was conducted in the afternoon.

On the second day, Rev. Fr. Alpi Laberos and Rev. Fr. Ritchie Villaflor led the celebration of the Eucharistic Mass. Dr. Fernando D. Abello, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dr. Marcelino A. Dechavez, former NSCA President, also graced the occasion.

As part of the OSSA's Career and Job Placement Services, an orientation ensued where Social Security System (SSS)-Kabankalan's Ms. Brenda B. Cruz discussed the social security number application process.

Also, P2Lt Psalm C. Sabio, an alumnus of Bachelor in Sugar Technology (BST), discussed the process and benefits of joining the Philippine Army Officer Candidate School, as he did after graduation in college.

Despite the heavy rain, the graduating students stayed until the end of the program to accomplish the SSS forms and to listen to the presentation of the Philippine Army. Activity in the afternoon was again spent for break-out sessions.

College of Criminal Justice Education holds Pinning and Donning Ceremony for Criminology Interns

"Layo pa, pero layo na," said Pat. Clemente D. Cabilen Jr. The College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE) held its Pinning and Donning Ceremony for Class 2023, Magsik last January 17 at the Central Philippines State University–Main Campus grandstand.

CCJE faculty organized the event to recognize the efforts of 71 fourth-year criminology students and to formally commence their off-campus on-the-job training with the graduating class' parents and guardians witnessing the momentous event.

An alumnus, Patrolman Clemente D. Cabilen Jr. from Philippine National Police (PNP) regional Mobile Force 6, graced the event and imparted an insightful testimony of his experiences as the inspirational speaker while Police Senior Master Sergeant Michael Villafuerte, spoke on behalf of the parents and guardians present.

In her opening speech, the Dean of Criminal Justice Education, Prof. Shenai F. Juance reminded the interns, "I know CPSU taught you well in this area. Be of service. Have a heart that is willing to help. You are assigned to the stations to learn and immerse yourselves, and you cannot fulfill such by just sitting down. Take initiative, extend your hand to the services in need in the office, and be resourceful and industrious, just as how CPSU has taught you."

Magsik's Neariah C. Maestro, who led the criminology interns as they marched their way into the ceremony, was donned the rank of colonel, the chief of criminology practicum service.

In his testimony, Maestro expressed his gratitude to the CCJE faculty, "Thank you for teaching us, guiding us, molding us, and disciplining us. Right from the start when we entered and enrolled in this university, you [did] all that not just because that's

are intended to do but or just because that's what you're paid for. But, all of us here, know, feel, and see your love and concern [over] us."

Class 2023 sang their class song "Puso" and the closing remarks from the On-the-Job Training coordinator, Elmer S. Manzanares, MSCJ meaningfully ended the ceremony.



Enhances Learning Resources Through Book Donations

“Investing in the Filipino Youth”: CPSU DJVV San Carlos Campus holds SMART Grants, Books Turn-over Ceremony



The university's students, officials, and distinguished benefactors lined up passing the newly purchased and donated books into the campus library and its shelves—a ceremonial denouement to the event.

Central Philippines State University–Don Justo V. Valmayor San Carlos Campus hosted the Ceremonial turn-over of Student Monetary Assistance for Recovery and Transition (SMART) Grants, and donated books from the Commission on Higher Education, and Negros Occidental 1st District Hon. Congressman Gerardo “Ginggo” P. Valmayor Jr., last February 2, at San Carlos Campus’ Balangaw Hall.

Education Supervisor and SMART Program Focal Person Dr. Danebeth G. Narzoles, CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, Vice President for Academic Affairs Secretary Dr. Michael Bacolod, and Cong. Valmayor’s son, Mr. Jinggoy Valmayor attended the said ceremony.

The ceremonial turnover commenced with the opening salvo, followed by a welcome address from DJVV San Carlos Campus administrator Ken M. Balogo, DIT(c), MSIT, the presentation of the Rationale by Dr. Narzoles which also introduced the numerous scholarship grants of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the presentation of grantees and turn-over.

Mr. Balogo also officially announced that all of the Central Philippines State University–Don Justo V. Valmayor San Carlos Campus programs are already Certificates of Program Compliance (COPCs) holders.

Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and CPSU Board of Regents (BOR) Chairperson, Hon. Dr. J. Prospero “Popoy” de Vera gave a recorded message to the student beneficiaries of the SMART grant. This was followed by grantees’ appreciation speech given by student representatives from universities namely: Colegio de Santa Rita de San Carlos, Inc., VMA Global College, La Consolacion College, University of Negros Occidental Recoletos, STI – West Negros, and CPSU San Carlos, and on behalf of Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Fernando D. Abello, Dr. Bacolod gave an acknowledgment speech.

It was previously reported that the congressman and his family donated P1 million pesos to CPSU’s San Carlos Campus last January 22, at Greenbelt 5, Makati City for CMO No. 22, series of 2021 compliance while three publishing houses also donated P1.05 million worth of books.

“To our ground counterparts, the office of Congressman Gerardo P. Valmayor Jr. along with his son, Mr. Jinggoy Valmayor, thank you for your fulfilling support to our university. Of course to our campus team—I find the team from the San Carlos Campus, led by Mr. Balogo, truly laudable. In addition to that, I am also overjoyed over the news that all the programs of the Don Justo V. Valmayor Campus have already been awarded the Certificate of Program Compliance. The combination of the efforts of the office of Congressman Valmayor, the local government unit of San Carlos, the Commission on Higher Education, Central Philippines State University, and other agencies, represent the legitimate face of our government’s dedication to touching the heart of the poor...I express my commitment that within my remaining years of service, I will wring out the best of my ability even until the last drop so that the university’s hard-earned money, will be spent with transparency, to be allotted to addressing the needs of the campuses.”

The event ended with the ceremonial turn-over of the purchased and donated books which was participated by the distinguished guests, university faculty and staff, and students; DepEd San Carlos City’s Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Dennis G. Develos also expressed his support for the event as he convened with the distinguished guests.

CPSU Main Campus College Librarian III Julius R. Fetiluna, MLIS, and CPSU Hinigaran Campus administrator Bella Supealso attended the said event.

Strengthens Educational Programs and Standards

CPSU Main Campus hosts NSTP meeting with Curriculum Committee, ISO Internal Audit Office



To bolster the National Service Training Program (NSTP) curriculum for the benefit of the students of Central Philippines State University, the Main Campus' NSTP office hosted a meeting with the Curriculum Committee, and ISO Internal Audit office on January 29, 2024, at CPSU Main Campus Accreditation Center.

"We asked the permission of the administration to conduct this activity and we are thankful for the top management's support. The goals that we must share today are to enhance the current National Service Training Program

being administered to the students, and to ensure the continuous alignment of NSTP activities among the university's campuses," said NSTP director Dr. Salvador C. Castor Jr. in his opening remarks.

Dr. Salvador C. Castor Jr. led the whole-day activity and imparted his welcoming remarks after the opening salvo, followed by a message from the Curriculum Planning director Dr. Eleanor F. Castro.

"The National Service Training Program is a part of the curriculum and NSTP is one of the curriculum's most important courses. That is why we are here, to strengthen the said course as we believe that there is always room for improvement. There is no perfect curriculum. What we need to do is to visit and check what else we can do to improve our present practices. The main objective of today's activity is to harmonize the implementation of Republic Act 9163, the implementing rules and regulations of NSTP, and its three components," remarked Dr. Castro.

ISO Internal auditor Dr. Michael M. Bacolod further gave an orientation about the updates from the International Organization for Standardization concerning the bolstering of the NSTP program.

"The International Organization for Standardization has set standards which CPSU, as an academic institution, strives not only to comply with but to exceed. This is a noble contribution to the community whom we serve. Enhancing the NSTP programs that we offer is one step closer to providing this contribution," said Dr. Bacolod in his orientation.

In line with this, the meeting proper, the NSTP syllabus workshop for Literacy Training Service (LTS), Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS), and Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), and the output presentation ensued, respectively.

University LTS Coordinator Dr. Jose Gay D. Gallego, University CWTS coordinator Ms. Kristine C. Duran, RN, MAN, University ROTC coordinator Dr. Patrocenio L. Gonzales, and CPSU Moises Padilla coordinator Ms. Mona May Cabillon presented consolidated and quality outputs for NSTP'S LTS, CWTS, and ROTC programs and they also relayed their respective messages to the attendees.

SDG 4 Quality Education

Ensures Quality and Accountability in Education Programs

CHED Conducts Program Monitoring at CPSU



To ensure that Central Philippines State University's programs are maintaining their compliance with the minimum requirements for their Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) visited CPSU Moises Padilla and Main Campuses on February 14 and 15, 2024.

CHED Region 6 Education Supervisors Dr. Alan P. Lena, and Dr. Rosslin John Robles conducted program monitoring on CPSU's Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT), Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE), Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (BSABE), Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (BSME), and Graduate School programs. The monitoring included the checking of relevant forms, inquiries on student populations, faculty qualifications, conduct of benchmarking, policies on research writing, internal and external academic collaborations, and available journal subscriptions, as well as the recommendation of possible program offerings in the near future.

CPSU President Dr. Aladino Moraca, Vice President for Finance and Administration Engr. Marc Alexei Caesar B. Badajos, Ph.D, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Fernando D. Abello, and Quality Assurance Director Dr. Grenny I. Jungco accommodated the visiting personnel. After a short briefing for the monitoring, the Faculties of the College of Engineering headed by Engr. Kris V. Montinola, the College of Computer Studies Officer-in-Charge Shara Mae R. Tee, MIT, and Graduate School Dean Dr. Riza Stephanie A. Alfara provided the necessary documents, answered queries, and toured the CHED personnel to the facilities of the colleges concerned.

Dr. Robles expressed, "Based on our monitoring, in all key areas, the BSIT program of CPSU Main Campus is compliant with the minimum requirements stated in the CMO. 25 s. of 2015. The said areas include the administration, faculty, curriculum, library, and instructional areas including laboratories and research. So far, the program is 100% compliant ... This is my third time visiting the program and every time I visit, there are improvements especially in the facilities and instructional requirements so hopefully, on my next visit, the BSIT program is already occupying the building intended for it."

Management Information System Office Director Ryan Escorial, Computer Maintenance Technologist Kit Ian Bayotas, BSABE program head Engr. Alfredo U. Castro Jr., BSEE program head Engr. Alberto R. Delina, BSME program head Engr. Janet Serisola, CPSU Main Campus College Librarian III Julius R. Fertiluna, and Registrar III Mr. Rhonelo Lobrique, MPA along with the faculty from CCS, COE, and the graduate school were present and assisted in supplementing the needed information for the monitoring.

SDG 4 *Quality Education*

Expands Educational Resources
to Underserved Areas

CPSU San Carlos Shares Donated Books to Candoni, Sibalay, Hinoba-an



Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Dr. Fernando D. Abello led the turnover of books from Central Philippines State University–Don Justo V. Valmayor San Carlos Campus to CPSU’s Candoni, Sibalay, and Hinoba-an Campuses respectively last February 22 for the benefit of university’s stakeholders.

Copies of books of various titles were donated by CPSU Sibalay, by the initiative of CPSU San Carlos Administrator Mr. Ken T. Balogo, to the libraries of the three aforementioned campuses for the enrichment of the learning experiences within the system by the sharing of learning resources.

Quality Assurance Director Dr. Grenny I. Jungco and IQA Auditor for Management Review Dr. Michael M. Bacolod accompanied Dr. Abello in presenting the books to the campuses’ respective administrators, librarians and librarian designates for the recipient campuses also monitoring the actual operation of the libraries.

The donated books were part of the accumulated P2.05 million worth of book donations recently given by Negros Occidental 1st District Hon. Congressman Gerardo “Ginggo” P. Valmayor Jr., New Century Publications, Belview Co., Inc., and Wiseman’s Books Trading to the CPSU-DJJV campus early this year.

