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## CEO relocates offices; ensures ease of student services

By: Arlene D. Talasa

**In support to the ease of doing business program stipulated in RA 11032, the CSUA administration through the steering leadership of CEO Simeon R. Rabanal relocated the different offices related to students services in a one-stop service at the second floor of the CSUA Gymnasium during the first week prior to second semester opening.**

Said offices are the office of the student services and welfare, office of the guidance and counsellor, office of the socio-cultural affairs, and office of sports

services which are manned by the following designated officials– Dr. Estela I. Dirain, Ms. Gemmalyn Bait, Ms. Eleanor A. Canonizado, and Dr. Lito D. Mape respectively.

“ The relocation aims to streamline the current systems and procedures of CSU services so when a student transacts for something, he or she could easily do so as he is on the same location” says CEO Rabanal on interview. “ with this, we vouch for the safe ease of access of students services. Afterall, they are always our top priority as our clientele” emphasized the CEO.



# CSUA conducts fire and earthquake drills

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Republic Act (RA) 7722, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Act of 1994,” and with the purpose of raising awareness and preparedness of the CSUA Populace on the various disasters and its hazards brought by natural calamities particularly earthquakes and fire, Cagayan State University conducts an unannounced fire and earthquake drill last January 23, 2020 which was participated by the CSUA faculty, personnel and students.

“While earthquakes and fires come in surprise and are thus unprecedented, preparedness is a big thing for our safety, as we come to know how to react appropriately during and after the occurrence of a calamity” says chief of the



Philippine National Police in Aparri.

As part of the overall emergency plan, students were oriented on the duck, cover, and hold techniques for earthquake and the stop, line up and walk-out technique for fire drills.

In times of emergency, Don't run, don't push, don't return, don't panic– we must all proceed quietly and quickly to our designated evacuation area. Don't get overwhelmed with fear” stressed, PNP during said orientation.

The joint unannounced fire and earthquake drill of the Bureau of Fire Protection and the Philippine National Police aimed to evaluate preparedness of on disaster preparedness.



## Deans and Heads attend acad program on internationalization

By: Arlene D. Talosa



**Armed with the new vision to be a world class University, Cagayan State University continues to strengthen its international linkages. Responding to this, CSU embrace the challenge of internationalization of the curriculum as different College Deans and office heads of the campus attend the Academic program on internationalization of curriculum at the Claude Andrews Convention on February 13, 2020 spearheaded by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Office of the Direction for Instruction.**

Dr. Lirio Gudina C. Mangawil, the Director of Instruction in her presentation highlighted the different levels of internationalization, approaches to course internationalization, elements of an internationalized course., internationalization strategies. Meanwhile, Prof. Kristin Joyce Lara, the University Focal Person for Gender and Development who spoke on the

need to integrate Gender and Development emphasized of the need for gender-inclusive language and gender-sensitive curriculum as our collective effort in practice to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Magna Carta for Women. The attendees were asked to present practices related to gender responsive teaching techniques and classroom management.

Dean, Rolly A. Acidera of the College of Teacher Education took the chance to present sample course descriptions of curriculum which underscored internationalization frameworks and gender-responsiveness. Meanwhile, another set of workshop will be slated per program at CSU-Lallo campus where College Deans are expected to review curriculum of their programs for Internationalization and GAD sensitivity.

# CSUA subjects its TVET Programs for TESDA STARS Award

By: Arlene D. Talosa



Aiming to upscale the quality of technical vocational education and training (TVET) programs for the development of a more competitive Filipino workforce at Aparri, Cagayan State University subjects its TVET Programs with the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority STAR award.

TESDA's star rating system aims to recognize the accomplishments and improvements the TVIs have instituted in their programs to further enhance their TVET system. The system also aims to identify TVIs' registered programs that have surpassed the minimum requirements of TESDA's Unified TVET Program Registration and Accreditation System.

