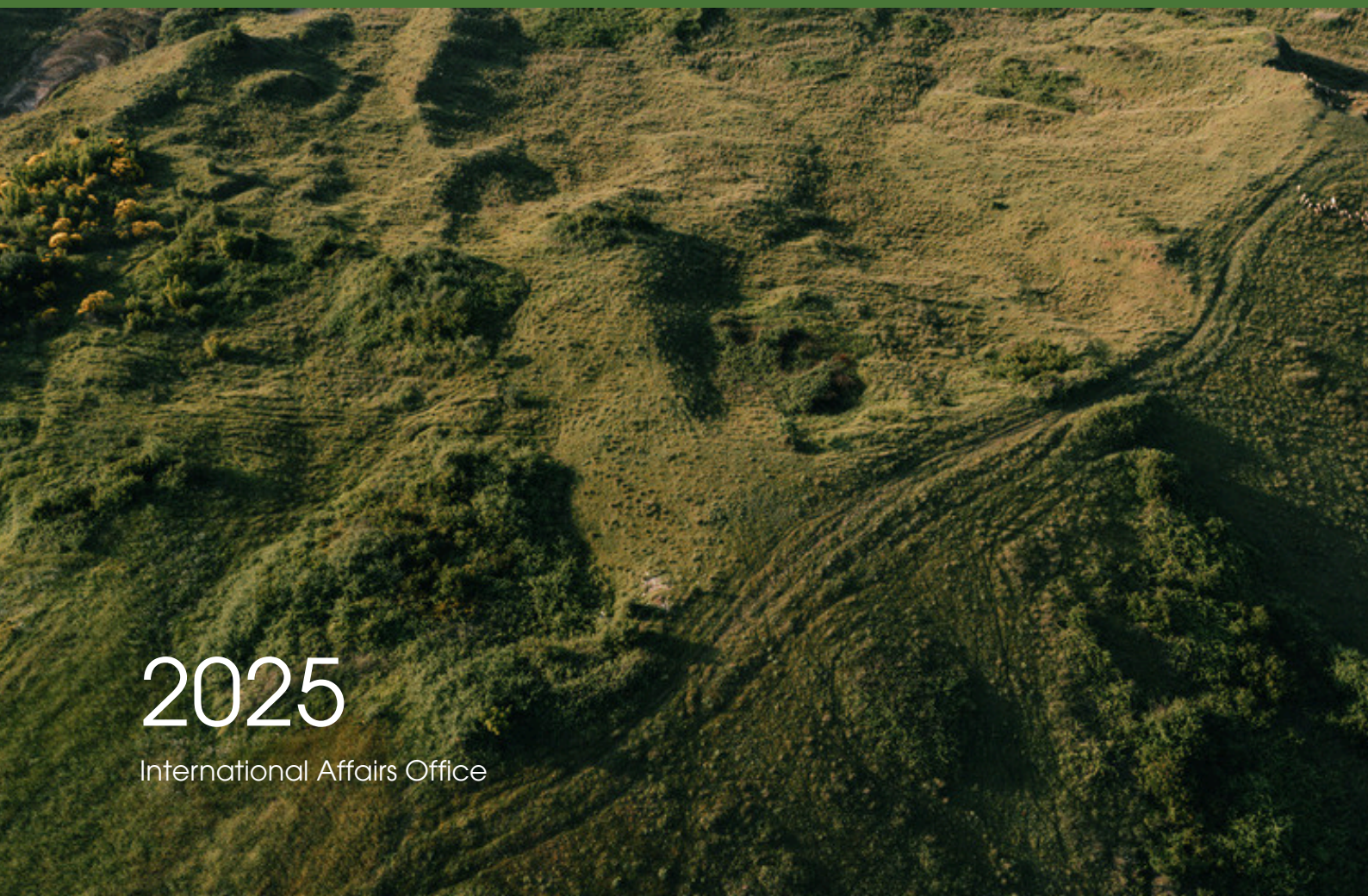
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CLSU Techno Village Program Supports NE Farmers through ItikPINAS

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With its mission to transform rural communities, the Central Luzon State University (CLSU), through its Techno Village Development Program (TVDP), distributed 1,500 improved mallard ducks, known as ItikPINAS, to farmer partners in Nueva Ecija, specifically Aliaga, Talavera, and Science City of Muñoz on May 6, 2025.

This initiative will provide beneficiaries with additional income opportunities and sustainable livelihoods. The program includes the provision of high-quality ducks, along with essential technical support from CLSU experts.

The 1,500 distributed ducks, valued at approximately 370 pesos per duck, were already three months old and productive layers.

The turnover was led by Dr. Aldrin E. Badua, University Extension Program Office Director, along with program head Mr. Armando C. Lagasca, Head of UEPO Technology Promotion Division, and attended by the University President and TVDP Program Leader, Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, with six beneficiaries and agricultural representatives from Talavera and Science City of Muñoz.

The ItikPINAS is a genetically superior Philippine native layer duck recognized for its uniform appearance, high and consistent egg production (averaging 257–266 eggs per year), disease resistance, and adaptability to the local climate.

This initiative is part of CLSU's broader efforts to promote agricultural innovation and community development through technology transfer and partnerships with local stakeholders.





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CLSU Hybrid Rice Harvest Festival Showcases Innovation, High-Yielding Varieties

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) through the University Business Affairs Program (UBAP) gathered farmers, students, and agricultural partners for the Hybrid Rice Harvest Festival held today, March 18, at the field demonstration site and Multi-purpose Gymnasium (MPG).

The Festival served as a strategic bridge between the academe and the farming community, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange. Led by Dr. Karenina B. Romualdo, Vice President for Business Affairs, and Assoc. Prof. Jaypee Estigoy, Director for Crop Production, alongside Dr. Ace Mugssy Agustin and Mr. Francis Mina as rice module project managers, the event highlighted high-performing hybrid rice varieties for local farmers and students.

The derby was supported by the attendance and participation of top seed companies and agricultural research institutions. Among those present were Enviro Scope Synergy Inc., Syngenta Philippines Inc., Bioseed Research Philippines, Inc., Pro Agri Seed Corp., Prasad Seeds Philippines Inc., Bayer CropScience, Inc., Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), SL Agritech Corporation, SeedWorks Philippines Incorporated, Aljay Agro-Industrial Solutions Incorporated, Leads Agricultural Products Corporation, and Farmex Corporation.

The event was attended by farmers, agriculture students, seed companies, and agricultural technicians.


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CLSU Hosts Final Leg of National Policy Workshop to Empower Cultural MSMEs

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Central Luzon State University (CLSU), in partnership with the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) together with the Philippine APEC Study Center Network (PASCN), the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF Canada) through the APEC? Canada Growing Business Partnership, hosted the final leg of the Policy Leadership Workshop Series from January 13 to 15, 2026.

The workshop series equipped participants with practical skills in digital innovation, financial literacy, and inclusive program design. Furthermore, the sessions empowered stakeholders to co-develop policy proposals supporting women-led MSMEs and established vital linkages between government, academia, and the private sector.

University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella conveyed a message of support at the event, emphasizing the importance of evidence-based policymaking.

"Gatherings like this are essential in promoting inclusive growth and empowering women as key drivers of economic development at both the local and national levels," President Abella stated.

To conclude the first day, participants toured the CLSU campus to explore its history and commercialized technologies and to witness firsthand how university-led innovations can be integrated into their own business practices to boost competitiveness.





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RIDe Fest 2025: Groundwork to Greatness of Innovation Impact

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The Research, Innovation, and Development Festival (RIDe Fest) is an annual event that highlights the university's discoveries, knowledge, and impact in the community.

This years festival began with the official Opening Program and the ceremonial inauguration of the Innovation and Extension Exhibit, setting a celebratory tone. This was followed by the rigorous 37th Annual In-House Review of Completed and Ongoing R&D Projects and the Research Poster Showcase. To conclude the first day of the festival, a Knowledge-Sharing Session on "Communicating Science Effectively through Social Media? with Content Creator and UPLB Asst. Prof. Ethan Hernandez was held, and attended by over 200 students, faculty members, and science communicators from nearby agencies.

Day two fused community spirit with academic pursuits. The early morning Community Parade was followed by events that highlighted the talents, humor, and research-oriented mindset of the CLSU community, including the competitive RIDe Fest Quest and an enthusiastic Cook-off.

Furthermore, research and innovation were amplified through the Student Researchers' Day, the continuation of the In-House Review, and an insightful Plenary Session: International Spotlight, featuring crucial updates on the Banana and Cacao Disease Management Project.

The excitement continues with the highly anticipated Innovation Pitch Off and the Sustainability Summit, alongside the final day of the exhibit.





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CLSU Strengthens Community Outreach Efforts in NE with New Partnerships

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) is enhancing its commitment to community outreach by establishing new partnerships. On September 9, 2025, the University signed several Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) to bring its research-backed technologies and expertise to more communities in Nueva Ecija.

The first MOA was signed between the University Extension Program Office (UEPO) and the Local Government Units (LGUs) of Nampicuan and Talugtug. Led by Dr. Emmanuel M. Vera Cruz, Vice President for Research and Extension, and Dr. Aldrin E. Badua, Director of the UEPO, along with the respective mayors, Hon. Mario G. Lacurom of Nampicuan and Hon. Pacifico B. Monta of Talugtug.