The issuance and maintenance of the Certificate of Program Compliance will be made more plausible by the given donations as university libraries and library resources are requirements in obtaining the said certificate as CMO No. 22, series of 2021 mandates.

Turnover for the books transpired in the libraries of Candoni, Sibalay, and Hinoba-an Campuses as received by CPSU Candoni Campus Administrator Ms. Shiela Callago and Candoni Campus Librarian Jan Marie Duyo, CPSU Sibalay Campus Administrator Dr. Ervin P. Ferraris and CPSU Sibalay Property Custodian Joene T. Geroche, and CPSU Hinoba-an Campus Administrator Ms. Joy Malen Baldevino and Hinoba-an Campus Library Designate Jessa Lebria.

Recognizes and Supports Future Educators

COTED holds Pinning Ceremony for 121 Pre-Service Teachers



121 pre-service teachers received their pins during the College of Teacher Education's (COTED) 6th Pinning Ceremony, Tribute to Parents, and Candle Lighting held last February 29, 2024 at Zaycoland Hotel and Resort in Kabankalan City.

Central Philippines State University's (CPSU) COTED hosted the event to formally acknowledge the eligibility of the pre-service teachers to be deployed for their mandatory internship and to acknowledge their parents and guardians for supporting them in their collegiate efforts. Himamaylan City Schools Division Superintendent Ma'am Gladys Amylaine D. Sales CESO V gave her inspirational message for the pre-service teachers which made the event themed "Upholding Educator's Vision and Cultivating Ethical Standards: Response to a Better Education" more worthwhile and memorable for the aspiring educators.

"As John Dewey eloquently stated 'Education is not preparation for life but it is life itself'. That is why we keep teaching ourselves every day. Even if you are already teachers as you'll eventually become professional teachers, it doesn't mean that you will stop learning. It is a given that you will learn more because the greatest responsibility for you is to teach yourself more each day. After all, changes in today's time occur so fast, especially with the developments in technology and research being done during the information age. So you need to teach yourselves because you are responsible for teaching the children," expressed Ma'am Sales in her message.

CPSU Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Dr. Fernando D. Abello, Quality Assurance (QA) Director Dr. Grenny L. Jungco, and Office of Student Services and Affairs (OSSA) Dean Dr. Pilipinas Ma. D. Jareño also attended the event.

"Firstly, I would like to thank your parents for their support and for entrusting Central Philippines State University with your tertiary education. Secondly, I want to challenge you, future educators, to continue your studies with great diligence so you can finish your program decorated with excellence. I am sure that you know that teaching as a profession requires your commitment, a commitment so great that you're bound to make sacrifices to ensure that the generations who will be entrusted to you will be able to live out our motherland's hope for them to be the hope of the nation indeed. Make use of your time in your internship program well. I and the College of Teacher Education are behind you, pre-service teachers. Mabuhay!" Dr. Fernando D. Abello.

The COTED program advisers conferred pins to pre-service teachers—twenty from the Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED), seven from the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (BECED), eighteen from the Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSED) major in English, seventeen from the BSED major in Filipino, fifteen from BSED major in Mathematics, twenty-seven from BSED major in Science, and seventeen from the Bachelor of Physical Education (BPED) programs.

The event was facilitated and made successful by the COTED faculty headed by their Dean and BSED-Filipino program adviser, Dr. Merfe C. Hucalinas, and program advisers namely Dr. Denis D. Bilocura for BEED and BECED, Ma'am Cristina G. Juarez for BSED-English, Ma'am Almira I. Segura for BSED-Mathematics, Ma'am Joehaida S. Oquias for BSED-Biological Science, and Dr. Eleanor F. Castro for BPED. To show their appreciation for the love and support that they are receiving, the pre-service teachers gave their respective personal tokens to their parents and guardians.

Enhances Learning Through Engaging Lectures

“Sweetening Learning Experiences to Success”: URC-SURE SONEDCO Conducts Lectures at CPSU

Universal Robina Corporation (URC) Sugar and Renewables (SURE) Southern Negros Development Corporation’s (SONEDCO) officers conducted lectures on Sugar Production for fourth-year Bachelor of Sugar Technology (BST) students in preparation for their practicum.

India’s National Sugar Institute graduate and URC-SURE SONEDCO factory operations group manager Dr. Santosh Singh led the lecturers of the said company last February 21-22 at Central Philippines State University (CPSU) Accreditation Center for the BST seminar with the theme, “Sweet Success: Exploring Sugar Production Processes, Laboratory Analysis and Safety Career orientation with GAD Awareness.”

Engr. Nero D. Salindagat, Mr. Ericson Liu, Engr. Marnelle G. Inventor, Mr. Jessie Bañares, Ms. Alexandra Faith Castillo, and Engr. Faye Delight Cabalfin from URC-SURE SONEDCO and a former CPSU part-time instructor Engr. Rene Estorninos expounded on diverse areas of sugar production as it occurs in sugar manufacturing companies, helping to make abstract concepts more understandable for aspiring sugar technologists.

The seminar aims for the BST students to have a better understanding and clearer expectations about the realities of sugar production and technology—tying up their theoretical knowledge with the actual experiences of seasoned professionals in the sugar industry.

The two-day event was facilitated by the College of Agriculture and Forestry led by Dr. Hanzel L. Pedrosa with the faculty of the said college, JPS-Tech, Guidance & Counselling Unit, Gender & Development Office.

BST program head Ms. Genalin A. Mangao, JPS-Tech Adviser Ms. Mary Ann M. Cañada, Ms. Filipina G. Corpuz, and Carol Jane D. Parcon also oversaw the learning process.

The activity is an indication of the shared desire not only of the CAF’s teaching force but also of CPSU as an academic institution to mold its students holistically by providing relevant learning opportunities and experiences.



The Annual Research In-House Review



Central Philippines State University faculty from various campuses presented 36 completed studies and 46 research proposals during the Annual Research In-House Review 2024 held last March 26–27 at CPSU Main Campus.

The completed studies and proposals were critiqued by a panel of evaluators composed by members from reputable HEIs namely State University of Northern Negros Research Director and Professor V Dr. Judith Rabacal, Philippine Normal University-Visayas (PNUV) Research, Extension, Quality Assurance, and Development Director Dr. Aragon A. Dechimo, PNUV Quality Assurance Management Head Dr. Ruel T. Bonganciso, University of Negros Occidental Recoletos (UNO-R) Recoletos de Bacolod Graduate School Director Dr. Dennis V. Madrigal, Carlos Hilado Memorial State University (CHMSU) Research Director Dr. Ricky B. Acanto, and CPSU Research and Development Services Director Dr. Angelie Rose L. Lumba.

Presentations for 72 papers were presented during parallel sessions held at CPSU Main Campus' RDEC Conference Room and College of Engineering Audio Visual Room succeeding an opening program attended by the university's President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Fernando D. Abello.

The Annual Research In-House Review, facilitated by the Research and Development Services, was conducted in line with CPSU's Philosophy, Mission, Vision, Goals, and Motto –showcasing technology in multi-disciplinary areas through research and development.

CPSU Office Heads Attended “Blueprint Towards Success: a Training on Strategic Performance Management System ”



By conducting the two-day “Blueprint Towards Success: A Training on Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS)” workshop for its employees, Central Philippines State University continues to promote morale efficiency, integrity, responsiveness, and courtesy in the civil service.

CPSU’s office heads attended the workshop held on April 11-12, 2024 at the CPSU Main Campus Accreditation Center, facilitated by the Planning and Development Office and Human Resource Management Office.

Civil Service Commission Negros Occidental Field Office Director II Atty. Phillip Bernard H. Capadosa, Chief Human Resource Specialist PSED Kristine E. Sabla-on, and Human Resource Specialist Mr. Esper Herminio G. Legaste diligently oversaw the workshop—imparting expertise on the creation of the Organizational/Division/Individual Performance Commitment Review.

The workshop commenced with an opening salvo, followed by Vice President for Finance and Administration Dr. Marc Alexei Caesar B. Badajos’ welcome message, and the training proper.

According to CSC Memorandum Circular No. 6, s. 2012, The Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS) is a “mechanism that links employee performance with organizational performance to enhance the performance orientation of the compensation system.”

Enhances Learning Outcomes and Curriculum

Crafting of the Institutional Program Intended Learning Outcomes



To ensure vertical and horizontal constructive alignment of intended learning outcomes throughout Central Philippine State University's instruction, college deans, and program heads from the Main Campus convened for the Crafting of the Institutional Program Intended Learning Outcomes.

Resource speaker, Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) Quality Assurance Management Center Director Dr. Cesar P. Estrope, and co-facilitator Dep-Ed personnel Mr. Jull Arcel C. Orlina shared their expertise during the event that was scheduled from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm for dates, May 29 to 30, 2024 at CPSU Main Campus Accreditation Center.

The first day of the activity included an opening program, lectures on Outcome-Based Education Curriculum, VMGO-articulation in the Program Mandates, and the Crafting of Institutional Program Intended Learning Outcomes for all Curricular Programs.

The attendees were engaged in the workshop proper for the Crafting of Institutional Program Intended Learning Outcomes for all Curricular Programs, and Curricular Mapping of Curricular Program, and concluded with an open forum for the second day of the event.

The activity was facilitated by the Curriculum Planning and Development Office led by Director Dr. Eleanor F. Castro, with the Quality Assurance Office led by Director Dr. Grenny I. Jungco.

The event was conceived and materialized for the realization of CPSU's commitment of providing quality education for its students—faithful to the country by contributing to the academe through its services.

Focuses on Quality Assurance in Education

CPSU, NORSU's CQA Training Workshop Phase II, Successful!



In collaboration with training team from Negros Oriental State University's (NORSU) training, headed by NORSU President Hon. Joel P. Limson, Ph.D, Central Philippines State University successfully held the Phase II of its the Curriculum Quality Audit (CQA) Training Workshop Phase II.

The NORSU's training team members alongside Dr. Limson are CQA Specialist/QUAMC Director Dr. Cesar P. Estrope, CQA Specialist/Prism Copy Editor Dr. Maria Dolores A. Paculanang, CQA Specialist/Curriculum & Instruction Director Dr. Ralph A. Cadeño, CQA Specialist/NORSU Board Secretary Dr. Priscilla S. Cielo, CQA Specialist/Deputy QA for Academics Prof. Jeffrey V. Estores, CQA Specialist/Acad-Admin Officer Prof. Timmy T. Tanaya, and CQA Practitioner/Research Coordinator Prof. Chloe B. Cadiz.

CPSU's CQA Phase II Training Workshop CQA Core Team, Curriculum Lead Auditors, CQA Phase II Curriculum Specialists, college deans, deans of instruction, campus administrators, and program heads attended the the training workshop was held at CPSU Main Campus' Accreditation Center on June 13-14, 2024.

When asked about his expectations for the output from the workshop, President Limson replied, "Well, I am looking at a very responsive and relevant curriculum which would really address the needs of the community considering a lot of challenges, a lot of changes—fast changes at that. So, we need to keep ourselves updated and ensure that our curriculum would be responsive and relevant to the needs of the situation, needs of the community, and needs of the country."

To ensure the alignment of intended learning outcomes and the quality of the faculty-made syllabi, the Curriculum Planning and Development Office headed by Dr. Eleanor F. Castro organized the second phase of the workshop, succeeding its first phase, the Crafting of the Institutional Program Intended Learning Outcomes.

Overseen by NORSU's training team, the workshop included sessions for "Constructing the Basic Curriculum Audit Map", "Vertical and Horizontal Constructive Alignment", "Crafting the Course Description and Learning Outcomes", and "Designing the COBEdized Syllabus" with the presentation of the outputs ensuing after.