The STAR rating system recognizes the accomplishments, innovations and improvements that the TVIs have instituted beyond the minimum requirements set in the Unified TVET Program Registration and Accreditation System (UTPRAS) set by

TESDA. Said system utilizes four major objective and evidence-based criteria, namely: Governance and Management, Curriculum Development, Support Services, and Program Performance Measures with corresponding stars.

Confident with its humble accomplishments from its TVET offerings, CSUA's self evaluation as per validated reached 446 points tantamount to Center of Technical Proficiency and is 29 points short of 3 stars as per assessment and scrutiny of STAR Regional Review Committee who evaluated the accomplished self-evaluation instrument and completeness of supporting documents as attachments on February 11, 2020. On site evaluators were Director Romeo Talosig, Fatima Carag, Marinel Ciriaco, Marly Usigan Baniel and Enrique King Castillon Garcia.

## CSUA now offers Diploma Program in Hospitality Services

By: Arlene D. Talasa

Restless in toiling for programs responsive to the university's philosophy of providing and serving the community by offering programs responsive to individual and social needs, Cagayan State University at Aparri with its strong partnership with the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) now offers Diploma Program in Hospitality Services.

Diploma program in Hospitality services, is a three year course of study which focus on practical skills. Diploma in Hospitality Services is designed to prepare students to work in hospitality and food & beverage industries by providing them with the essential knowledge and developing their practical skills in respect of hospitality services and F&B operations through both institutional and internship training. The

program will be part the program offerings of the College of Hospitality Management thru Dean Raschil Battung.

The TVET Coordinator, Prof. Minerva M. Galabay who received the certificate of Recognition issued and was awarded by Demetrio P. Anduyan, Jr, PhD, CESE, the acting regional director on December 27, 2019.

This is a strong manifestation of the serious commitment of the CSU Aparri family in support to the administration of the University President, Dr. Urdujah A. Tejada, for a more credible and highly famed university system by opening more Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Programs"-CEO Rabanal.



# 2 years in a row: Aparri still No 1 in PBB

By: Arlene D. Talosa

Cagayan State University at Aparri Faculty and Personnel had all the rights to be euphoric when the CEO made a formal announcement that the campus still ranked first amongst the eight satellite campuses during the final ranking of delivery units for the Performance Based Bonus on February 12, 2020 held at CSU Andrews Campus.

"This year, the PBB Committee of the University has taken the ranking very seriously and has balanced indicators with tangible criterion such as : a) national awards and distinctions garnered; b) recognition of faculty members by prestigious academic organizations; and c) measurable and quantifiable growth and development in the campuses and we are still the best! Says CEO Rabanal .



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## CSUA subjects its TVET Programs...

CSUA according to Prof Minerva M. Galabay, the campus TVET Coordinator is the sole tertiary institution who took part in the said award participated in by Technical Vocational Institutions (TVIs) and Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programs in the country.

Professor Raschil Battung, the college Dean who takes the lead for the preparation of the needed STAR documents says the College of Hospitality Management already submitted their letter of intent to

the provincial office for recommendation to the national and external evaluators next month.

"Everything was catapulted by our University President. We are hopeful to reach the three stars. We still need to fulfil the lacking documents yet whether we get 2 or 3, these stars shall be symbol of something beautiful, good and positive for our campus." Says the Campus Executive Officer, Dr. Simeon R. Rabanal, Jr.

# MHO orients studes and Employees on NCOV

By: Arlene D. Talosa

“Today, we are not just faced with the threats brought by the outbreak of the epidemic Novel Corona Virus (NCOV), much more than this, we are undergoing the threats of the infodemic virus thru the upsurge spread of misinformation” says Dr. Rowena Marantan, Municipal Health Officer with nurses from the Department of Health during the orientation Forum on NCOV awareness for employees and students held at the CSU Gymplex on February 11, 2020, Tuesday.

Dr. Marantan oriented the CSU studes and staffs on the nature and infec-

tious process, signs and symptoms, prevention, assumptions and frequently asked questions. An open forum also took place afterwards to further answer the concerns of students.

Said Forum was part of the Local Government Unit of Aparri’s information dissemination program.