This agreement aims to establish "techno-hubs" in these municipalities where farmers can adopt technologies developed by CLSU. Additionally, the Municipality of Nampicuan has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the UEPO to access other services, including training related to agriculture and various other fields.

The second MOA was signed between the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), led by their Dean, Dr. Jay C. Santos, and the Municipality of Talugtug, represented by Mayor Monta.

This agreement focuses on the project "Community Engagement: Social Capacity Building, Civic and Gender Awareness, and Cultural Mapping," aiming to utilize CLSU's expertise to tackle key social and economic challenges in the area.

The series of signing ceremonies was led by Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, University President, along with key representatives and witnesses from CLSU and the partner Local Government Units (LGUs) that highlighted the significance and potential impact of the new partnerships.



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CLSU, DA-RFO III Successfully Host Hybrid Rice Harvest Derby StratCom | SCO

The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) and the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office III (DA-RFO III), in collaboration with the Nueva Ecija Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, hosted a “Hybrid Rice Harvest Derby” at the University Business Affairs Program's (UBAP) rice production area today, September 19, showcasing various hybrid rice varieties to local farmers.

The derby drew nearly 150 farmers from the District 2 municipalities and cities of Nueva Ecija, along with representatives from key seed companies and agricultural institutions.

Mr. Marlon Ingusan, a 40-year-old farmer from Lupao, Nueva Ecija, highlighted the importance of such events.

“Umaatend ako ng mga ganitong derby para sa susunod na taniman ay alam na namin kung anong variety ang magandang itanim at kung saan kami mas kikita,” Mr. Ingusan said.

• The event featured a diverse lineup of top seed companies and research institutions presenting their best-performing hybrid seeds. These included SeedWorks, Enviro Scope Synergy Inc., Green & Grow Teknologies, BioSeed, Leads Agri, SL Agritech Corporation, Bayer Crop Science, Syngenta, Aljay Agro Industrial Solutions Inc., Pro Agri Seed Corp, and the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice).

Key individuals present during the event were Vice President for Research and Extension Dr. Emmanuel M. Vera Cruz, representing University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, Dr. Karenina B. Romualdo, Vice President for Business Affairs, Dr. Lowell Rebillaco, Supervising Agriculturist, Dr. Jovita B. Agliam, Provincial Agriculturist, Mr. Christian Ramos, Regional Seed Coordinator, and Assoc. Prof. Jaypee H. Estigoy, UBAP Crops Production Division Director.

The knowledge gained from the derby empowered farmers to make informed decisions and sustain their success in future cropping seasons.



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Agriculture Secretary Leads Launch of Animal Vaccine Dev't Program at CenTrAD

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Department of Agriculture - Philippines (DA) Secretary Hon. Francisco Tiu Laurel led the inauguration of the Animal Vaccine Development Program on April 8, 2025, at the Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (CenTrAD) located at Central Luzon State University (CLSU). The inauguration formed part of the University?s 118th Founding Anniversary celebration, which commenced with a ribbon cutting and was followed by a facility tour led by CenTrAD Director Dr. Virginia M. Venturina to showcase the facility and the laboratories dedicated to vaccine development.

CLSU, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and its attached agencies, particularly the DA-Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI), DA-Livestock Biotechnology Center, and DA-Philippine Carabao Center (PCC), played a key role in bringing the program to fruition. Other key people who graced the event were Dr. Claro N. Mingala, Director of DA National Livestock Program, Dr. Liza G. Battad, DA-PCC Executive Director, Mr. Joseph Rudolph Lo, President of Food Terminal Inc., Dr. Eduardo L. Lapuz, Jr., DA Region III Director and faculty and staff from the College of Veterinary Science and Medicine.



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CLSU, FDA-RFO III Equip MSMEs with Licensing, Food Safety, and Good Manufacturing Practices

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU), through its College of Home Science and Industry (CHSI), in partnership with the Food and Drug Administration Regional Field Office III (FDA-RFO III), has launched a comprehensive Training Program for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) under the program of FDA entitled ?Bigyang-halaga, Bangon MSMEs? held on June 10-11, 2025, at CLIRDEC, CLSU.

The training sessions are designed to equip MSME entrepreneurs with practical knowledge across various topics, including Rules, Requirements and Procedures in the application of License to Operate (AO 2024-0015), Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), Food Safety, and the demonstration of use of FDA Portal.

Vice President for Administration Dr. Ariel G. Mactal delivered the welcome remarks on behalf of CLSU President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, expressing his gratitude to the partner agencies for sharing their knowledge and resources to assist the MSMEs in the province.

Furthermore, Dr. Celyrah B. Castillo, CHSI Dean, and Ms. Virginia P. Timbol, Regional Supervisor of FDA-RFO III, also expressed their enthusiasm for the collaborative effort and reiterated the organizations' commitment to supporting the growth and development of MSMEs in the province. Various MSMEs from Nueva Ecija and CLSU personnel attended the said event.

This event underscores the collective dedication to assisting entrepreneurs throughout their journey, from business inception and growth to navigating potential challenges.



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CLSU, PGNE Formalize Partnership to Boost NE farmers through the Establishment of Food Processing Facility

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The Provincial Government of Nueva Ecija (PGNE) and Central Luzon State University (CLSU) have officially established a long-term collaboration through signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) focused on a shared mission of improving the lives of farmers in the province, held today, August 12, at the CLSU Administration Conference Room.

The partnership revolved around the establishment and operation of the Nueva Ecija Food Processing Center, to which CLSU will play a vital role by providing its expertise in crucial areas, including business planning, utilizing research for practical applications, developing new products using local agricultural produce, and facilitating extension services to strengthen farmers? organizations, and cooperatives among others.

The ceremonial MOA signing was led by Governor Aurelio ?Oyie? M. Umali and CLSU President Abella joined by key officials, including Atty. Jose Maria Ceasar C. San Pedro, Provincial Administrator; Dr. Jovita B. Agliam, Provincial Agriculturist; Mr. Angelo Piccio from the Provincial Planning and Development Office; Dr. Ariel G. Mactal, CLSU Vice President for Administration; Dr. Emmanuel M. Vera Cruz, Vice President for Research and Extension represented by Dr. Aldrin E. Badua, University Extension Office Director; Dr. Ravelina R. Velasco, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Karenina B. Romualdo, Vice President for Business Affairs; and Dr. Celyrah B. Catillo, Dean of the College of Home Science and Industry.

This partnership will leverage the academic and research capabilities of CLSU to support the provincial government's efforts in strengthening the sustainable agricultural sector, providing farmers with new opportunities and a path toward economic security.



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CLSU Leads Conference for OFWs and Families Across Region 3

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU), through the University Gender and Development Office (UGADO), in collaboration with the OFW Family Circle of Nueva Ecija, Inc. (OFCNE), is currently conducting a two-day regional conference for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and their families from May 15 to 16, 2025.

The event brings together 96 members of the OFW Family Circle (OFC) community from Region 3, representing the provinces of Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, and Zambales.

With the theme ?BAYANI ng Gitnang Luzon: Benepisyo at Aksyon tungo sa Yaman, Abilidad, Negosyo, at Integral na Kalusugang Pangkaisipan,? the conference features discussions and workshops on mental health, gender issues, business development, financial literacy, and discrimination. Behind this initiative is the dedicated CLSU team led by Prof. Janet O. Saturno, UGADO Director, and Dr. Jayson L. Marzan, Project Leader of MeMo + GOLD.

They are joined Dr. Carolyn P. Gonzales-Marzan, Mr. Sherwin Celestino, Ms. Alliah Samantha P. Sugue, Mr. Ryan De Quina, and Mr. Laurence Lingat as project staff members. This collaborative effort underscores the university?s continuous commitment to delivering impactful programs that address the needs and challenges faced by OFWs and their families.



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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CLSU Infirmary Secures Official License to Operate from DOH

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Central Luzon State University (CLSU) Infirmary, the campus's essential primary health care facility, has officially received its License to Operate (LTO) from the Department of Health (DOH), with a one-year validity, following a rigorous assessment.