When asked about something that he'd like to challenge the participants with, President Limson answered, "What I can say is for the participants to really be serious on revisiting their respective curricula. In fact, agriculture before was the flagship of many state universities and colleges in the country but today, it's somewhat like being set aside because of some other priorities. So, we need to revisit all of these because if we say that we are an agricultural country, agricultural courses should be the backbone of the agricultural industry and of this country."

Along with CPSU's Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Fernando D. Abello, the Quality Assurance Office Director, Dr. Grenny I. Jungco and Internal Audit Office Head, Ms. Joannie Magbanua were also present in the event.

Supports Research and Learning in Technology

CPSU CCS Main Campus Conducts BSIT 3rd Student Colloquium 2024



The College of Computer Studies at Central Philippines State University Main Campus successfully conducted the BSIT 3rd Student Colloquium 2024 in Mount Ballo Hall last June 28, 2024, for student researchers in the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology program.

Leonor, Templatura, and Gemotra of CPSU Moises Padilla Campus have been awarded the Best Paper and Best Presenter for their capstone project, "Handsy: Alphabet Sign Language Tutorial Mobile Application with Hand Recognition."

The capstone projects of proponents from Fellowship Baptist College and various CPSU campuses were presented and critiqued during the event, demonstrating their innovativeness, creativity, and resourcefulness in the integration of leading technologies to bring about impactful advancements in computer science.

Here is the list of awards and winners of the event:

Best Presenter and Best Paper – Handsy: Alphabet Sign Language Tutorial Mobile Application with Hand Recognition

Researchers: John Berlin V. Leonor, Jomer C. Templatura, and Regime C. Gemotra (Moises Padilla Campus)
Adviser: Charlie Pelingon and Rose Ann C. Balladares

2nd Place – Fertilizer Sprayer with Mobile Application

Researchers: Jerico Cesar B. Laurico, Charmie C. Cardiente, Rodelyn P. Buenviaje, Deigh Anne P. Prebano
Adviser: Jose Marie Clyde Taburada

3rd Place – Rain Collector with Hydro Electric and Irrigation Features

Researchers: Ztham E. Cabugnason, Julian M. Jimenez, Cecil O. Gonzaga, and Adrian M. Parulanan
Adviser: Shara Mae R. Tee, MIT

Best in Poster – Rain Collector with Hydro Electric and Irrigation Features

Researchers: Ztham E. Cabugnason, Julian M. Jimenez, Cecil O. Gonzaga, and Adrian M. Parulanan
Adviser: Shara Mae R. Tee, MIT

2nd Place Poster – Innovated Coffee Dryer

Researchers: Fiona S. Figueroa, Misalyn T. Ponciano, Roselyn T. Abadiano, and Unilyn R. Salcedo
Adviser: Christine G. Alpas

3rd Place Poster – Innovating a Sea Wall Alarm System with Arduino Technology

Researchers: Adrian James M. Virginia, Joshua T. Yanson, LG S. Tabia (Victorias Campus)
Adviser: Jonel M. Junsay

3rd Place Poster – CCS – ICT Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures Inventory Control Platform

Researchers: Leonard G. Gregorios, Mae T. Alera, Babeto L. Chua Jr.

SDG 4 *Quality Education*

Encourages Student Research and Knowledge Dissemination

COTED Conducts Student's Research Colloquium 2024



The College of Teacher Education conducted the Students' Research Colloquium 2024 on July 4-5, 2024, at the Accreditation Center on the Central Philippines State University Main Campus, themed "Revitalizing Research Culture: Innovative Research and Collaboration in Education."

The students showcased their research studies and received evaluations from a panel of experts, Dr. Araceli Doromal, PESERE Research Fellow, and Dr. Joel M. Bual, Research Professor of UNO-R Graduate School.

Bernard D. Hudierrez and Mark Kyle D. Combate, Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSED) major in Science students, were conferred the Best Research Paper Award for their research study titled "Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) Rhizome Juice and Garlic (*Allium sativum*) Clove Juice as Organic Insecticide Solution against Red Cotton Stainer (*Dysdercus cingulatus*) Infesting Okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus*) Pods."

Janice B. Cabrillos, Ems J. Pinongpong, and Erica B. Gatoc, BSED major in English students, authors of the research study title "Comparative Analysis between Dharman and Sameer Bhavnani Short Video Films" were also awarded with the Best Presenter Award.

This Student Research Colloquium provided an important opportunity for students to present their academic work and improve their professional abilities, a dynamic venue where promising students may participate, acquire knowledge, and make contributions to the community.

Enhances Vocational and Technical Education Through Internships

CCS Confers Internship Pins to 135 BSIT Interns



135 fourth-year Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) students received their internship pins during the Fourth BSIT Pinning Ceremony, themed “Shaping Dreams, Overcoming the Challenges in the IT World.”

Facilitated by Central Philippines State University’s College of Computer Studies, the ceremony was held at Mt. Ballo Hall on August 16, 2024.

BSIT OJT Coordinator, Ma’am Debbie Lou B. Enquillino, presented the student interns, accompanied by their parents, for the conferment of their internship pins.

Curriculum Planning and Development Director, Dr. Pilipinas Ma. D. Jareño also shared her insights as the guest speaker: “We are just doing our job every day with passion and love for work, and those can also be of good use to you, interns. One of the greatest messages that you should also bear in mind as you are immersed in the field of work is to love your work, as your work will love you. It’s that simple.”

The initiative precedes the official deployment of the student interns to their internship sites, marking their readiness to take on real field challenges after their three-year collegiate education for the program.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Fernando D. Abello, imparted an inspirational message during the event, challenging the student interns to exhibit what they learned within the classroom as actualized knowledge and to remember their responsibilities—to be diligent in their studies for their parents, to serve the community well, and to bring honor to the university by exhibiting excellence.

CCS Dean, Dr. Chester L. Cofino, also gave his closing remarks, commending the student interns for their efforts throughout their BSIT journey and ending the ceremony with encouragement for the students who are about to take a step closer to their academic goals.

The parents of the student interns also convened with the BSIT OJT Coordinator in the afternoon of the same day for an orientation and for the signing of the memoranda of agreement for the internship program.

CPSU maintains ISO 9001: 2015 Recertification



Central Philippines State University is now a certified member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). TÜV Rheinland Philippines Inc., a certifying agency under the international company TÜV Rheinland Group, awarded ISO 9001:2015 certification to CPSU effective February 19, 2019.

This was after the conduct of two stages of audit on the university main campus on November 21, 2018 and on January 7-8, 2019. The scope of the Quality Management System of CPSU is the provision of higher and advanced education through instruction, research, extension, production and administrative support services.

The university management, faculty and staff prepared for the accreditation by undergoing a six-month training conducted by the Development Academy of the Philippines from July 30 to December 6, 2018.

The move to obtain ISO certification, is the university's response to the implementation of the Government-wide Quality Management Program (GQMP) as mandated through Executive Order 605 (Amending for the purpose Administrative Order No. 161, S. 2006).

AO 161, issued on October 5, 2006, institutionalized the Quality Management Systems in Government aims to effect actual improvements in public governance in recognition of the ISO 9000 series which ensures consistency of products and services through quality processes.

CPSU ROTC Cadets Pass RAATI 2024 with Excellence



Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) cadets of Central Philippines State University achieved a collective 92.29% grade for the Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI) 2024 last May 9 at CPSU Main Campus.

Led by Corp Commander CDT LTC MARKY DAVE A SUELAN and supervised by CPT FERNANDO D OLIVEROS JR (QMS) PA, commandant, 505 ROTC cadets were evaluated by the RAATI 2024 inspecting team headed by their Chairperson COL RAUL S VIGO, GSC (Inf) PA.

173 students from CPSU Main, 59 from Candoni, 54 from Cauayan, 27 from Hinigaran, 73 from Hinoba-an, 109 from Sipalay, and 10 from Victorias campuses performed their best to obtain an outstanding average score of 922.94 out of 1,000 points.

CPSU's President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Fernando D. Abello, university officials, faculty, staff, and students witnessed the event and cascaded their support with rounds of applause and resounding cheers.

The tactical inspection included various assessments namely:

- (1) Administration and Management;
- (2) Evaluation of Commandant and Staff;
- (3) Arrival Honors;
- (4) Ceremonial Parade;
- (5) Military Stakes including Map Reading, Disassembly and Assembly of M16 Rifle, Knot Tying, and Small Unit Tactics or SUT;
- (6) Close Order Drill or Company Drill;
- (7) Basic Life Support; and (Comprehensive Examination.

The RAATI, which aims "to test the units' degree of administrative efficiency, training management, proficiency, and quality of training attained by the Corps of Cadets" and which also "intends to test the operational readiness of the ROTC units and allow the students to experience the real meaning of basic soldiery" is an essential part of the holistic formation of the Filipino youth in addressing internal and external issues that the country faces and will face.

3 Schools from Negros Occidental Districts 1 to 3 Receive IT Educational Packages



The Department of Science and Technology, Central Philippines State University, and cooperating agencies officially donated three IT educational packages to beneficiaries from Negros Occidental Districts 1, 2, and 3.

Three IT educational packages, each including four sets of desktop computers, a desktop computer with STARBOOKS, and one VISSER Kit, were delivered to three learning institutions, from the said districts on May 16-17, 2024.

Escalante City's Floro T. Bongco Farm School, Sagay City's Bulanon Farm School, and Talisay City's Rafael B. Lacson Memorial High School received the packages.

The initiative is part of the Pandayan ng Bayan Project funded by the DOST - Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST) with counterparts from the implementing agency, CPSU and cooperating agencies namely RU Foundry & Machine Shop Corporation, Technological University of the Philippines-Visayas, Carlos Hilado Memorial State University (CHMSU), Philippine Normal University - Visayas (PNUV), and State University of Northern Negros (SUNN).

Under the leadership and direction of CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, Project Leader Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa led the CPSU team composed of members from the university's Production and Enterprise Development Office and the College of Agriculture and Forestry faculty, to facilitate the turnover of the donations to their respective recipients.

The Pandayan ng Bayan project generally aims to empower communities by providing educational institutions and farmers associations with access to technology that will enable them to innovate and craft more technology for long term community resilience and self-sufficiency.

CCS – Main conducts ICT Literacy and Data Security Awareness to Local Community



In promoting ICT literacy and Data Security Awareness, a recent extension activity was conducted by the faculty of the College of Computer Studies (CCS) – Main Campus headed by the OIC Dean Ms. Shara Mae R. Tee, and the extension coordinator Mrs. Glorybe E. Alegre.

The initiative, which lasted for three days from April 13, 20, and 27, 2024, aimed to bridge the digital divide by imparting essential ICT skills and Data Security Awareness to the local community and has made significant outcomes for the officials and employees of Barangay Camingawan Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental.

The success of the extension activity, whose impact was determined to be the participants' newfound confidence in utilizing technology for personal and professional endeavors, can be attributed to the collaborative efforts of Central Philippines State University and local stakeholders.

The extension activity encompassed a series of workshops, lectures, and hands-on training sessions designed to cater to individuals with varying levels of digital proficiency as they were introduced to basic computer operations and the use of productivity software guided by the faculty of CCS.

Additionally, a lecture series on data security and protection was initiated on the last day providing attendees with a comprehensive understanding of ICT tools and data protection.

The CCS faculty collectively expressed its commitment to continuously promoting ICT literacy and empowering individuals to thrive in the digital age.

Central Philippines State University Received 4 Awards During the 3rd Commission on Higher Education Regional Quality Awards



CPSU was conferred awards for:

1. Excellence in Internationalization Initiatives
2. SUCs and LUCs with 100% COPCs of Undergraduate Programs
3. Model Implementer: StuFAPS
4. Recognition for the Provision of Support to CHEDRO VI's Endeavors."

CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Fernando D. Abello, administrators from various CPSU campuses, and officials attended the ceremony to receive the award for the university.

The award ceremony is a part of the activities organized by the Commission aligned with CHED VI' celebration of "CHED's 30th Anniversary" and "4th Higher Education Day."

Cenphilians Attend Gender Sensitivity Orientation



To promote sensitivity and create safe spaces for people with different genders, Central Philippines State University's Gender and Development (GAD) Office facilitated a Gender Sensitivity Orientation themed "WE for Gender Equality, Inclusive, and Resilient Society."

Spearheaded by GAD Director Shirley A. Calugcugan, the orientation was held at CPSU Main Campus Accreditation Center from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on March 25.

CPSU Board Secretary Ma'am Nelly Cabual imparted her sentiments on the significance of the activity in creating a school culture of acceptance and kindness not only for students but for the stakeholders of the university in her opening remarks. CPSU's legal adviser Atty. Racel Malalu-an and Guidance Counselor Sir Jirec A. Bacongco expounded on the theme in their respective talks during the morning and afternoon sessions of the event, respectively.

Quality Assurance Director Dr. Grenny Jungco's closing remarks marked the end of the program.

The activity was attended by the newly hired employees and job order personnel of CPSU.

SDG 5 Gender Equality

Honoring Love, Acceptance, and
Community Strength

Cenphilians Observe Pride Month Convocation



Central Philippines State University celebrated Pride Month with the theme "Celebrating Gender Diversity and Inclusivity in the CPSU Academic Community" last June 24, 2024 held in front of the Main Campus' Administration Building.

Dr. Pilipinas Ma. D. Jareño, OSSA Dean, delivered her speech delving into the essence of the theme and highlighting its profound impact on the CPSU community.

Each academic program contributed their unique messages and advocacy relevant to LGBTIQ+ community.

The celebration culminated with heartfelt closing remarks delivered by Dr. Marjon Malacapay, Director for Licensure Examination Review, which was followed by engaging presentations and the acknowledgement of the March 2024 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers passers and the newly Registered Electrical Engineers.

The event commenced with traditional opening salvo - the invocation, flag ritual by the FLP officers, followed by the recitation of the faculty and staff's 'Panunumpa ng Lingkod Bayan,' singing of the 'Awit ng Serbisyo Sibil' (Civil Service Song), and the communal singing of the CPSU hymn.

CPSU: "Hitting 4 SDGs with Solar Lamps"



Nestled in the eastern mountains and hills of the Negros Island, is Brgy. Lamigan, of the Municipality of Ayungon, Negros Occidental. Among Lamigan's residents are those who are silently safeguarding a watershed of the municipality, the sentinels called the "Bantay Lasang" or the forest rangers.

Dwelling in the wilderness, in this obscure part of the country, the Bantay Lasang are playing crucial roles in ensuring that the biodiversity conservation efforts of the Philippine Government are being implemented on the ground, watching out for illegal logging activities, carrying out reforestation measures, and protecting the watershed in the area.

However, Brgy. Lamigan's Bantay Lasang have endured the lack of access to electricity in their respective homes which inflicts difficulties in their everyday life, especially for family members who are still studying. With the developing trends of technological integration and use, these unsung heroes and their families lag behind the comforts of electricity despite the country having access to the commodity since the 1900s.

Mobilizing its Extension and Community Services Offices (ECS), Central Philippines State University actively participated in the turnover ceremony for Brgy. Lamigan's Bantay Lasang and farmers. The university has cascaded its support to the forty forest ranger recipients by providing them with their respective solar lamps—literally and figuratively lighting up their lives.

In exchange for the devices, the recipients will undertake tree planting efforts by planting 300 fruit trees in their area within the time allotment of a lifetime. This extension project is materialized under CPSU and Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation, Inc.'s (NWTF) partnership. The latter is the provider of the solar lamps for CPSU's One Million Trees Campaign as part of the trade-off scheme adopted by the parties.

With high hopes, CPSU foresees the project being impactful in attaining four Sustainable Development Goals namely, Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6), Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7), Climate Action (SDG 13), and Life on Land (SDG 15)—aiming for 12,000 planted native fruit trees in this project alone.

The official turnover of the solar lamps took place during a Gift Giving Activity which transpired last June 22 at the Brgy. Lamigan's covered court and was participated by CPSU with SUC President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca represented by ECS director Dr. Jimmy Degillo. The Fraternal Order of Eagles members from the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police, alongside their Ayungon and San Jose chapters donated seeds, rice, basketballs, and volleyballs for the barangay's farmers and youth recipients.

Fueling Sustainable Practices for a Greener Future

CPSU Trains 542nd ECB, ARBs on Biomass Pellets Creation



Bolstering the skills of 542nd Engineer Construction Battalion (542nd ECB) personnel and Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs), Central Philippines State University conducted a training on animal feed formulation.

Held at the 542ECB Headquarters, Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental on July 5, 2024, CPSU Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Fernando D. Abello and College of Agriculture and Forestry Dean, Dr. Hanzel T. Pedrosa led the university's faculty in the up-skilling event.

The objectives of the training are to capacitate the attendees in agricultural product making and to improve their existing capabilities in effectively implementing sustainable agricultural practices.

A highlight in the activity is the selection of raw materials, introduction of the formulation techniques, and introduction of quality control measures for the formulation of nutrition-rich and cost-effective animal feeds.

In his statement taken from 542nd Engineer Construction Battalion, Philippine Army's article, the unit's Commanding Officer LTC BERNABE L TAGUBAN CE (GSC) PA expressed, "This livelihood training is a testament to the power of collaboration between academic institutions and military units. The skills and knowledge gained here will undoubtedly benefit our personnel and the communities we serve."

CPSU continues to extend leading technologies to the communities and other government agencies beyond its land reserve, advocating transformed lives for Filipinos through sharing relevant technology.

“Greener CPSU!”: Hybrid PV Solar System Powers Main Campus Admin Building



The administration building of Central Philippines State University Main Campus is now powered by a 20kW hybrid PV solar system after the completion of the system's installation on July 10.

The solar panels are installed on the roof of the said building and can generate 20 kilowatts of electricity to support the operations of the offices in the said university building.

Proposed by Physical Plant Management and General Services Office Director, Dr. Moody S. Deocares and recommended by the Vice President for Finance and Administration, Dr. Marc Alexei Caesar B. Badajos, CPSU's Board of Regents approved the project's budget for its implementation.

The CPSU Solar Project-Green University Program materialized costing P1,940,000—an investment deemed necessary not only for saving utility costs in the university but also necessary for a greener CPSU campus and a more sustainable means of operation.

The initiative is a testament to the continuous and steadfast pursuit of the university to model the use of innovative technologies in bringing positive change not only in the academe but in the daily lives of Filipinos.

CPSU Sipalay Library Goes Solar-Powered



A 16.5 KW Hybrid Ongrid/Offgrid Solar Power System now powers Central Philippines State University Sipalay Campus Library Building.

Aligned with the university's commitment to a greener university, the CPSU Sipalay Campus invested P970,595 in addressing the rising electrical charges of the campus.

28 Farmers Graduate from CPSU Farmers' Field School



The tenth commencement ceremony for Central Philippines State University's (CPSU) Farmers' Field School (FFS) for Camingawan Lumboy Pinamus-an Tamlang Farmers Association (CALPTFA) transpired last January 22, 2024, at CPSU Main Campus.

Kabankalan City Sanggunian Panglungsod Adolfo Mangao Jr. attended the culminating activity for the non-formal endeavor which took place at the university's RDEC Conference, facilitated by the faculty and staff of the College of Agriculture and Forestry (CAF) and the Production and Enterprise Development Office (PEDO). Farmers' Field School's 10th batch of graduates' curriculum included onion-growing—whose long-term objective is establishing an onion industry locally, particularly in Kabankalan City.



28 CALPTFA farmers received their certificates of completion after PEDO Director Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa presented the number of program graduates and after CAF Dean Dr. Hanzel L. Pedrosa proclaimed them as graduates.

Dr. Emiliano Sama, Executive Assistant to the Kabankalan City Vice Mayor, expressed gratitude for the partnership among the university, the office of the vice mayor, and the office of the Sanggunian Panlungsod to support the city's farmers associations; he also relayed felicitations for the completers of the Farmers' Field School program.



The CALPTFA members gave their testimonies and presented various performances that were representative of their experiences during their training and daily field activities.

CPSU's top management led by the university President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca continuously expressed their support for the said program for the empowerment of the local farmers and the advancement of the agricultural sector of the country.

10th Batch of Local Farmers Complete FFS Program

Being able to produce a tenth batch of farmers to finish the non-formal education program was the collective effort of Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa, Dr. Hanzel L. Pedrosa, May Opino, Mr. Jundel Gonzaga, Ms. Genalin Mangao, Mr. Arnel Calago, Ms. Mari Neila Seco, Mr. Romnic Cabelin, Ms. Mary Ann Canada, Mr. Warren Kim Siarot, Mr. Noel S. Dayono, Mr. Albert Piera, and Extension and Community Services Director Dr. Jimmy O. Degillo who also congratulated the graduates in his closing remarks.

“Bulbs of New Economic Hope”: CPSU’s Household-based Onion Growing Project Becomes a Success



Central Philippines State University defies the odds as the university’s offices’ and local community’s consolidated household-based, organic onion growing initiative shows promising results as a future source of income for communities within CPSU’s land reserve.

The office of the Production and Enterprise Development Office (PEDO) conducted its weekly visit on January 25th at Purok Pinasmus-an, Barangay Camingawan, Kabankalan City—monitoring the growth of onions which is a project spearheaded by CPSU’s President, Dr. Aladino Moraca in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Agriculturalist, led by Officer-in-Charge, Dr. Dina Gensola.

The promising result of the project is a testament to the CPSU reserve being a relatively ideal environment for the crop and the efficacy of CPSU’s advocated organic farming practices capable of harnessing onion growth and production, breaking the prevalent concept of onion growing success being a less-likely outcome with organic management.

“The country has seen the inflation of onion bulb prices over the recent years, coupled with the decline of the people’s quality of living. CPSU, as an institution, is driven by the need to help Filipinos in overcoming these constraints by bringing practical and doable solutions in the community. This initiative of growing onions within the sphere of the locals’ homes will not only hopefully alleviate the effect of onion-price fluctuations but also be a key part of the the locals’ sources of income. These potential impacts are products of the university’s commitment to its mission, ‘extend leading technologies in multidisciplinary areas beneficial to the community;’” said Dr. Moraca.

Overseen by the joint effort of PEDO led by Dr. Maryvic Pedrosa, the Office for Extension and Community Services led by Dr. Jimmy Degillo, the College of Agriculture and Forestry led by Dr. Hanzel Pedrosa, and of the Graduate School led by Dr. Riza Stephanie Alfaras, thirty local households from Purok Pinasmus-an that are participating in the household-based project are all showcasing desirable outputs.

The initiative was also enriched by Mamay Opino (Weeds, Pest, and Disease management), Waren Siarot (soil health and management), Arnel Calago (Agroecosystems Analysis), and Albert Piera (Concoctions) as resource persons who contributed to the program by sharing their expertise in their respective fields.

The project started September of 2023 and is a part of the Graduate School’s Field Farmers’ School program with the Camingawan Lomboy Pinamus-an Tamlang Farmers Association (CALPTFA), led by Eleanor Orence, being instrumental in the monitoring of the project.

CPSU and Local Farmers Sign MOU, 30 Graduates from Farmers Field School



Eight farmers association representatives and President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, on behalf of Central Philippines State University, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for future collaborations on January 17, 2024.

The parties signed the MOU during the 8th Farmers' Field School graduation ceremony held at CPSU Main Campus' Accreditation Center as a stepping stone to the realization of the "Instruction, Research, Production and Extension, and Community-based Rural Industrialization Project" of CPSU and likewise, for the benefit of the farmers and the community.