“ as of to date, there is no official confirmed case of nCov in our town, and no person is under investigation in our community. “

Further, Dr. Marantan urged the students to be purveyor of sole truths.



# CSU Faculty step up in academic rank

After rigorous screening of documents from the college to campus to university, zonal center and the Commission on Higher Education Ad Hoc Committee, twenty faculty members of the Cagayan State University at Aparri Campus stepped up in academic rank vis-à-vis the implementation of the National Budget Circular (NBC) cycle 7a promotional scheme.

The faculty members had their oath taking after Department of Budget and Management (DBM) released CSU's Notice of Organization, Staffing, and Compensation Action (NOSCA) per National Budget Circular (NBC) No. 461 Cycle 7. appointments were received on March 9, 2020.

"This promotional scheme I believe will strengthen us in all ways possible specially in our perseverance to improve the performance of the campus on the four-pronged thrusts of the university", says Dr. Simeon R. Rabanal, the Campus Executive Officer on interview. Let us be reminded however to continually strive to be better, not only for NBC's sake but for the sake of our clientele— our students and their parents.

NBC No. 461 is an updated revision of the National Compensation Circular (NCC) that rationalizes the ranks, salaries, or advancement of qualified and deserving State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) faculty members. It is on its 7<sup>th</sup> cycle evaluation.

## CSUA Bayanihan effort for face Shield

**In this trying times where many are called but few responds, Cagayan State University at Aparri heeds the call for donation of the VPAF Office for Personal Protective Equipment.**

Led by the altruistic CEO of the Campus, Dr. Simeon R. Rabanal Jr and inspired with the efforts of the University Office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance, Fr. Ranhilio Aquino, the campus with its bayanihan spirit prepares face shields at home for medical frontliners. While gatherings are prohibited in the preparation of face shields, the Campus Auxillary Office headed by Dr. Ma. Angelita S. Rabanal distributes cut

materials to nearby employees who voluntarily vouched to hand-sew the shields.

The first set of face shield were already turned over to Far North Luzon General Hospital (Apayao) thru President Tejada and to Maura SK Officials.





# CSUA reaches out its stranded studes

By: Arlene D. Talosa



**After sending aid to stranded students of the campus days during the first week of the Luzonwide Enhanced Community Quarantine Period due to COVID Outbreak, frontliners team from Cagayan State University at Aparri returned on Thursday, March 26, 2020 to provide relief packs to students displaced in different boarding houses in the town.**

The charitable effort was led by the Campus Executive Officer, Dr. Simeon R. Rabanal, Jr. The relief operation was composed of the Office of the Auxillary Services, Office of Student Welfare and Development, the Office of Student Government and other named frontliners of the campus.

It could be remembered that the relief

operation is already on its second wave as the first distributed relief came from the budget released by the office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance, Fr. Ranquillo Aquino, as per requested by the Student Regent in assistance to the stranded students. The second wave of the distribution came from the donations as initiated by the graduate school students and faculty, retired Chief Damian, and donations coming from the Masakbayan which the SK Chairman of Aparri turned over to the campus.

Meanwhile. It is noteworthy to consider that the team has taken proactive actions to ensure safety practicing and modelling social distancing.

# CICS spearheads Mobile Application Training

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**Committed to contribute enhancement of knowledge and competency in the field of Information and Computing Technology, the College of Information and Computing Science spearheads Faculty Development Training-Workshop on Mobile Application Development using Arduino- an open source prototyping platform used for building electronic projects on March 2-4, 2020.**

Engr. Nikka Allen Bernal Santos and Engr. Ariel Arguelles of the Hytec Power Inc

served as trainers during the training. Hytec Power Inc focuses on providing solutions to industrial companies and Education. Participants included twelve (12) CICS Faculty from CSU Aparri and CSU Lallo, three personnel staff and ten students.

Dr Billy S. Javier, the organizer of said training on interview says " This training is a response to the demands of Industrial revolution specially among IT curriculum implementers. We are confident that learnings during the workshop be translated in actual course contents via creations of interactive learning applications.



The participants doing the hands-on Mobile Application programming during the workshop

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