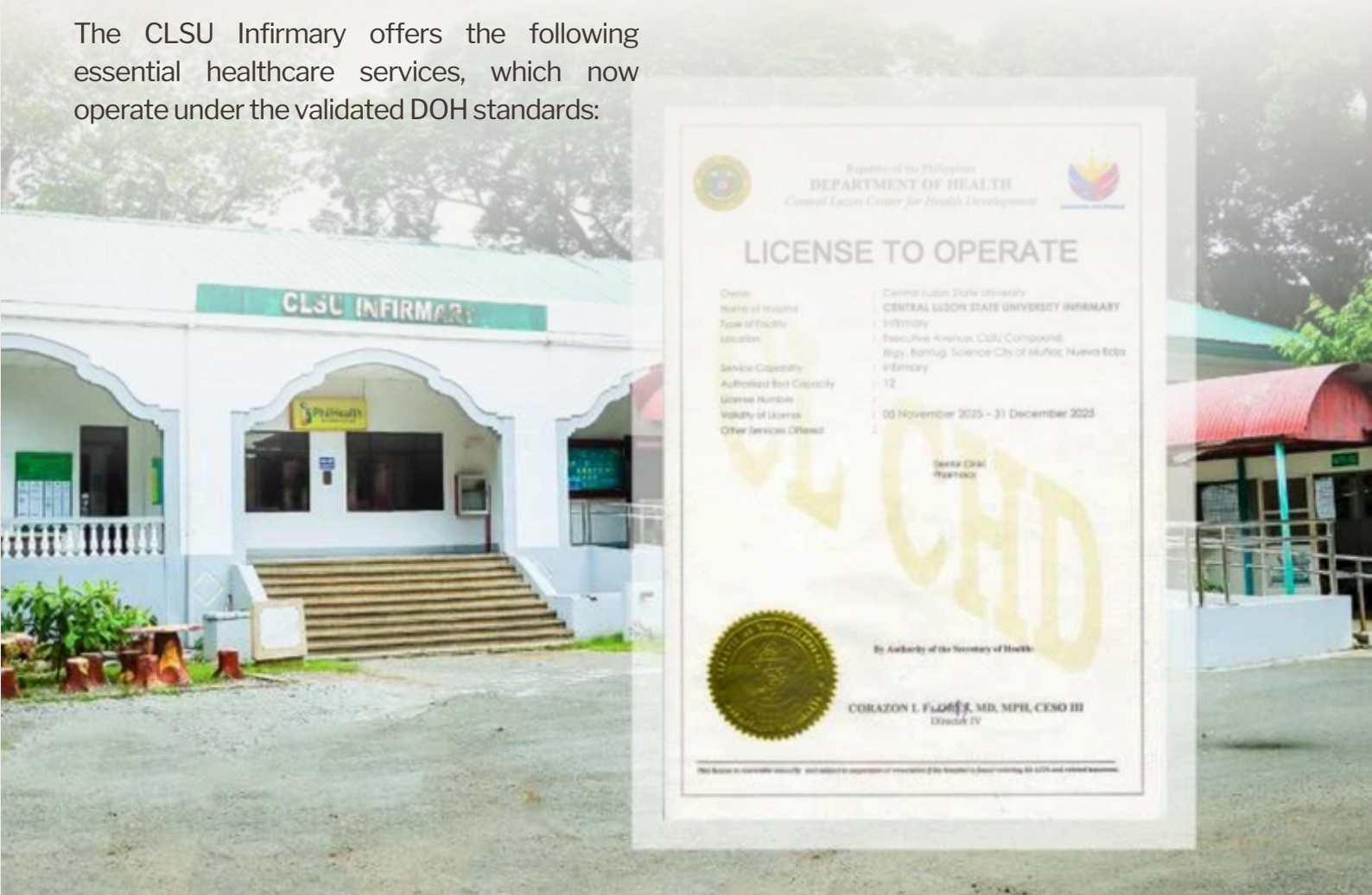
The issuance of the LTO signifies that the University Health and Medical Services or infirmary is now authorized to provide 24-hour medical care to CLSU students, faculty, staff, and their registered dependents.

However, for non-CLSU constituents (outsiders), consultation services are available only during standard business hours, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. They will also be charged for the expenses incurred.

The CLSU Infirmary offers the following essential healthcare services, which now operate under the validated DOH standards:

- Medical Services such as General Consultation and Medical Certificate issuance.
- Dental Services, including critical procedures such as Tooth Extraction, Dental Filling, and Dental Prophylaxis.
- Clinical Laboratory Services, including analysis of blood, urine, and stool samples, as well as Blood Sugar Determination.
- Pharmacy Services, which provide essential and prescribed medications.

This significant milestone enhances the University's capacity to deliver quality, accessible healthcare services to its academic community and the surrounding municipality.





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CLSU to Establish Veterinary Clinical Skills Laboratory through Generous Donation

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Central Luzon State University (CLSU) President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Dr. Eduardo Mallorca Celo and Dr. Jovenia Soriano Celo, private citizens from New Jersey, USA, on March 7, 2025, at the Administration Conference Room, to establish a Veterinary Clinical Skills Laboratory (VCSL) on campus.

The agreement aims to provide both financial and material support to the University?s veterinary program, particularly in enhancing the training of veterinary students. The VCSL will offer students the opportunity to develop both basic and advanced clinical skills through the use of veterinary simulators and inanimate models - a hands-on approach that ensure students are well-prepared and confident in performing clinical procedures before working with live animals.

The establishment of the VCSL also emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration, engaging both pre-clinical and clinical faculty members from the College of Veterinary Science and Medicine (CVSM) in the training process.

Among those in attendance were Dr. Gemerlyn G. Garcia, CVSM Dean, Dr. Elfren B. Celestino, Head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, Dr. Armando G. Agustin, Chief Veterinarian at VTH-CVSM, and Dr. Robert H. Lo, CEO of RDF Feed, Livestock, and Foods Inc.





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OSA Celebrates Guidance Awareness Month with a Series of Activities

Angeli Austria | OSA

With the theme ?Know Yourself, Grow Yourself: A Journey towards True Self,? the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) through the Guidance Services Unit (GSU) held a series of activities this March in celebration of Guidance Awareness Month. The celebration kicked off on March 3, 2025, at the CLSU Multi-Purpose Gym where OSA Guidance Counselors, Mental Health Advocates, and College Guidance Coordinators were introduced, followed by a motorcade around the campus.

Dr. Irene G. Bustos, OSA Dean, reiterated that the Guidance Awareness Month Celebration has been one of the major programs of their office and is anticipated by students each year.

University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella expressed his support by recognizing the indispensable role of OSA in promoting mental health at the University.

Meanwhile, Assoc. Prof. Chrisdell C. Munsayac, GSU Head, led the guidance activities such as Seminars, Radio Guesting, Wellness Wednesday, and Yoga Sessions conducted at the college and university levels through the concerted efforts of OSA Personnel, College Guidance Coordinators, student leaders, peer facilitators, and other student volunteers.

Indeed, these activities provided students, faculty, and staff with an opportunity to refocus, recharge, and prioritize their mental well-being, raise awareness, and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

For more updates and information, like and follow the Facebook page of the Office of Student Affairs at https://www.facebook.com/osaclsuph





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CenTrAD, CVSM Hold VetALERT Training to Enhance Veterinary Capacity

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In an effort to build stronger veterinary capacity, the Center for Transboundary Diseases (CenTrAD) and the College of Veterinary Science and Medicine (CVSM) held a training workshop entitled Advancing Livestock Enterprise and Resource Training Program for Veterinarians (VetALERT): Strengthening Diagnostic Competence in Pathology and Transferrable Veterinary Skills on August 26-29, 2025.

In her Opening Remarks, Dr. Virginia M. Venturina, Director of CenTrAD, warmly welcomed the participants and underscored the significance of the activity in advancing veterinary practice, emphasizing its role in enhancing professional growth and ensuring quality service.

The session started with a lecture on Introduction to Adult Learning facilitated by Dr. Brown, followed by scenario-based discussions on avian diseases jointly conducted by Dr. Brown, Dr. Nicholas Streitenberger, and Dr. Kelsey Fiddes of the Global Health Pathology Network. The program, facilitated by Dr. Mark Andrew N. Cuento, a member of the Philippine College of Poultry Practitioners and a recognized expert in poultry, concluded with an interactive hands-on training on chicken necropsy, sample collection, handling, storage, packaging, and report writing.

The VetALERT training workshop drew participation from the academe and government veterinarians representing various regions nationwide.





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GASS Program Leads Zumba for a Cause

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU), through the General Administrative Support and Services Program (GASS), is currently conducting a Zumba for a Cause event.

This charitable activity has successfully garnered the participation of more than 100 individuals. All proceeds collected from the event will be directly contributed to the Project HANDOG (Hakbang ng Akademya para sa Nasalanta, Dala ay Oportunidad at Ginhawa) - an initiative to provide assistance and relief to victims of the recent typhoon.



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CLSU 'Sieves' 2,403 Graduands Ready to March for the 73rd Annual Graduation

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) celebrates the grit and determination of the 2,403 graduands who will march to the Dr. Pedro A. Abella Graduation Site carrying their dreams, hope, and knowledge for the 73rd Annual Commencement Exercises on July 25, 2025.

This year's graduating class demonstrates exceptional academic distinction with 4 Summa Cum Laude, 150 Magna Cum Laude, and 852 Cum Laude, showcasing the university's commitment to fostering outstanding academic performance. Additionally, the university will recognize 7 graduates with High Honors, 47 with Honors, and 92 with Academic Distinction, highlighting the diverse range of accomplishments within the graduating class.

Hon. Sherwin "Win" Gatchalian, the esteemed Chairman of the Senate Committees on Basic Education and Ways and Means, will serve as the commencement speaker.

Senator Gatchalian's address is expected to provide valuable insights and inspiration to the graduating class as they embark on their professional journeys.

"The 73rd Annual Commencement Exercises under the theme "Charting New Horizons: Embracing the Future of Learning in a Changing World", will confer degrees across various colleges and programs: 484 from the College of Agriculture, 277 from the College of Arts and Social Sciences, 335 from the College of Business and Accountancy, 432 from the College of Education, 320 from the College of Engineering, 12 from the College of Fisheries, 230 from the College of Home Science and Industry, 190 from College of Science, 107 from the College of Veterinary Science and Medicine, and 16 from the Distance, Open, and Transnational University.

CLSU is proud to send forth this accomplished group of graduates, confident in their ability to drive innovation, lead with integrity, and embody the spirit of excellence in their respective fields.