The MOU entails that CPSU will provide trainings to the members of the farmers associations, assist on agricultural and agribusiness activities, deploy students and faculty for immersion, provide technical support, build linkages with beneficiaries, conduct community-based research and extension work, introduce environment-friendly farming practices—being a coordinating agency between the LGU and adopted community and as the recommendatory body for project and programs for student and beneficiary welfare.

On the other hand, the farmers' associations and their members are expected to provide necessary training facilities and adequate personnel for program implementation, provide reports when monitoring and evaluation is conducted, coordinate with CPSU for project and program-related matters, protect, maintain, and utilize CPSU-provided facilities, and assist the university in showcasing community-based best CPSU-developed technologies.

The farmers association and their representatives who signed the MOU with the university are:

1. Ballo Mainit Upland Farmers Association (BMUFA) - Mr. Jose Sannie Camral
2. Camingawan Lomboy Pinamus-an Tamlang Farmers Association (CALPTFA) - Mrs. Eleanor Orence
3. Camingawan Rainfed Rice Cluster Farmers Association (CARRCFA) - Mr. Roland Quimpo
4. Camingawan-Tagukon Farmers Association (CATAFA) - Ms. Rosy Alibiado
5. Hinawanan-Matanguilon Small Farmers Association (HIMALIKASFA) - Mr. Bobby Samson
6. Matanguilon Badiang Farmers Association (MABAFA) - Mrs. Cristina Canonoy
7. Upper Ballo Integrated Small Farmers Association (UBISFA) - Mr. Elmor Bostillo
8. Tugas Integrated Farmers Association (TIFA) - Mr. Ray Allan Gomez

During the 8th Farmers' Field School graduation ceremony, which Kabankalan Vice Mayor Hon. Miguel M. Zayco attended, 30 graduates of the 16-week long program received their respective certificates and tokens prepared by the University faculty.

"Akon gid pirmi gina-pangabay bilang inyo nga isa ka opisyal sa sini nga siyudad, nga ini tanan aton gid kabigon nga isa ka treasure kag aton man i-apply because hindi lang ni nga mangin isa ka tinun-an kag magapabilin nga isa ka tinun-an ukon kaalam sa aton, [I am always hoping as your elected official, that you will consider all these as treasures and that to them so that they will not remain as something you just learned or as knowledge.]" Hon. Zayco exclaimed in his speech.

The FFS graduates are local farmers aging 21 to 65, 25 of whom fall within the 21-40 year old bracket while 5 are within the 41-65 year old bracket.

RU Foundry Trains Farmers on Fabrication



Farmer representatives from Pandayan ng Bayan Package recipient associations are currently undergoing RU Foundry and Machine Shop Corp's "Economic Development: Hands-on Training and Coaching on the Fabrication and Manufacturing of Agricultural Tools and Equipment" initiative.

Held at May's Garden in So. Aning, Brgy. Pahanocoy, Bacolod City, the three-day training commenced on June 20 and will end on June 22 with participants from Department of Science and Technology - Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (DOST - CEST), Central Philippines State University (CPSU), and cooperating agencies' Pandayan ng Bayan Project.

Each of the six farmers' associations, with each based in their respective Negros Occidental districts, sent representatives for the skill-enhancement training, with the hopes of being equipped with the knowledge and skills in the production and fabrication of farming tools that would best suit their agricultural necessities and best cope with their gender-sensitive needs, which will later be cascaded to the members of their respective farmers associations.

The hands-on training and coaching started with an opening program, and on behalf of CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, Pandayan ng Bayan Project Leader Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa welcomed the participants and emphasized the commitment of the university in empowering the poor through its extension services—envisioning sustainable livelihood for Filipinos through relevant and responsive education.

RU Foundry Chief-Executive-Officer Ramon Uy Sr. shared his success story how he started from a *pandayan* which he developed into today's RU Foundry, inspiring the participants with the potential impact that the project could make in the community while, DOST Provincial Director Engr. Allan Francis Dara-ug expressed his hopes for the second phase of the Pandayan ng Bayan which will be decided after rigorous assessment of the project.

In addition, Technological University of the Philippines Campus Director Dr. Eric A. Malo-oy stressed on their university's commitment in providing technical support for the project recipients on the course of the project implementation.

CPSU's Pandayan ng Bayan team also attended the event, with CPSU community leader Mr. Arnel T. Calago, who delivered his testimony on how the support of Dr. Moraca, Dr. Pedrosa, and Mr. Uy were instrumental in the materialization of now thriving projects from CPSU's own Pandayan ng Bayan, namely Village banking, Food Stall and Catering.



33 Newly Hired CPSU Employees Undergo Orientation



To ensure more seamless operations and better public service, 33 newly hired employees of Central Philippines State University attended the Orientation Program for University Newly Hired Personnel on May 3, 2024, at CPSU Main Campus Mt. Ballo Hall.

The orientation, facilitated by the Human Resource Management Office (HRMO) headed by HRMO III Dr. Freia L. Vargas, included essential lectures for the attendees to familiarize themselves with the policies of the university and other established rules for Philippine civil servants.

CPSU's top management motivated the attendees as Vice President for Finance and Administration Dr. Marc Alexei Caesar B. Badajos led the oath for government workers and delivered an opening message that was followed by President Aladino C. Moraca's inspirational message.

Dr. Vargas discussed Policies on Government Working Hours, Omnibus Rules on Leave, SALN, and Personnel Discipline; HRMO II Ms. Shenna Mae Z. Tanilon tackled RA 6713 or Rules Implementing the Code of Conduct, and Ethical and Standards for Public Officials and Employees.

CPSU Board Secretary Ma'am Nelly N. Cabual presented the University's Key Officials, while Ma'am Charity G. Tonog, Ma'am Christine V. Tagubilin, and Accountant III Mr. Elfred M. Sumongsong expounded on GSIS, SSS, PAG-IBIG, PHILHEALTH, BIR, Accounting Matters, Update Issues, and other concerns.

The program, which started at 8:00 am and ended at 5:00 pm on the same day, is expected to be reconducted in the future for another batch of newly hired university personnel employed under the National Budget Circular No. 589 s. of 2022 or the Revised Organization and Staffing Standards for SUCs - Phase I.

CPSU Main Campus CBM Conducts Skills Olympics, Hospitality Forum



The College of Business Management of Central Philippines State University Main Campus successfully conducted their three-day CBM Skills Olympics and Hospitality Forum on May 20-22, 2024.

The Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management students from the college were the participants for the simultaneous competitions that were scheduled. The first day of the event included an opening program succeeded by competitions namely: Chef Wars, On-the-Spot Cake Decorating, Fruit Carving for the morning, and Table Skirting, Centerpiece, and Table Set-Up for the afternoon.

Tour guiding competition, Battle of the Brains, and Napkin Folding competitions were held during the second day, followed by the awarding ceremony for the winners.

The third-day of the event encapsulated CBM's Hospitality Forum 2024, themed "Resilience, Recovery, and Reshaping the Hospitality Industry: A Post-COVID Response."

ICT Training for University's Contract of Service Personnel



Central Philippines State University's contract of service personnel are currently participating the ICT Training conducted by the Management Information System (MIS) Office and the Human Resource Management Office (HRMO).

The training is being held at Mt. Ballo Hall with morning and afternoon sessions for today, May 14, 2024.

JIRCAS, SRA install All-in-One Weather Station in CPSU



Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS), in partnership with the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA), installed ATMOS 41, an All-in-One Weather Station at Central Philippines State University (CPSU)-Main Campus last January 31, 2024.

Dr. Aladino Moraca welcomed five visitors from JIRCAS and SRA, Dr. Mira Arai and Dr. Tetsurō Kikuchi, who installed the said device, are members of an all-Japanese JIRCA team led by Dr. Toshiko Anzai, accompanied by CPSU BST alumnus Alcane Mellizo. The College of Agriculture and Forestry (CAF), led by Dr. Hanzel L. Pedrosa and the Production and Enterprise Development Office (PEDO), led by Dr. Maryvic Pedrosa accommodated and aided the JIRCAS representatives as they installed the All-in-One Weather Station—familiarizing themselves with the mechanism at the same time.

Dr. Hanzel Pedrosa expressed, “The College of Agriculture and Forestry will certainly make good use of the All-in-One Weather Station. As the university is equipped with a workforce that is capable of capitalizing on scientific information, I foresee that we will be able to harness academic profits for the advancement of our instruction, research, and agricultural practices.”

ATMOS 41, erected in front of the CPSU’s Handloom Weaving Project facility, is capable of gathering meteorological data e.g. solar radiation, air temperature, wind speed, and precipitation—these data being supplemental to maintaining and improving the agricultural activities nearby.

Dr. Maryvic Pedrosa said, “The installation of the ATMOS 41 by our friends from JIRCAS, along with our friends from the SRA, is much appreciated. The office welcomes visitors and such initiatives as the university is open to the development of better agricultural and scientific operations brought by new technologies and innovations.”

JIRCAS has visited the university several times over the past few years and this initiative from the JIRCAS, in cooperation with the SRA, is said to be a predecessor of more projects to be established for the benefit of Central Philippines State University and its scientific research and practices.

Murcia Cenphilians showcase products at Agri-Trade and Innovation Fair 2024

Selling innovative products representing local trade to showcase their resourcefulness, Cenphilians from Central Philippines State University (CPSU) – Murcia Extension Class shone at the Agritrade and Innovation Fair 2024 last February 27, 2024, in Municipality of Murcia.

Spearheaded by CPSU Murcia Extension Class Coordinator Dr. Joe-an Mae G. Escobar, the Agri-Trade and Innovation Fair was participated by students from Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) and Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness (BSAb) programs who built booths to exhibit their unique products and other local goods.

CPSU officials bought innovative products made or grown by the students themselves—products like Daven Pechay Chips, Tin's Mushroom Chicharon, Fried Eggplant Sticks, Banana Cheese Ball, Kamote Turon, Kamote Halaya, Native Coffee Jelly, Organic Fertilizers, Vermicasts, Ornamental Flowers and more.

"This a genuine leadership and management formula being done. Congratulations Joe-an! Let's take a look at the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) where CPSU is currently ranked 158th among other universities like Harvard University and Cornell University. Despite the formidable names that also apply for WURI, Central Philippines State University was recognized because of our programs and projects which are founded, attached, and designed for the poor, and this, Agri-Trade and Innovation Fair, is a model," said CPSU President Aladino C. Moraca in his message.

Along with Dr. Moraca, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Fernando D. Abello, Quality Assurance Director Dr. Grenny I. Jungco, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Dr. Michael M. Bacolod, and Director for Extension and Community Services Dr. Jimmy O. Degillo attended the event, its opening program and a ribbon cutting ceremony which both transpired in the morning of the said day.

"All of these started within the classroom because I had an extension subject with the previous year's second-year students, now third-year students, and they were tasked to create case studies that determined the problems that farmers faced. Out of their studies, they eventually made products which they thought, could address those problems. We planned to have an exhibit for their products just among ourselves but then it would be a waste if we could not showcase their creativity well. And so, this Agri-Trade and Innovation Fair was created. We, teachers, should not only teach theories but should also make sure that an output will also be materialized by students on the ground. These are their outputs and I am very proud of them," expressed Dr. Escobar in her opening remarks.

Representatives from the Local Government Unit, Barangay Captains, Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Cansilayan Farm School, Provincial Environment Management Office (PEMO), Murcia Water District, and CPSU Hinigaran and Victorias Campuses faculty, led by their respective administrators Ms. Bella D. Supe and Mr. Noel B. Fordente, relayed their support with their presence and patronage of the products during the event.