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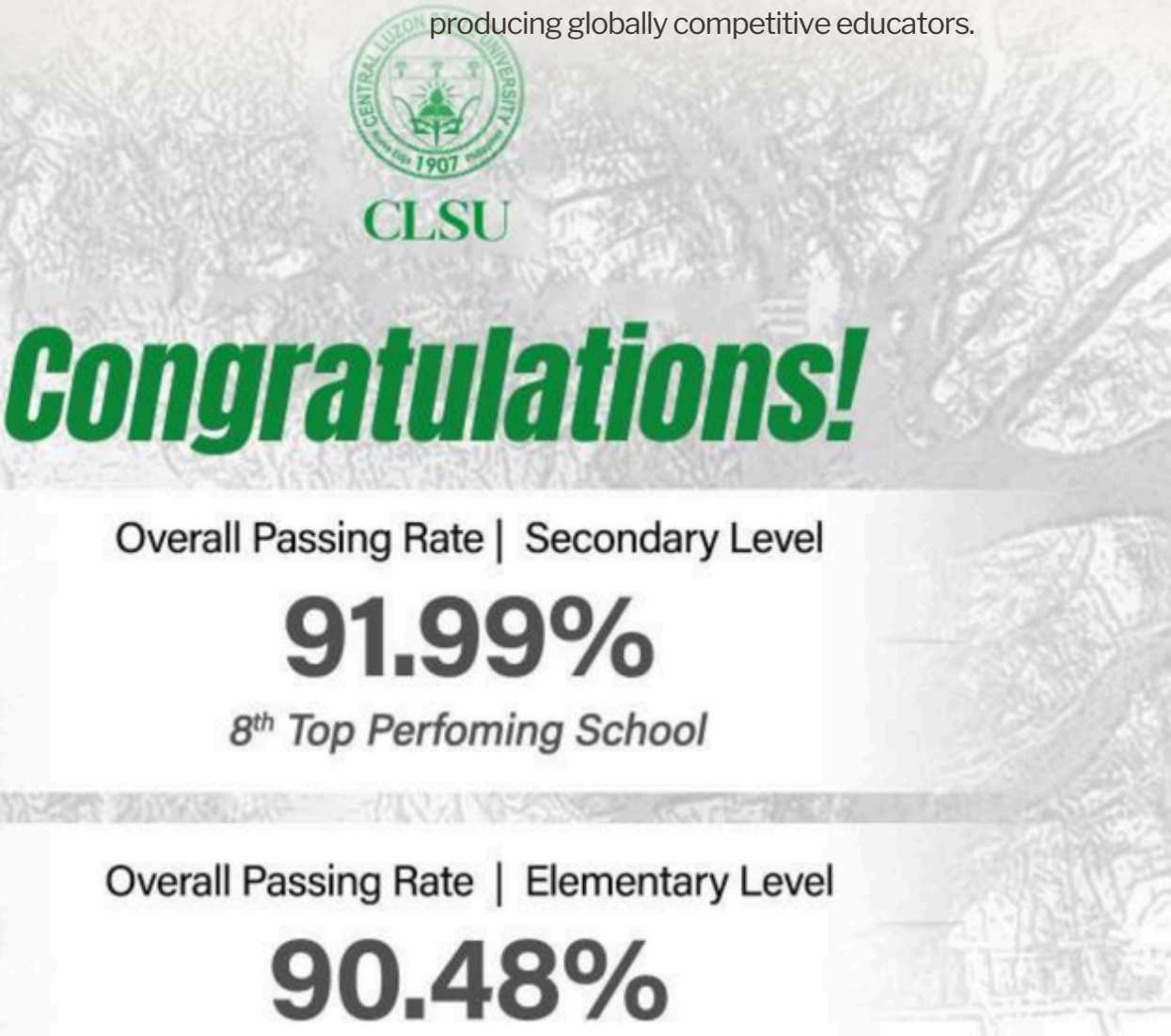
CLSU Shines in September and November 2025 LET, Surpassing Nat'l Passing Rates and Ranking 8th in Secondary Education

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU), through its College of Education (CEd), has once again reaffirmed its status as a Center of Excellence after posting outstanding institutional passing rates in the September and November 2025 Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) released by the Professional Regulation Commission. CLSU recorded a 90.48% passing rate in Elementary Education and 91.99% in Secondary Education, significantly higher than the national passing rates of 51.04% and 72.62 percent, respectively.

Further strengthening its impressive performance, the University ranked 8th nationwide among top-performing schools with 300 or more examinees in Secondary Education. This marks CLSUs second consecutive year to secure a place among the country's top-performing institutions in the said category. A total of 363 ?Golden Grains" passed the LET with 76 from Elementary Education and 287 from Secondary Education, earning their professional licenses.

This achievement underscores CEd?s unwavering commitment to excellence and its dedication to producing globally competitive educators.





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OSA Partners with DTI to Sharpen Business Skills among CLSU Students

Angeli T. Austria | OSA

The Office of Student Affairs-Career Development and Employment Services Unit (OSA-CDESU) in collaboration with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) - Nueva Ecija conducted a capacity-building and skills enhancement activities on entrepreneurship among students on March 12-14, 2025 at the DHTM Lounge.

With more than 30 participants, including the newly formed CLSU Student Economic Enterprise Group (CSEEG) established under OSA, the three-day seminar-workshop, dubbed "YEP! You Can Be Your Own Boss," is in line with the DTI-Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP), which aims to teach foundational business skills among the youth, including recognizing opportunities and clients, managing financing, and strategizing business plans.

The seminar-workshop commenced with Dr. Irene G. Bustos, OSA Dean, giving an overview of the event and introducing the module. It was filled with activities and learning opportunities, covering topics such as business fundamentals, operations, finance, and communication. The workshop concluded with a business pitching competition, allowing participants to apply what they had learned.

This initiative, led by Associate Professor Magdalena Galang, Career Development Coordinator, and Service Coordinator for Persons with Disabilities and Students with Special Needs section of the Guidance Services Unit, marked a significant milestone in equipping students with the essential skills for entrepreneurship, addressing sustainable development goals related to poverty reduction, economic growth, and the promotion of decent work.



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CLSU's SEA Teacher Exchange Program Concludes for Inbound and Outbound Participation

Kenn Joshua Jardin | IAO

Thirteen pre-service teachers from Central Luzon State University (CLSU) and ten inbound students from international partner institutions have successfully completed the month-long Pre-Service Student Teacher Exchange in Southeast Asia (SEA Teacher Project). The program, held from January 27 to February 27, 2025, provided valuable cross-cultural and professional development opportunities for all participants.

As part of the outbound exchange, CLSU sent thirteen students ? the largest delegation to date ? to five partner universities across Indonesia, Thailand, and Japan. Four students were deployed to Universitas Ahmad Dahlan (UAD) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia; three to Universitas Muhammadiyah Sumatera Utara (UMSU) in Medan, Indonesia; two to Khon Kaen University (KKU) in Thailand; two to the University of Tsukuba (UT) in Japan; and two to Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI) in Bandung, Indonesia.

Ms. Samuelle B. Bernabe, a Culture and Arts Education major assigned to UMSU, shared her experience: "The SEA-Teacher Project gave me a SEAgnificant adventure for a month by providing numerous teaching experiences that helped me grow professionally, hone my teaching skills, expand my network, and deepen my understanding of cultural diversity through the sites we visited, the languages we learned, and the practices we embraced."

Meanwhile, CLSU also welcomed ten inbound students ? four from UAD, two from KKU, two from UT, and two from UPI ? who conducted their teaching practicums at the CLSU Laboratory for Teaching and Learning ? University Science High School (CLTL-USHS) and the DepEd-CLSU Elementary Laboratory School.

Ms. Pakkamon Rongchaiyaphum, an English Education major from KKU, expressed her gratitude for her time at CLSU: "All of my students in Grade 10 were highly participative and eager to engage in activities. My cooperating teacher was incredibly supportive, especially when teaching Mythology, a new topic for me. I was surprised that I didn?t feel overwhelmed at all, thanks to the warm support from everyone at USHS?students and teachers alike," she expressed.

The implementation of the SEA Teacher Project at the university for Pilot Batch 4 and Regular Batch 10 was made possible through the collaboration of the International Affairs Office and the College of Education.



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CLSU Inaugurates First King Sejong Institute-Muñoz in NE StratCom | SCO

The Central Luzon State University (CLSU), through its productive partnership with Sunchon National University (SCNU) of South Korea, officially inaugurated the first-ever King Sejong Institute (KSI)-Mu?oz in Nueva Ecija, today, August 27.

After a year of collaborative planning, the KSI-Mu?oz will begin offering Korean language and culture classes to the community of Science City of Mu?oz and nearby cities. The program is designed for Filipinos interested in learning Korean for cultural understanding, academic purposes, or employment opportunities in South Korea. Courses will be available at both the introductory and intermediate levels.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by key officials and dignitaries, including Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, CLSU President; Dr. Ravelina R. Velasco, CLSU Vice President for Academic Affairs; Hon. Baby Armi L. Alvarez, Mayor of the Science City of Mu?oz; Prof. Dr. Lee Byungwoon, SCNU President; Ms. Seo Kangseok, SCNU International Affairs Office; Mr. Kim Hoy Taek, SCNU Industry-University Cooperation Foundation; Mr. Sang Seungman, Minister and Consul of the Korean Embassy in the Philippines; and Mr. Kwon Minhyuck, Consul of the Korean Embassy in the Philippines. While the official lecturer, Ms. Kim Suhyeon, was also introduced to the CLSU Community.

In his words, President Abella said, ?As the University aspires to become a hub of excellence and innovation, the KSI-Mu?oz reflects our commitment to holistic education-where science and technology meet culture and humanity.? He also stressed that ?This partnership brings us closer to our vision of producing globally competitive and culturally grounded graduates,? aligned with the University?s mission.

Meanwhile, Mr. Sang, expressed his support for the initiative, stating, ?This is a historic day not just for both universities, but for both countries - the Philippines and South Korea. I am truly delighted that Hanggeul and Korean culture are now brought closer to North and Central Luzon, as we continue to build meaningful bridges together.



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UGADO Advances Equality during the 2025 GAD Research Congress

Alliah Samantha P. Sugue | UGADO

The Central Luzon State University – Gender and Development Office (UGADO), in collaboration with the Central Luzon Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium (CLAARRDEC), officially opened the 4th International and 7th National Gender and Development (GAD) Research Congress held from November 19–21, 2025, at the CLSU Research and Extension Amphitheater.

With the theme "Accelerating Societal Inclusivity: Gender-Transformative Research for Sustainable Development," the congress brought together around 190 participants, including guests and researchers from various State Universities and Colleges.

CLSU President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella delivered the welcome remarks, emphasizing the critical role of inclusivity.

"Inclusivity involves the participation of every sector of society, especially the marginalized. Inclusivity also means empowering those who are powerless. It is symbolic in the sense that there must now be equal treatment between men and women. We believe that when you talk of inclusivity, women are not just beneficiaries—they should also be actors in research, in implementation, and in the use of research findings," said President Abella.

The opening ceremony featured distinguished keynote speakers including Dr. Yoshihide Obayashi, Assistant Professor from the Department of Health Care Policy at the Hokkaido University Graduate School of Medicine in Sapporo, Japan, who emphasized that sustainability cannot be achieved without inclusivity.

Another keynote speaker, Dr. John Paolo R. Rivera, Senior Research Fellow at the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, highlighted in his final remarks that as empowerment rises, societies rise. However, he stressed that empowerment must be accompanied by responsibility and accountability.





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CLSU Ascends in the 2026 THE Impact Rankings, Secures Place in the 601–800 Band

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Driven by its steadfast commitment to sustainability and global development, Central Luzon State University (CLSU) has successfully reclaimed the 601-800 overall ranking in the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2026. This year?s edition evaluated 1,646 universities across 116 countries and territories.

University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella commended the faculty and staff for their dedication, noting that their passion and concrete initiatives are what drive CLSU's success in global sustainability. As CLSU continues to carve its path on the global stage, this achievement serves as both a milestone and a mandate. Moving forward, the university remains steadfast in its mission to innovate, collaborate, and lead initiatives that not only elevate its academic standing but also create a sustainable impact globally.



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CLSU Signs MOU with Region 3 SUCs and DBM to Offer Diploma in Women, Peace and Security with Focus on IPs

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) forged a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Budget and Management and State Universities in Region 3 today, May 17, at the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology, Cabanatuan City.

University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella and NEUST President Dr. Rhodora R. Jugo led the PASUC 3 presidents in the MOU signing. They were joined by Dir. Rosalie C. Abesamis from the DBM Region III, who represented DBM Secretary Amenah Pangandaman, as well as IP community representatives, other stakeholders, and partner institutions within the region.

The MOU covers the implementation and promotion of the program, which seeks to address a critical gap in capacity building by providing academic, research, and policy-oriented training to empower Indigenous women and their advocates and strengthen inclusive peace and development strategies.

As a partner institution, CLSU is committed to supporting inclusive peace and development programs for the academe, target beneficiaries, and partner communities.



5 GENDER EQUALITY

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CTEC Kicks Off its Career Caravan in Guimba, NE

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Following the official opening of the College Admission Test (CAT) application period, the Central Luzon State University (CLSU), through its Testing and Evaluation Center (CTEC), officially kicked off its 2025 Career Caravan dubbed as LIPAD (Learn & Live your Interests, Passions, Ambitions, and Dreams) today, September 12 at the Bartolome Sangalang National High School (BSNHS) in Guimba, Nueva Ecija.

Faculty members from the College of Arts and Social Sciences, who introduced their undergraduate programs, and the Office of Student Affairs, which facilitated career planning sessions, joined the CTEC in this initiative.

The event concluded with the launching of the Mobile CLSU-CAT Online Application, which allowed BSNHS senior high school students to begin their application process onsite, providing a convenient and concrete first step toward their academic future at the university.

The LIPAD" Career Caravan is a series of events in different high schools that aims to help students make informed decisions about academic and career choices by focusing on their individual strengths and interests. It further emphasises the importance of aligning academic paths with personal passions, skills, and long-term professional goals.

Through this initiative, CLSU reaffirms its commitment to guiding and empowering young learners, helping them to soar toward their dream course.



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CLSU ROTC Unit Impresses with 99% Overall Score; Women Cadets Dominate the Troops

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After months of rigorous training and dedication, the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Unit celebrated a significant achievement today, May 26, as they earned an outstanding overall score of 99.03% during the highly anticipated Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI).

The CLSU ROTC Unit, led by Asst. Prof. Zorille Dela Cruz was composed of 313 females and 254 males, demonstrating the strong presence of women in the troops. They showcased mastery of skills in all evaluated categories including marching drills, basic life support, and the execution of tactical maneuvers.

This year's evaluation team, headed by Col. George M. Bergonia, assessed the capability of the cadets to lead with discipline, proficiency, and readiness to serve.

University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella expressed his full support to the students encouraging them to do their best in representing the university.

"Alam ko ang mga sakripisyo ninyo… Kaya sa inyong mga Cadet at sa lahat ng bumubuo ng ROTC Unit, ako po ay proud sa inyo… Yung nanjan lang kayo at nasa harapan namin ngayon, kayo para sa akin ay panalo na," said President Abella.

He further boosted their morale during the closing program, as he congratulated the students for the sweet success that comes from their hard work saying "Mas matamis ang tagumpay kung pinaghihirapan."

This near-perfect score solidifies the University's position as one of the leading ROTC units in Central Luzon, underscoring the exceptional caliber of its cadets and the effectiveness of its training program.

RAATI is a comprehensive annual evaluation meticulously conducted by the Philippine Army which serves as the final test for ROTC units across the region.



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CLSU Features ItikPINAS Technology in UHAY Festival Grand Parade 2026

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With vibrant energy and unity, the Central Luzon State University (CLSU), headed by the University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, participated in the 13th Uhay Festival Grand Parade and Float Competition as part of the celebration of the 25th Charter Anniversaryof the Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, today, January 20.

Alongside the CLSU officials and Siel - the official mascot, the University contingent marched proudly through the streets of the Science City of Muñoz, showcasing the university's solidarity with the local community.

The University float featured "Lakan," a Philippine Mallard duck, reflecting the CLSU spirit–resilient yet humble, grounded yet progressive.

The duck flourishes both in land and water, just as the CLSU adapts to the changing needs of society while staying true to its mission of service, innovations, and nation-building.

Furthermore, the impressive float was made possible through the efforts of the Research, Innovation and Extension (RIE) Program, particularly Mr. Jomar S. Garabilles who led in the conceptualization and execution, the University Business Affairs Program (UBAP), and likewise the personnel from the Administrative Services Office.

"Lakan" - CLSU's entry, stood as a testament to the university's creativity and technical synergy.



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CLSU, AWB USA Conduct Training on Water Evaluation and Adaptation Planning

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Central Luzon State University (CLSU), in partnership with Academics without Borders-United States of America (AWB USA), commenced an important training session on Water Evaluation and Adaptation Planning (WEAP) from September 8 to 11, 2025.

Over 30 participants attended the training, which is a collaborative effort between the Institute for Climate Change and Environmental Management (ICCEM), the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (DABE), the College of Science (CoS), and the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice).

The goal is to equip students, faculty, and staff with the necessary tools to manage water resources effectively in the face of climate change.

During the opening program, University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella emphasized the significance of this workshop for the university. ?Remember that as an agricultural university, it is important that we should be able to connect every detailed factor that will improve the productivity and the food sustainability and security of our country,? he stated.

Dr. Solis is expected to discuss various water evaluation and adaptation planning topics and will guide participants in hands-on activities to build a WEAP model for CLSU.

AWB USA is a non-profit organization based in Davis, California, that supports building capacity in institutions of higher education in developing nations.





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CLSU, Youmanitatian Int'l Explore Crayfish Research and Production

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) through its Freshwater Aquaculture Center (FAC), in partnership with Youmanitarian International through its farm member, Sesep's Farm?the largest crayfish hatchery in the Philippines, has initiated research focusing on the culture and propagation of the Australian Redclaw Crayfish (Cherax quadricarinatus).

The first roundtable discussion was conducted on March 18, 2025, at the FAC Accreditation Room as a follow-up to the existing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the two parties on joint research and publication initiatives.