"This Agri-Trade and Innovation Fair is a platform that would create additional visibility on CPSU Murcia students' potential as students of this university. You are part of the macro-program of the university. The role of the university is to really reach out to the community. What was being discussed as a part of classroom instruction realized into tangible goods is a sign of genuine learning. One of the farmers also shared the story of how you taught farmers a particular method of farming. Realization and transmission—these are indications of how you are progressing not only as intellectuals in the academe but also as assets of the society—of the community," exclaimed Dr. Abello in his inspirational message.

BSAb 2 student Fahren Flor and a representative from Farmers Cooperative Representative gave their testimonies as a student technopreneur and as an extension partner and beneficiary during the opening ceremony.



CPSU ranks 164th for WURI: Aces Innovation Among Universities Worldwide



Central Philippines State University places 164th among the best for the World University Rankings for Innovation 2024 and excelled in three more categories.

CPSU ranked 27th in Student Support and Engagement, 31st in Generative AI Application, and 37th in Funding—each category having 100 placers.

In the Student Support and Engagement (A1) category, CPSU secured the 27th rank, highlighting its commitment to fostering a supportive and engaging environment for students.

In the Generative AI Application (A7) category, CPSU achieved the 31st rank, reflecting its contributions to cutting-edge artificial intelligence research and applications.

In the Funding (B2) category, CPSU secured the 37th rank, emphasizing its ability to attract resources and invest in impactful initiatives.

The World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) assesses the tangible impact of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) on industry and society.

WURI emphasizes innovative education, research, and community engagement, with the goal of recognizing universities that excel in these forward-thinking approaches, inspiring progress across academia and society.

Under the leadership of CPSU President Dr. Aladino Moraca, the University's International Affairs Director Dr. Joean Escobar, and the Internationalization team, the university has secured made another significant mark with this milestone.

The rankings also reflects the quality education and catalytic initiatives that CPSU's leaders, faculty, staff, and students are pursuing as a way of life—sending ripples of change and positive impact in the society

President Moraca, Hon. Meleloa, Hon. Vito, Sign Deeds of Usufruct for New Infrastructures



University President, Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, on behalf of Central Philippines State University, signed deeds of usufruct with Hon. Raymundo R. Meleloa and Hon. Rosavilla R. Vito, representatives of Barangay Tagukon and Barangay Camingawan, Kabankalan City, respectively.

The ceremonial signing of the deeds of usufruct was held at the President's office last August 16, 2024, entailing the granting of the rights to use a land area at Brgy. Tagukon for a sub-project, "Concreting of Community Access Road" with 1,200 square meters, and a land area of Brgy. Camingawan for the construction of the Purok Lumboy Foot Bridge.

The access road and the footbridge are foreseen to have advantageous economic impacts on the lives of the locals as they enable improved accessibility for pedestrians and motorists, allowing faster transportation for the community, and swifter delivery of goods and services.

Dr. Moraca who perceives the significance of the target projects in making the day-to-day activities of the locals more convenient, has led the university in championing the needs of the underprivileged and neglected groups in the Philippine society.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Fernando D. Abello, CPSU's Legal Officer, Atty. Racel D. Malalu-an, together with the representatives from each of the barangays also witnessed the event in support of the projects to be implemented.

CCJE extends Disaster Risk Reduction, Fire Prevention Capability Training for Locals



Central Philippines State University's College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE) conducted a Disaster Risk Reduction and Fire Prevention Capability training for locals on April 25 to 26, 2024 at CPSU grounds.

Together with CPSU's Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office and Kabankalan City's Bureau of Fire Protection, the two-day event was attended by the farmers of Camingawan – Tagukon Farmers Association (CATAFA) and the Barangay tanods of Barangay Camingawan and Tagukon, Kabankalan City.



Headed by the Dean of CCJE, Shenai F. Juance, and Criminology Research Coordinator Michelle G. Cari-an, the extension program aimed to prepare the local farmers and barangay officers in times of disaster.



Participants were taught about the basics of disaster risk reduction preparedness and basic life support during the first day of the training; fire prevention training ensued on the second day as locals were taught the proper handling of fire extinguishers and the bucket relay system in putting out local fires; a fire simulation test was given to the participants to test their alertness in extinguishing fires.



According to Dean Juance, the college aims to train the CATAFA members in radio operations and to acquire a license to operate radio communications equipment.

The Disaster Risk Reduction and Fire Prevention Capability Training is the second phase of the CCJE's community extension program which will educate the local community about public safety and disaster preparedness.

Empowering Farmers & Laying the Groundwork for Sustainable Growth

CPSU, SEARICE Empower Farmers with Baseline Study Workshop



Central Philippines State University and Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE) are facilitating a Baseline Study workshop with sixteen farmers association on June 5, 2024 at CPSU Main Campus' RDEC Conference Room.

The Baseline Study workshop for Kabankalan City and Bago City farmers associations is expected to last from June 5 to 7, overseen by CPSU's Production and Enterprise Development Office Director Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa with SEARICE Executive Director Ma'am Normita G. Ignacio.

The initiative forms an integral component of the two-year project titled "Engendering Access for Smallholder Farmers to Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture for Conservation and Sustainable Use".

This collaborative effort involves CPSU (Central Philippines State University) and SEARICE (Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment), working closely with local farmers' associations.

SEARICE Visayas program officer, Ms. Olive H. Suello briefed farmers association representatives with the objectives not only of the workshop, but of the project in its entirety as she tackled how the project aims to address major problems of inaccessibility of good adaptable varieties and lack of knowledge and skills in farmers food production systems; to provide an initial source of PGRFAs and use these in building the farmers' capacities to develop, select, rehabilitate, or enhance varieties; to encourage traditional and scientific technique applications; to establish in-situ seedbanks; and to equip farmers with the ability to produce PGRFAs according to their own needs.

Participants were engaged in group discussions and presentations as they were tasked to practice the use of Baseline Data Gathering Tools; they illustrated their respective Community Maps which reflect the locations of relevant resources and existing agroecosystems, created Historical Timelines which encapsulate the seed system as influenced by the chronology of events that transpired in their community's history, and illustrated Problem Trees to identify and connect causes leading to existing problems and the consequences in their locality.

Other Baseline Data Gathering tools that the participants made were the Diversity wheel which is auxiliary in determining the availability of seeds in their respective areas, Pairwise Ranking which is useful in pointing priorities in plant and crop choices. More sessions are expected to transpire in the schedules mentioned.

Promotes Sustainable Agricultural Production

Installation of Conservation Agriculture with Drip Irrigation for Commercial Vegetable Production



As state universities and international agencies converge to continually strive to better serve the country's agriculture sector, various programs and initiatives have been launched at the local level to serve such a purpose.

Also working toward this goal, the Technological University of the Philippines (TUP) headed by its president Dr. Reynaldo Ramos, and Central Philippine State University (CPSU) in cooperation with the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), RU Foundry, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Kansas State University (KSU) facilitated the conduct of the Philippine Open-systems Agricultural Machinery Manufacturing Workshop on Conservation Agriculture No-Till Implements and Tools last February 13-16, 2023.



The said activity highlighted on the training-workshop and installation of conservation agriculture with drip irrigation for commercial vegetable production. Part of the discussion was on the timeline of activities for the team to identify so that the outcome would be translated to learning CA production system and machinery with and for the female and male farmers of Negros.

As the host school, CPSU President, Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, warmly welcomed all the guests, and participants, and stated that the aim of the training was to enhance capability to design, modify, and profitably manufacture agricultural machineries to accelerate adoption of Conservation Agriculture in the country.

The Research Professor of Kansas State University (KSU), Dr. Manuel "Manny" Reyes, together with Dr. Ted Kornecki, the Senior Research Scientist, Agricultural Engineer of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Agricultural Research Services (ARS), led the workshop and installation of Conservation Agriculture with Drip Irrigation for Commercial Vegetable Production.



The first two days was held at Nature's Village Resort, Talisay City, in which the topic focused on the CA machineries. On the third day, the team went to CPSU-Main Campus, Kabankalan City to visit the various projects of the university such as the Green Tech Farm, the new Engineering building fully equipped with machines and facilities, the Muscovado Processing Center and the Tagukon Agricultural Tramline. The last day, February 16, 2023, was held at May's Organic Garden, Bacolod City for the hands-on application of CA with drip irrigation for commercial and vegetable production.

The participants in the said workshop were from SEARCA, UP Los Banos, Ilocos State University, Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology, DOST, PHILMECH, DAR, Tractorco Co.,If Green, DEPED Sagay, CPSU, TUP Visayas, TUP Manila, TUP Cavite, TUP Taguig, RU technical team and farmers from Bago City. The said workshop was co-sponsored by RU Foundry Machine Shop Corporation (RUFMSC) SEARCA, and the USDA ARS and CPSU ECSO.

Day 1: "1 Million Trees" Project of Negros Women for Tomorrow Future (NWTf) and Central Philippines State University



On July 11, 2024, CPSU – San Carlos Campus, Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation (NWTf), and Barangay Guadalupe joined forces to distribute solar lanterns and fruit tree seedlings to selected families in the far flung communities: Lower Malatamban, Upper Malatamban, and So. Gauzon of Barangay Guadalupe, San Carlos City, Negros Occidental. Spearheaded by CPSU-San Carlos Campus Administrator, Ken M. Balogo, Extension and Community Coordinator Domric M. Panunciar, along with some of the faculty, students, and staff.

The initiative sought to address climate change through reforestation and to offer sustainable lighting solution to families living in remote areas without access to electricity.

DAR VI, Negrense Farmers Plant Trees with CPSU NREMS; Benchmarks at CPSU



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, 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.

GMSWISA Receives DOST, CPSU, Cooperating Agencies' Pandayan Package



With empowerment and self-sufficiency as goals, Department of Science and Technology - Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (DOST - CEST) and Central Philippines State University (CPSU) brought the Pandayan ng Bayan program to the Gil Montilla Small Water Irrigation System Association (GMSWISA).

The agencies conducted the turnover ceremony last June 19 in Sipalay City, where the said farmers' association is based, with the presence and support of Negros Occidental Sixth District Hon. Congresswoman Mercedes "Cheding" K. Alvarez.



CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca encouraged the members of the farmers' association to make use of the donated tools and pieces of equipment in starting income-generating projects while RU Foundry Chief-Executive-Officer Mr. Ramon Uy Sr emphasized his desire to train the recipients in creating and repairing agricultural tools for them to utilize the package effectively.



In addition, DOST Negros Occidental Provincial Director Engr. Allan Francis Dara-ug, on behalf of Engr. Gelonga, and City Agriculturist Ms. Lanie Yanong, on behalf of the Sipalay City Mayor Maria Gina M. Lizares also gave their respective messages for the initiative by DOST, CPSU and cooperating agencies namely, Technological University of the Philippines, Carlos Hilado Memorial State University, Philippine Normal University - Visayas (PNUV), and State University of Northern Negros (SUNN).

Rey Cepe relayed his sentiments on behalf of the recipients, thanking the agencies that made the initiative possible.

Facilitated by Pandayan ng Bayan Project Leader, Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa and the implementing agency CPSU College of Agriculture and Forestry headed by College Dean, Dr. Hanzel Pedrosa, the Pandayan ng Bayan project is an initiative by DOST, CPSU and the aforementioned cooperating agencies which includes the donation of Pandayan ng Bayan packages and IT educational packages worth P5 million to bolster the self-sufficiency of farmers when it comes to their farming needs and to empower students by providing them with tools in their science and technology studies.

CPSU hosts 2nd Local Conservation Area Day, Bridge Project Forum



Eyes glowed in amazement and “oohs” were uttered in fascination as students, faculty, and guests interacted with the special guests of the occasion.

Central Philippines State University welcomed its inter-species visitors during the 2nd Local Conservation Area Day & BRIDGE Project Forum at CPSU Main Campus themed “Protecting Our School Heritage: Empowering Students in Conservation.”