The event brought together personnel from both CLSU and Youmanitarian International, including Dr. Emmanuel Vera-Cruz, Vice President for Research and Extension; Dr. Karl Marx Quiazon, FAC Director; Dr. Rea Mae Templonuevo, Ms. Julieta Holasca, Mr. Aries Paul Padron; Assoc. Prof. Ar-Jay Aquino, Mr. Clarence Luther S. Bulanadi, Youmanitarian International Founder and Executive Director, and Mr. Joseph ?SESEP? Miranda, Sesep Farm Founder and Owner. Also in attendance was Dr. Tereso A. Abella, former CLSU President and current Adviser of Youmanitarian International.

To support the initiative, Sesep?s Farm committed to providing 20,000 crayfish for research purposes. Additionally, further studies and trials are scheduled in the coming months to refine methodologies and unlock the full potential of crayfish farming in the country. The collaboration between CLSU and Youmanitarian International indeed underscores their shared commitment to scientific research and sustainable agricultural development.





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CLSU Prof Discovers New Species of Microalgae in Coastal Waters of Luzon

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Dr. Garry A. Benico, a distinguished professor at Central Luzon State University (CLSU) and one of the leading phycologists in the country, has made a significant contribution to marine biodiversity by discovering new species of marine microalgae, particularly dinoflagellates, in the coastal waters of Obando, Bulacan, in Central Luzon.

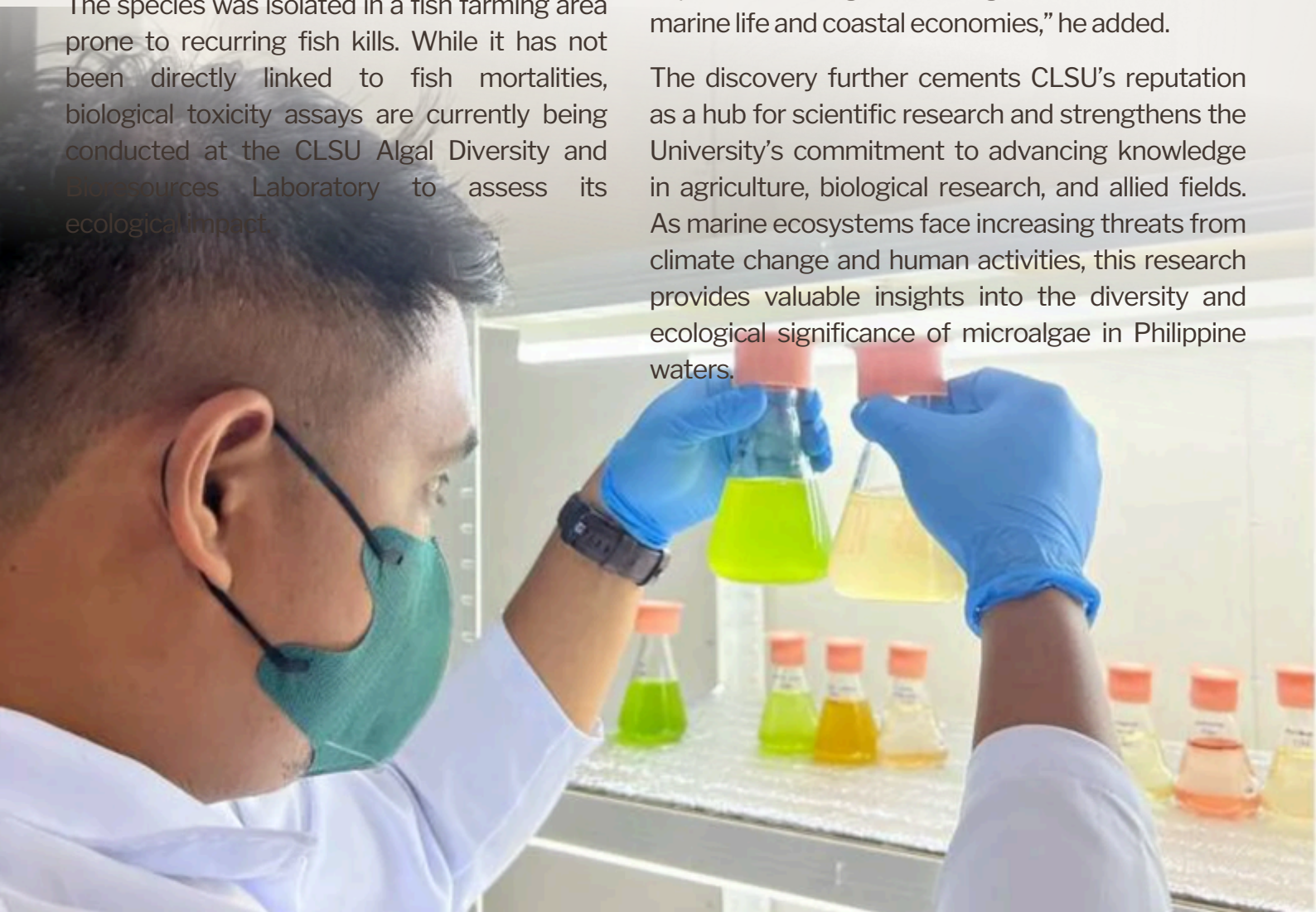
Along with his research assistant, Ms. Samantha Esteban, and Japanese scientists, he identified a newly discovered species, Scripsiella luzonenis Benico, Esteban, Kuwata, et Iwataki. This is the first Scripsiella species described in the Philippines, named after Luzon, the island where it was discovered.

The species was isolated in a fish farming area prone to recurring fish kills. While it has not been directly linked to fish mortalities, biological toxicity assays are currently being conducted at the CLSU Algal Diversity and Bioresources Laboratory to assess its ecological impact.

Dr. Benico's expertise in microalgal taxonomy has led to significant contributions in the field. With this latest discovery, he has now described five species, including three microalgae species found in Philippine waters. His work underscores the country's rich marine biodiversity and underscores the importance of continued research in microalgal taxonomy.

Considered a "rare species" of scientist for his dedication to taxonomy, Dr. Benico combines traditional classification methods with modern microscopy and molecular techniques. "My approach ensures accurate identification and classification of microalgae, which is crucial for understanding their ecological roles and potential impacts, including harmful algal blooms that affect marine life and coastal economies," he added.

The discovery further cements CLSU's reputation as a hub for scientific research and strengthens the University's commitment to advancing knowledge in agriculture, biological research, and allied fields. As marine ecosystems face increasing threats from climate change and human activities, this research provides valuable insights into the diversity and ecological significance of microalgae in Philippine waters.





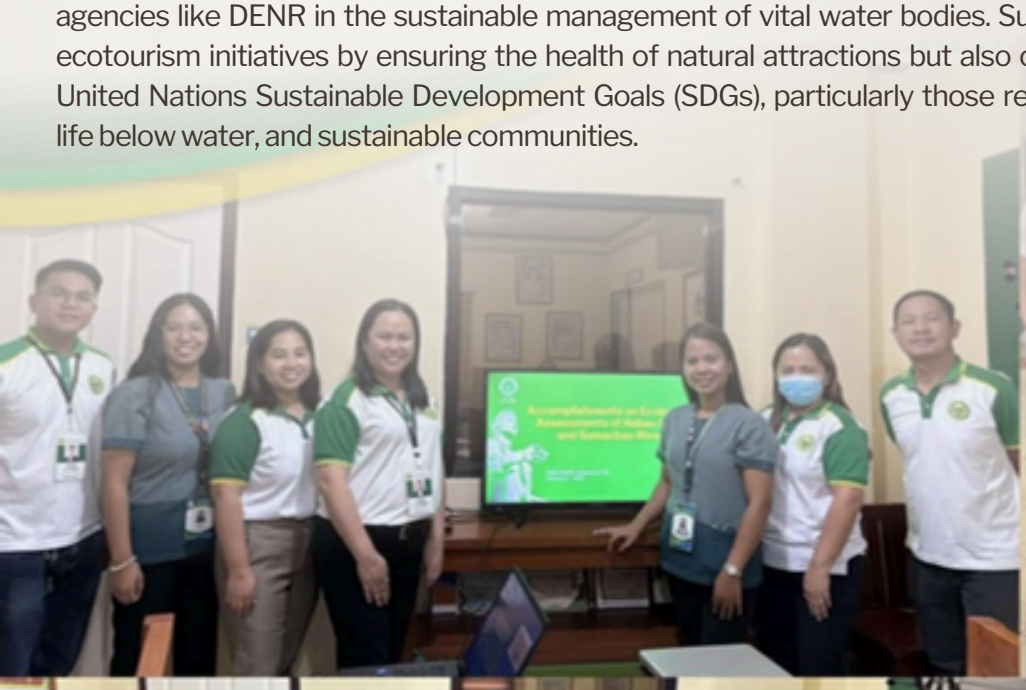
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CLSU and DENR Forge Stronger Collaboration for Sustainable Management of Ecotourism Sites and Water Bodies in Support of SDG Initiatives

A series of communications and meetings were conducted between the College of Fisheries/Freshwater Aquaculture Center (CF/FAC) of Central Luzon State University (CLSU), DENR-CENRO Cabanatuan City, and the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) Nueva Ecija regarding the renewal of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the "Ecological Assessment of Sumacbao River within the Eco-tourism Site in Minalungao National Park and Nabao Lake under the Area-Based Management Plan for the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Project," as well as the implementation of a Gender and Development-funded research project titled "Gender Dynamics in the Utilization and Management of Sumacbao River in the Minalungao National Park in General Tinio, Nueva Ecija."

On February 17, 2025, the CLSU team composed of Dr. Lorenz J. Fajardo, Dr. Peachy G. Domingo, Mr. Aries Paul D. Padron, Ms. Cherry Ann G. Kindipan, Asst. Prof. Junard A. Catabay, and Dr. Alvin T. Reyes visited DENR-PENRO to present the results of the ecological assessment conducted under the MOA. The presentation aimed to review project accomplishments, discuss significant findings, and identify opportunities to strengthen future collaborations. The following day, Dr. Fajardo presented the project's accomplishments and proposed research initiative at the 1st Minalungao National Park-PAMB meeting to formally request clearance for the MOA renewal and research implementation. On February 26, the team returned to DENR-PENRO to gather data from previous socio-economic studies within Minalungao National Park.

In April 2025, a resolution was passed approving the MOA renewal and the implementation of the research project. This milestone paved the way for the ecological assessment of the Sumacbao River within the Minalungao National Park on April 25, during which selected physico-chemical and biological water quality parameters were assessed.
This collaboration highlights the critical role of partnerships between academic institutions and government agencies like DENR in the sustainable management of vital water bodies. Such joint efforts not only support local ecotourism initiatives by ensuring the health of natural attractions but also contribute to broader goals under the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly those related to gender equality, clean water, life below water, and sustainable communities.









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CLSU Showcases Major Savings and Sustainability Gains with Solar Panels

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Central Luzon State University (CLSU) highlighted the significant impact of its 997-kilowatt solar panel system, installed by First Gen Energy Solutions (FGES) and Pi Energy, during a project site tour on March 7, 2025, attended by potential clients.

The tour at the CLSU ICT Research and Development Training Center (CLIRDEC) building was led by Mr. Tim Galang, Customer Experience Officer of Pi Energy, providing an opportunity for other stakeholders to witness the project's success and its contribution to the university's sustainability efforts.

Dr. Ariel G. Mactal, Vice President for Administration, thanked FGES for choosing CLSU as their partner State Universities and Colleges (SUC) in promoting sustainable energy. "This partnership has become a valuable benchmark for other SUCs, our students are also becoming more aware of the importance of utilizing solar energy," said Dr. Mactal.

Meanwhile, a detailed presentation by Ms. Tanya Flores-Rodil and Mr. Gelo Ramos explained the various types of solar panels and their benefits. While Engr. Renato Dela Cruz, Chief of Electrical and Telephone Services of Physical Plant and Site Development (PPSDS) highlighted the significant financial impact of the solar panels, revealing that CLSU has saved approximately 3.8 million pesos annually in electricity costs.

"Bukod sa sobrang laki ng natitipid ng CLSU pag dating sapagbabayad ng kuryente, nakaka tulong pa tayo sa kalikasan at nagiging compliant tayo sa Department of Energy" stated Engr. Renato Dela Cruz, emphasizing the solar panels' contribution to both financial savings and regulatory compliance.

"FGES representative concluded the meeting by expressing their commitment to strengthening and expanding their collaboration with CLSU. Following the discussion, the delegation conducted a comprehensive tour of the solar panel installation on the CLIRDEC building's rooftop.



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CLSU Strengthens Partnerships Through a Series of MOU and MOA Signings

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) once again took significant steps in expanding its collaborative network by signing a series of Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and Understanding (MOU) aimed at promoting sustainable aviation, industry engagement, and youth empowerment. The series of signing ceremony was led by the University President, Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, were held on October 24, 2025.

CLSU, through its Center for Renewable Energy & Technology (CREaTe) and the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (DABE), represented by Dr. Wendy C. Mateo, Director of CREaTe, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Island Skies Alliance (ISA), represented by Mr. Junard J. Cruz, Chief Executive Officer of ISA. ISA, a nonprofit organization focused on sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), recognizes CLSU as a key institution in developing feedstock for SAF.

This partnership makes CLSU important in promoting renewable energy in aviation, supporting SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 7 (Clean Energy). Both parties will collaborate and strive to improve sustainability and decarbonization efforts in aviation.

Lastly, the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), led by Dr. Irene G. Bustos, renewed its partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), represented by Ms. Mylene L. Evangelista Chief of Labor and Employment of DOLE Nueva Ecija. The agreement aims to enhance the Job Placement Office (JPO) at CLSU by protecting labor rights, promoting full employment, ensuring equal opportunities regardless of sex, race, or creed, and regulating worker-employer relations. This demonstrates CLSU's commitment to fostering a sustainable employment ecosystem for graduates and the community.

These partnerships exemplify CLSU's holistic approach to institutional growth and public service, highlighting its commitment to driving progress across various local and global sectors.



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Project Technical Review, Field Visits, and Stakeholder Consultations on Sustainable Aviation Fuel Feedstock Potential in the Philippines

As part of the Center's ongoing and future SAF-focused efforts, a series of technical reviews, consultations, and field visits was conducted under the project "Assessment of Potential Feedstocks for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) in the Philippines under the UN-ICAO's CORSIA Sustainability Criteria," with the participation of the Department of Energy (DOE), and invited expert collaborators, Dr. Scott Turn and Dr. Elmar Villota. Dr. Turn is a lead researcher in the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute of the University of Hawai'i and a Principal Investigator of the Collaborative Research Network Group for Global SAF Supply Chain Development under the Aviation Sustainability Center (ASCENT) Program supported by the United States Federal Aviation Administration. Dr. Villota, on the other hand, is a current Postdoctoral Fellow on the University of Hawai'i research team.

The 3-day collaborative engagement was opened by a project technical review and consultation meeting held on December 10, 2025, at RET Function Room B, Central Luzon State University. A series of meetings and a field visit from industry and institutional stakeholders follow the project review. A meeting with Island Skies Alliance and JGC Holdings Corporation to discuss potential collaboration was held on December 11, 2025, at JGC PH Office, Madrigal Business Park, Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila. The engagement concluded with a field visit to the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) Region IV, where actual tapahan operations were observed, and the current coconut farming and supply chain in the region were discussed. In addition to these key events, Dr. Turn and Dr. Villota visited the Philippine Carabao Center National Headquarters to learn about the potential of the livestock industry for varied applications.

Critical collaborative engagements such as this further strengthen and reaffirm the Center's technical competence, inter-agency coordination, and global relevance.



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Building Bridges: CLSU's TVDP Deepens and Strengthens Community Partnerships

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Central Luzon State University (CLSU), through the University Extension Program Office (UEPO), recently marked a significant stride in its commitment to rural development through a successful stakeholder engagement initiative for its Technology Village Development Program (TVDP) on June 2, 2025. This event, which included formalizing new partnerships, underscored CLSU's dedication to extending its technological advancements and expertise directly to communities.

The UEPO also launched the Resource Exchange Hub designed to serve as a centralized repository of knowledge products. It also features a TVDP Exhibit that showcases sustainable technologies and community-driven initiatives.

CLSU President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, UEPO Director Dr. Aldrin E. Badua, the Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) Central Luzon Director Dr. Joey A. Belarmino, Rural Bank of San Leonardo Senior Vice President Mr. Marcelo, and other representatives from institutional partners led the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Resource Exchange Hub.

In his opening message, President Abella emphasized the critical role of farmers saying "You are part of this program, not merely guests, we call you partners because you are our partners in realizing our goals in rural development." This sentiment was reinforced by the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Agri Ville Skills Training and Assessment Center, DA-ATI Central Luzon, the National Empowerment and Development Exchange (NEDEx), and the New Rural Bank of San Leonardo (NRBSL). These formalized partnerships are poised to significantly advance the TVDP's mission through shared resources and expertise.

The successful stakeholder engagement reinforces the university's vital role as a catalyst for community development. By continually forging stronger ties with its partners, CLSU demonstrates its unwavering resolve to empower communities through innovation and knowledge transfer, paving the way for a more progressive and sustainable future.



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CLSU Elects New Sectoral Leaders to Strengthen Employee Welfare and Professional Growth

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Central Luzon State University (CLSU) has elected new leaders for its major sectoral associations this year. Each plays a crucial role in representing the interests and welfare of the university's diverse community. The newly elected presidents will oversee their associations and lead initiatives to support faculty, staff, and allied services employees.

Mr. Ryan B. Esteban is the new President of the Allied Services Employees Association (ASEA) as elected last March 3, 2025. ASEA is a vital association that contributes and supports the welfare and professional growth of CLSU's allied services employees. The association is committed to developing and implementing programs and projects designed to enhance and upgrade the status of its members. Assoc. Prof. Jeorge M. Dela Cruz is the new President of the Faculty Association Incorporated (FAI) who won in the election held last September 10, 2025.

The FAI serves as a critical forum for discussing and addressing current issues affecting the welfare of all faculty members in relation to the university administration. It also provides policy directions and tackles issues that will benefit its members. The FAI President also serves as a member of the Board of Regents after taking an oath before them. Dr. Virgilio D. Viernes Jr. has been elected President of the CLSU Labor Union of Teachers and Employees (CLUTCHES) last August 29, 2025.

This Union is responsible for ensuring full protection to its members, recognizing the rights of teachers and other employees to self-organization, collective bargaining, and security of tenure. CLUTCHES's mission is to ensure just and humane conditions of work for its members. These new sectoral leaders, who will serve for two years, are expected to work closely with the university administration to ensure a productive and supportive environment for all members of the CLSU community.