Guest wildlife stole the show during the wild-life handling activity where participants were allowed to interact

and handle different animals; the safety of the animals and the participants were ensured under the expert supervision of Wildlife Farm Permittee Mr. Caesar Arranguez and team.

The City Planning & Development Office Head Engr. Susana Casalem, ENP inspired the attendees with her keynote address in the said event that transpired at CPSU’s Mount Ballo Hall, June 29, 2024, and was facilitated by the Project BRIDGE’s staff, alongside CPSU Research and Development Services, and the Provincial Environment Management Office (PEMO).

To inform the attendees with the value-adding potential of the Philippine Cinnamon, Chief Champion for the Philippines Cinnamon Plantsville Health November G. Canieso-Yeo delivered her talk entitled “The Philippine Cinnamon: Our Journey towards Conservation, Livelihood, Health, and Climate Change Adaptation.”

Mr. Pierre Gabriel B. San Jose and For. Dominic Billen also delivered their respective talks with the results of Project MoNARC and the Status Report of BRIDGE PROJECT, the latter aiming to tackle critical environmental challenges by empowering local communities, youths, and various stakeholders to actively engage in biodiversity restoration and conservation efforts.

CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, Engr. Susana Casalem, ENP, and other representatives led the ceremonial ribbon-cutting for the event’s photo exhibit.

94TH IB Awards Plaque to CPSU President and DCIO Director



94th Infantry "Mandirigma" Battalion conferred plaques of recognition to Central Philippine State University (CPSU) President Dr. Aladino Moraca and Development Communication and Information Office (DCIO) Director Dr. Flora L. Carpio last February 20.

The battalion celebrated its 6th founding anniversary celebration at Barangay Tambo, Ayungon, Negros Oriental, and recognized 94th IB's partners in solving the armed insurgency on the island of Negros.

Brigadier General Leonardo I. Peña and other 94th IB officials presented the award to the recipients with CPSU Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Dr. Fernando D. Abello receiving the award on behalf of Dr. Moraca.

"I am deeply honored to be the recipient of this award as this is a testament to the impact that we, from the academe, can make not only in our immediate community but to our country. The fact that members of the insurgency are choosing to resubmit themselves to the government should drive us to our respective parts in improving the social and economic conditions of the country to intercept extrinsic motivations from being the stimuli contributing to the insurgent dilemma that we have. I also extend my salutation to the 94th Infantry Mandirigma Battalion for maintaining the peace and order that we have in the region," said award recipient, Dr. Moraca.

CPSU Radyo Muscovado Sweet FM radio manager Dr. Carpio received the plaque for broadcasting "Balitang Mandirigma" which oriented former at-large rebels of the existing programs of the Philippine government and the Armed Forces of the Philippines for rebels who desire to surrender.

"We are more inspired to come up with some programs, not only to educate and to inform but also to engage more with the community. I believe that radio is a powerful medium that reaches even the most far-flung of areas—Radyo Muscovado reaching the farthest part of Negros Oriental and even some portions of Cebu. Our commitment is that we will continue broadcasting educational programs that can be of service to the people in our community," answered Dr. Carpio when asked about her thoughts and commitment upon receiving the award.

94th Infantry "Mandirigma" Battalion celebrated its 6th anniversary with the theme "Valiant Mandirigma: Forging Peace, Shaping Prosperity in Negros Island."

Alongside VPAA Dr. Abello, VPAA Secretary Dr. Michael M. Bacolod also witnessed the event.

CPSU Milestone: President Moraca, First to Discuss Pandayan ng Bayan at Philippine Senate



To promote rural industrialization in the country and self-sufficiency of local farmers, Central Philippines State University President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca presented the Pandayan ng Bayan Project to the Senate of the Philippines on July 4, 2024.

Dr. Moraca presented the Pandayan ng Bayan Project and its outputs to the Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendments to and Extension of the Rice Tariffication Law or RA No. 11203 as a potential model for a nationwide rural industrialization project.

Committee on Agriculture, Food, and Agrarian Reform (CAFAR) Chairperson, Senator Cynthia A. Villar presided over the senate hearing alongside Senator Risa Hontiveros, Senator Imee R. Marcos, and Senator Robinhood C. Padilla at Sen. C. M. Recto Room, Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City.

The CPSU President showcased the Pandayan as a brainchild of RU Foundry and Machine Shop Corp's Chief-Executive-Officer Ramon Uy Sr., along with Dr. Moraca, and the Camingawan Tagukon Farmers' Association (CATAFA) represented by Mr. Arnel T. Calago.

With CATAFA's active utilization of the Pandayan's implements in creating and repairing farm tools, the project has generated revenue and has saved farming costs for the local farmers—inspiring the expansion of the project to six more farmers associations located in various districts of Negros Occidental, in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), RU Foundry, and cooperating agencies.

Receiving approving nods and compliments from the public hearing, President Moraca cascaded his firm belief that the Pandayan has impressed among farmers their right to hands-on creation and repair of agricultural implements for more income-generating opportunities.

The Pandayan ng Bayan is a testament to CPSU's steadfast commitment to providing Filipinos with education beyond curricular instruction—extending its services to the local communities, empowering generations of Filipinos, and transforming their lives

Italian University Students and Guests Visit CPSU: Experience CPSU's Best Practices



Sixteen undergraduate students from Italy's University of Gastronomic Sciences (UNISG) visited the Central Philippines State University to experience the institution's best practices, particularly in promoting organic food cultivation and production last January 23.

Accompanied by UNISG tutor and travel facilitator, Rowan Hallett, University of the Philippines Diliman professor, Rae Macapagal, Slow Food and Elso representative, Ma'am Pushpa Tan, Slow Food Negros Ma'am Bing Montinola, the group arrived at 1:05 in the afternoon, and was welcomed by CPSU with an opening program for the activity, program was primarily overseen by the Office of International Affairs.

Production and Enterprise Development Office director, Dr. Maryvic Pedrosa, director for Production Enterprise

and Development, presented a glimpse of CPSU's best practices that they were about to experience, followed by Prof. Macapagal's response on behalf of the participating visitors; then, International Affairs director, Dr. Joe-an Mae G. Escobar presented the itinerary for the activity after welcoming the university's guests.

UNISG students and guests experienced the home-based muscovado production as they stirred the cooked muscovado into its sand-like form; they also visited the vermicast production area and were acquainted with the vermicast-generating African night crawlers in action.

After the freshly-extracted sugarcane juice tasting, Mr. Arnel Calago, CATAFA president welcomed the group to the Pandayan ng Bayan para sa Bagong Magsasaka: RU Foundry and Machine Shop, and introduced the tools used by CPSU, particularly in practicing "conservation agriculture."

Dr. Joe-an Escobar, oriented the group with the Lemon Grass oil distiller machine and citronella oil extraction process, while Dr. Marivic Pedrosa discussed the engineered bamboo furniture and material production which are all being run by Central Philippines State University.

The group also rode the Tagukon Agricultural Tramline at Sito Minaluha, Brgy. Tagukon, Kabankalan City for them to have a firsthand experience of the locals' way of life—how the local farmers transport their produce and livestock using the tramline.

CPSU's weaving artisans welcomed the group to the CPSU's handloom weaving project which was followed by Dr. Maryvic Pedrosa's organic farm tour where UNISG students and guests familiarized themselves with produce in their soil-rooted forms.

"The micro-ecosystem that you are creating here in this area is wonderful and I have to say that there is a variety, so many things, because of the climate, that we don't have in Israel. For example, the sugarcanes and the pineapple that I saw that you are growing here or other crops that you are growing here, practices that you are doing here," said Asaf Aharon, Israeli UNISG student.

The group also tried pastries made from locally sourced ingredients like the tinigib corn flour and sweet potato flour, banana cue, tuba (coconut wine), native coffee, and muscovado sugar as a condiment.

Rowan Hallett, tutor at the University of Gastronomic Sciences, answered when asked about her experience during the activity, "It's been really wonderful. We were welcomed right from the beginning. It was really lovely to see the joy and pride that the people who work and the people who study here have in the campus and in the work that you do and there's so much. There are so many projects but they are all very well integrated and interconnected so you never feel like one part of the project is forgotten, everything feels like it's a necessary part of the whole identity of the university, of the campus."

Promotes Sustainability and Waste Reduction

“Creating a world of three zeros”: CPSU enters 3ZERO Club partnership with NWTF



Zeros!

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Central Philippines State University (CPSU) and Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. (NWTF) last May 2 at CPSU-Main Campus Mini-hotel to build sustainable communities, promote 17 Sustainable Development Goals, lobby the 3Zero Club mission in Negros Occidental.

According to the 3ZERO Club Official Website 3ZERO Club, “Is an initiative towards achieving the Nobel Peace Laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus’s vision of creating a world of three zeros – zero net carbon emission, zero wealth concentration for ending poverty, and zero unemployment by unleashing entrepreneurship in all.”



CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, and Mr. Alejandro Sebastian Cosculluela on behalf of Miss Suzzette D. Gaston, signed the MOU on behalf of the university and NWTF, respectively, and were witnessed by CPSU’s Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Fernando D. Abello and Extension and Community Services Director Dr. Jimmy Degillo, with Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa as CPSU’s contact person for the project.

According to the signed MOU, the partnership will last for three years and is formed to extend the university’s services to the local community and local industries with the support of the NWTF. Through the MOU, NWTF is expected to provide introduction and orientation on environment sustainability, 3ZERO Club, and social business; training and capacity-building activities tailored for faculty and students interested in environmental sustainability and social business; support for research and development programs focusing on sustainability and community development; facilitation of immersion, fieldwork, and internship opportunities; organization of forums, workshops, and other activities with sustainability and social business; provision of at least 3000 solar units for the One Million Trees Campaign as part of the trade-off scheme adopted by the two parties.



On the other hand, CPSU is expected to facilitate research and development programs supporting sustainability and social business; promotion and encouragement of Social Business, creation of 3ZERO Clubs, and sustainability among students, faculty, and its workforce; hackathons, business plan competitions; thesis writing and special projects; forums, workshops, and other initiatives.

CPSU, LCCC sign MOU for Research and Extension Projects



Central Philippines State University (CPSU) and La Carlota City College (LCCC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)—establishing a partnership over future research and extension projects last January 31 at CPSU Main Campus.

CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca and LCCC President Dr. Larnie Sam A. Tabuena signed the Memorandum on behalf of CPSU and LCCC, respectively—witnessed by LCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Helen C. Donguines, CPSU President for Academic Affairs Dr. Fernando D. Abello, LCCC Research director Dr. Sharon L. Apohen, and CPSU Research director Dr. Angelie Rose L. Lumba.

Inspired by Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and CPSU Board of Regents (BOR) Chairperson, Hon. Dr. J. Prospero “Popoy” de Vera III’s challenge for State Universities to uplift and support neighboring Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Dr. Moraca, initiated the talks with LCCC.

“We will share the technology that we have to enable replication, improving the lives of the people in La Carlota City’s community. By technology, I mean practical approaches to solving existing problems in the stakeholders’ lives, hoisting the underprivileged by providing livelihood opportunities. I and the Research and Development Services Office aspire that CPSU’s practices will also be embraced by the said community, with the help of LCCC. I am looking forward to integrating both the technology and practices of LCCC which are beneficial for the improvement of our own,” answered Dr. Moraca when asked about his motivations for signing the MOU.

The Memorandum of Understanding entails that LCCC is expected to collaborate with CPSU for research projects, to facilitate collaborative research, and to perform related tasks for research i.e. research paneling, seminars, orientations, and training; while CPSU is expected to support and collaborate with LCCC for present and future research works, and to provide assistance for research activities i.e. research paneling, seminars, orientations, and training.

“I perceive research as an integral part of growth and development, not only for an educational institution but also for the nation. The Research and Development Services Office is driven by the vision of having a greater positive impact not only on the lives of CPSU’s stakeholders but also on the lives of LCCC’s and our future partners’ stakeholders,” said Dr. Lumba.

VPAA Secretary Dr. Michael M. Bacolod, LCCC Graduate School Coordinator Dr. Ma. Quincy D. Does, and SUC President Executive Assistant Ma’am Victoria P. Besana were also present at the event, actively supporting the partnership between the aforementioned HEIs.

Advancing Agricultural Innovation
and Community Development

DA personnel visits CPSU; Pledges Support to University



Department of Agriculture (D.A.) Region 6 commits broadcasting equipment and recording studio material donations in the near future to Central Philippines State University as announced by the agency's representative last February 15, 2024.

CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca and SUC President Executive Assistant Ma'am Victoria P. Besana welcomed Mylene Subang, D.A. Western Visayas Information Officer 2 at Dr. Moraca's office to discuss the objective of her visit.

College of Agriculture (CAF) Instructor I Jundel Gonzaga, MSc, Assistant Professor III Noel Dayono, MSc, and CPSU Public Information Office (PIO) personnel accompanied Ms. Subang for a meeting with Development Communication and Information Office (DCIO) Director Dr. Flora L. Carpio and CAF Dean Dr. Hanzel L. Pedroza at the RDEC Conference room.

Dr. Carpio led Ms. Subang to CPSU's local radio station, Radyo Muscovado Sweet FM to show the DA personnel the current equipment and facility that the university and the radio station are using in disseminating local and national news and current affairs, and diverse information promoting the bolstering of the agricultural sector.

After the talks were conducted, future sponsorship from the Department of Agriculture for the benefit of Central Philippines State University stakeholders is currently being anticipated.

"'It takes a village to raise a child,' as a Nigerian Igbo community proverb says—we, in CPSU, believe that to raise a generation of Filipinos that believe in the beauty of organic agriculture and sustainable farming, there is a necessity to educate the community about these constructs and practices. The Radyo Muscovado is an essential cog to this design. Through the airwaves, we are able to make our fellowmen from the far-flung areas more learned. With the help of the Department of Agriculture, we will be able to refurbish and refurbish such an essential cog, uplifting the lives of Filipinos in this part of the country," expressed Dr. Moraca.

The anticipated donation is expected to help upgrade the current broadcast media reach and improve the quality of the multimedia content produced by the university's colleges and by various offices like the DCIO and PIO.

Fostering Collaboration for Mutual Growth and Innovation

PNUV REQAD Meets CPSU VPAA, Directors for Partnership



“...Fostering a partnership that extends beyond traditional academic boundaries,” expressed Dr. Aragon A. Dechimo, Jr.

Hints for collaboration surfaced as Philippine Normal University–Visayas (PNUV) Research, Extension, Quality Assurance, and Development (REQAD) unit heads, and Central Philippines State University counterparts assembled last February 21 at the RDEC conference room.

NUV REQAD unit heads conducted the initial visit to, engage with key stakeholders and discuss potential areas of mutual interest—enabling

future exploration of potential joint research projects and sharing best practices in extension activities.

Headed by the Director for REQAD Dr. Aragon A. Dechimo, Jr., unit heads Dr. Ruel T. Bonganciso, Dr. Emylin T. Batulat, Dr. Jonathan N. Normandia, and Sir Paul B. Magbanua arrived at 9:30 am at CPSU Main Campus in Brgy. Camingawan, Kabankalan City, in coordination with Dr. Angelie Rose L. Lumba, to discuss collaboration between the universities.

Furthermore, the conduct of an initial visit had Introduction and Information Exchange, Identification of Common Interests, Discussion of Extension Initiatives, and Establishment of Collaboration of Framework as objectives.

CPSU Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Dr. Fernando D. Abello, Quality Assurance (QA) Director Dr. Grenny I. Jungco, Production and Enterprise Development Office Director (PEDO) Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa, Gender and Development Program, Director Ma’am Shirley A. Calugcugan, Extension and Community Services Director Dr. Jimmy O. Degillo, College of Teacher Education (COTED) Dean Dr. Merfe C. Hucalinas, and College of Agriculture and Forestry (CAF) Dean Dr. Hanzel L. Pedrosa engaged with PNUV REQAD personnel, answering inquiries about the university’s practices and discussing future endeavors for CPSU and PNUV’s stakeholders.

After a brief program for the introduction of the personnel present and the orientation of the initiative’s objectives, Dr. Abello, Dr. Jungco, and Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa led the site visit to the CAF Soils Laboratory, Plant Pathology Laboratory, Biogas production site, Wood Vinegar Extractor, CPSU Handloom Weaving Project, and Historical and Cultural Heritage Center for the PNUV personnel to observe CPSU’s best practices, identifying prospect projects.

PNUV REQAD extended its appreciation to CPSU through a token of appreciation and with Licensure Examination for Teachers reviewers which were received by the latter with gratitude—both are anticipating another meeting in the future.

CPSU, DOST, RU FOUNDRY, Partner SUCs Establish 2 Pandayan ng Bayan in Isabela, Bago City



To empower local farmers, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and Central Philippines State University (CPSU) implemented the grassroots project entitled “Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) Program for Pandayan ng Bayan in Negros Occidental.”

Selected as project recipients based on criteria like productivity and member participation, farmers associations from Negros Occidental namely Hacienda Nalipay Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association (HANARBA) from Isabela (5th District) and Small Farmers Association – Bgy. Abuanan, Bgry. Dulao, and Brgy. Atipulian (SFADA) from Bago City (4th District) received their Pandayan packages on March 21, 2024.

Two Pandayan sets, including welding machines, angle grinders, electric drills, table vise clamps, T-squares, oxygen tanks, etc., were entrusted to the recipients.



Under the Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST) Program, DOST VI is the Funding Agency financing the project with more than P5 million worth of equipment including equipment training, while CPSU - College of Agriculture and Forestry (CAF) is identified as the Implementing Agency with the monetary counterpart of P703,000.

Cooperating agencies namely, RU Foundry and Machine Shop Corporation, Technological University of the Philippines Visayas, Carlos Hilado Memorial State University, Philippine Normal University, and the State University of Northern Negros formerly Northern Negros State College of Science and Technology also donated their counterparts for the project.



The project was conceptualized as a solution to the existing high repair costs of farm tools, equipment, and vehicles; it is also being aspired to help nurture Filipino creativity, resourcefulness, and ingenuity by enabling local farmers to create and customize farm tools that are gender sensitive and are designed to address their technological dilemma from the grassroots level.

DOST representatives headed by Senior Science Research Specialist Sir. Allan Francis P. Dara-ug, CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, Project Head Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa, CPSU-CAF faculty led by CAF Dean Dr. Hanzel Pedrosa, and other representatives from cooperating agencies and various government agencies attended the turnover ceremonies of the said revolutionary project on the project sites located in Negros Occidental’s Municipality of Isabela and Bago City.

CPSU, SEARCA, Partners Conduct Open-System Tractor Workshop



“To equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of the concept and features of the localized open system tractor.”

Central Philippines State University (CPSU) and Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) facilitated the Cascading Workshop on the Open System Tractor in Visayas Farming Community.

The cascading workshop transpired on June 25 at Sitio Flora, Barangay Hilamonan, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental with participating farmer trainees from the Sitio Flora Agrarian Reform Cooperative (SFARC) headed by Mr. Francisco De Guzman.

During the turnover ceremony last February 28, 2024, SFARC received the second Oggun Tractor which is an open-system design tractor—the second manufactured vehicle for the first-ever Philippine-made tractor model.

One of the workshop’s main objectives is to enhance the participants’ ability to operate, maintain, and troubleshoot the open tractor which promotes SFARCA’s self-sufficiency, tractor-use maximization, and downtime and repair costs minimization.

In addition SEARCA, CPSU, and SFARC also signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entitled “Open-System Tractor Community Adoption and Skill-building Project” during the event.

An opening program marked the commencement of the workshop with attendees from different agencies namely, CPSU headed by SUC President II Dr. Aladino C. Moraca and Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa, SEARCA headed by Deputy Director for Administration Mr. Joe Florendo, Department of Agrarian Reform headed by Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer I Ms. Edna Villaruel, and RU Foundry and Machine Shop Corp. headed by Chief-Executive-Officer Mr. Ramon Uy Sr.

The activities included the demonstration of the tractor’s basic controls and functions, provision of hands-on practice opportunities for participants guided by instructors, discussion of safety protocols and proper operation techniques, and demonstration on engine maintenance, hydraulic system maintenance, and tire maintenance.



Enhance Humanitarian Services and
Community Resilience

Ph Red Cross Bacolod Conducts Assessment for CPSU- Red Cross Partnership



Philippine Red Cross Bacolod Chapter, Chapter Administrator Ms. Rita Benita Mirasol led the organization's team in assessing Central Philippines State University's partner communities last August 15.

University President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca and other key officials accompanied the team as they visited Purok Pinamus-an, Sitio Cabugan and Sitio Lukay, Barangay Camingawan, and Purok Matanguilan, Barangay Tagukon, Kabankalan City.

The assessment aims to identify eligible household recipients for CPSU and Red Cross Bacolod Chapter's project, "Bridging Rural Infrastructure Development for Growth and Empowerment: A Strategic Partnership Initiative."

To address the inadequate access to clean water, sanitation facilities, reliable energy, and educational resources within rural communities, the Philippine Red Cross Bacolod Chapter is partnering with the university to reach their target recipients and extend necessary measures and interventions—creating real societal impact.

In addition to the interviews conducted, the Red Cross and CPSU teams also visited a water source in Sitio Cabugan, trekking down a steep area to experience the residents' daily struggle to source water for their domestic needs.



JIRCAS, Utsunomiya University Representatives Visit CPSU Main Campus



Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS) researchers, and Utsunomiya University professor and students visited Central Philippines State University – Main Campus on May 24, 2024.

The visitors from the renowned Japanese agencies, assisted by SRA’s Deputy Administrator Attorney Ignacio Santillana, met with CPSU President Dr. Aladino C. Moraca.

The team went to Camingawan – Tagukon Farmer’s Association (CATAFA) field area to conduct site inspection and validation—the validation conducted for prospect research study collaboration for Soil Studies.

Production and Enterprise Development Office Director Dr. Marivic P. Pedrosa and Farmer Leader Arnel T. Calago, briefed the team about the history of the school, its best practices conducted in terms of water management, and the university’s extension works for farmer associations present within the CPSU reserve.

Strengthening Partnerships for Sustainable Agriculture

Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE) Experts Train Farmers on Crop Improvements



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.

The event commenced with an opening program at the Accreditation Center with the presence of the University President, Dr. Aladino C. Moraca, SEARICE executive director, Normita G. Ignacio, and CPSU Production and Enterprise Development Office Director, Dr. Maryvic P. Pedrosa.

"One of the notable objectives met during this training is that farmers now recognize harmful and beneficial insects found in their fields through the agroecosystem analysis we conducted with them. They were also able to appreciate the use of organic farming methods and abstinence from harmful chemicals in farming to protect beneficial insects that naturally help in our agricultural activities and to ensure that our agricultural products are safe for consumption.

CPSU College of Agriculture and Forestry faculty member, Ms. Jundel Gonzaga also conducted a lecture on alternative animal feeds using locally sourced materials and indigenous plants to produce cost-efficient and nutrient-packed pellets for domesticated farm animal consumption.

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.

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Lastly, we acknowledge the invaluable support of all CPSU stakeholders—our alumni, donors, and friends—whose contributions and continued faith in the university inspire us to strive for greater progress in our pursuit of sustainable development.

Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference, and we look forward to further strengthening our efforts in the years to come.

We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to contribute to the SDGs.