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CLSU, LANDBANK Pre-Launch "Cash-Lite Campus" for Digital Transactions

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) through its Business Affairs Program (UBAP) and the Land Bank of the Philippines (LANDBANK) pre-launched on March 27, 2025 the "Cash-Lite Campus" project which introduced digital payment solutions for ambulant vendors, University Transport Service (UTS) drivers, and other merchants operating on campus.

The project aims to facilitate secure, efficient, and convenient cashless transactions across the campus, reducing reliance on physical cash. UTS drivers, ambulant vendors, business owners from the Community Market, Alumni Food Court, and Marketing Business Center were informed on the benefits and security of cashless transactions. They also received assistance in creating LANDBANK accounts and were provided with free, printed QR codes for their businesses.

Dr. Karenina B. Romualdo, Vice President for Business Affairs, and Ms. Liza J. Melendez, LANDBANK's Vice President and Head of Northeast Luzon Branches Group, through Ms. Mercedita DR. Lustina, LANDBANK Mu?oz-CLSU Branch Head, spearheaded this innovative partnership. "This UBAP initiative marks the beginning of a digital transformation in CLSU's business operations, but this is just the beginning. True transformation is a collective triumph - one which demands unity, commitment, and unwavering embrace of change," stated Dr. Romualdo.

Meanwhile, VP Melendez emphasized the benefits of the "Cash-Lite" system, stating, "Following our successful implementation in Batanes, we aim to make CLSU a model university for cashless transactions. Account holders only need one peso to maintain their accounts, ensuring secure transactions, eliminating the need for change, and earning interest. This will provide unparalleled convenience and accessibility."

The CLSU Merchant community is now poised to fully embrace a system of cashless transactions across all services. Additionally, LANDBANK will operate a booth during CLSU's University Week to assist students in opening LANDBANK accounts.



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CLSU, ASCOT, and BPI Ink MOA for Mushroom R&D Collaboration

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In a landmark initiative to strengthen the mushroom industry in the Philippines, the Central Luzon State University (CLSU), Aurora State College of Technology (ASCOT), and the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) officially signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on mushroom research, development, and training on June 18, 2025 at the Bureau of Plant Industry, Malate, Manila City.

The MOA was signed in the presence of key government and institutional leaders, including Asec. Philip C. Young, Assistant Secretary and Special Assistant for Export Development, and Dr. Germinigilda A. Gabertan, BPI Assistant Director for Research, Development, and Production Support Services. Representing the signatory institutions were Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, CLSU President; Dr. Rich Milton Dulay, CLSU Center for Tropical Mushroom Research and Development (CTMRD) Head; and Dr. Oscar Barawid, ASCOT Vice President for Administration and Finance.

This collaborative agreement underscores the three institutions' commitment to boosting mushroom R&D, enhancing production systems, and building the capacities of farmers and growers through comprehensive training programs.

The MOA signing served as a major highlight of the Mushroom Stakeholders' Forum, also held on the same day, which brought together mushroom growers and industry players from various regions across the country. The forum provided a platform for knowledge sharing, innovation showcase, and the establishment of networks to further promote the growth of the mushroom sector as a sustainable livelihood and agribusiness opportunity.

This multi-sectoral partnership is expected to play a crucial role in shaping a resilient and competitive mushroom industry aligned with the country's agricultural modernization and export development goals.



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CBA's KaKaAni Ice Cream Scoops 1st Runner-Up in PCCI's BIDA

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A remarkable taste of innovation from Central Luzon State University (CLSU) has captured national attention as the College of Business and Accountancy (CBA) Tropea?s KaKaAni Ice Cream, a student-led enterprise, has clinched 1st Runner-Up in the Food Category of the prestigious Business and Development Awards (BiDA), organized by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI).

Outshining hundreds of entries from across the Philippines, the KaKaAni team advanced through three rigorous stages of competition, culminating in a final judging held at the PCCI headquarters in Taguig City on September 29, 2025. The team formally received their award at the SMX Convention on October 21, 2025. This national recognition highlights the team's creativity, determination, and dedication to promoting Filipino culture and innovation through entrepreneurship.

The KaKaAni team is composed of entrepreneurship students Mark Lester Quimpo, Francine Olar, Jensel Abuan, Pauline De Vera, and Jelomie Catabona, under the mentorship of Ms. Via Shane R. Santiago. More than a dessert, KaKaAni Ice Cream is a tribute to Filipino heritage?crafted with nostalgic flavors and locally sourced ingredients that embody comfort, culture, and community. Each scoop represents not only a delightful treat but also a symbol of success, tradition, and the sweet potential of homegrown innovation.

The milestone reinforces CLSU?s commitment to cultivating the next generation of visionary and socially responsible Filipino entrepreneurs, equipped to bring pride and progress to their communities and the nation.



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DA USec for Livestock initiates Vaccine Development for Transboundary Animal Diseases with CLSU

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU), in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and its attached agencies - DA-Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI), DA-Livestock Biotechnology Center, and DA-Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) is embarking on a collaborative research initiative to develop vaccines for Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs).

The Vaccine Development for Transboundary Animal Diseases project, which is the brainchild of the current DA-Undersecretary for Livestock , Dr. Constante J. Palabrica, will be set at the Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (CenTrAD) to be led by Dr. Virginia Venturina, a faculty researcher from the College of Veterinary Science and Medicine, and current CenTrAD Director. This initiative aims to strengthen disease prevention strategies and promote sustainable livestock production through innovative research and development. By addressing the threats posed by TADs, the project seeks to protect the Philippines? livestock industry, ensuring food security and economic stability.

Dr. Claro N. Mingala, DA National Livestock Program Director, expressed his full support for the project, highlighting that combining the resources and expertise from the involved agencies is essential for achieving common goals.

University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella reassured the participants that his administration fully supports the project and provides necessary provisions.

The meeting addressed fund allocation, establishing a technical working group, assigning permanent staff to CenTrAD, and ensuring the sustainability of its operations.



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CLSU, DA-BAI Strengthen Partnership for Animal Vaccine Development Program

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Central Luzon State University (CLSU), in partnership with the Department of Agriculture?Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI), officially launched the Animal Vaccine Development Program through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and unveiling of a marker on June 15, 2026, at the Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (CenTrAD) in CLSU.

As the lead proponent of the initiative, CLSU, through CenTrAD, will spearhead R&D efforts to produce safe, effective, and locally responsive vaccines against animal diseases that threaten livestock health and agricultural productivity in the country. The program forms part of the government?s broader strategy to strengthen animal health systems and enhance the competitiveness of the livestock sector by developing vaccines tailored to local disease strains.

In his inspiring message, DA Secretary Laurel said that, after a year since its launching, the program has finally come to fruition. Through this initiative, he expressed hope that disease prevention strategies would be strengthened and that sustainable livestock production would be promoted through research and development.

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The program underscores CLSU?s continuing role as a leading institution in veterinary research and innovation, advancing science-based solutions that contribute to animal health, food security, and sustainable agricultural development in the Philippines.



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CLSU Showcases Network Infrastructure and Digital Initiatives in ICT Forum 2025

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Dr. Khavee Agustus Botangen, Head of the Management Information System Office (MISO), represented the University in the Access Network Information Communications Technology (ICT) Forum with the theme ? CyberBayan: Building and Securing Digital Future for EveryJuAN? held from July 20 to August 1, 2025, at the Plaza Adriano Events Place, Science City of Mu?oz (SCM), Nueva Ecija.

During the forum, Dr. Botangen delivered a presentation detailing the development of Central Luzon State University?s (CLSU) campus network infrastructure over the past five years, setting a foundation for the university's "eCLSU" initiative. He also highlighted ongoing digital transformation efforts within the university.

Furthermore, Dr. Botangen also discussed how CLSU's scientific and innovative technological outputs, combined with the integration of emerging ICT solutions, can significantly contribute to SCM's aspiration of becoming a smart city.

The forum convened a diverse group of experts and stakeholders, including representatives from key agencies such as the Department of Science and Technology - Nueva Ecija (DOST-NE), DOST's Advanced Science and Technology Institute (ASTI), Department of Trade and Industry - Nueva Ecija (DTI Nueva Ecija), Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), Philippine Carabao Center (PCC), and CLSU, among others.

The said event was organized by the Local Government Unit of Science City of Mu?oz and Access Network.





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CLSU Aligns Strategic Objectives with 2030 Milestone

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) is currently undertaking a three-day comprehensive review and workshop of the institution's strategic objectives to ensure it is aligned with the 2030 Milestone at the R&E Amphitheatre. This initiative, attended by University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella together with some deans, directors and staff from across the four core programs, is a direct response to the institution's 25-Year Strategic Plan crafted in 2016, which sets the milestone of transforming CLSU into a premier Education Economic Zone by 2030.

The 2030 milestone concept envisions the University as a dynamic hub for innovation, fostering industry partnerships, strengthening the start-ups for students, and other initiatives that will foster regional economic growth. Also, the activity includes a workshop on crafting the University's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the next five years. This meticulous process is designed to pinpoint critical areas for enhancement, redefine existing targets, and establish new, actionable objectives.



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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CLSU Secures P7.4M Innovation Grant from DEPDev to Boost Food MSMEs in the Region

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Central Luzon State University (CLSU) through the College of Home Science and Industry-Department of Food Science and Technology (DFST) received a financial grant from the Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DEPDev), amounting to P7,446,200.00, to enhance its capacity to support local food businesses in the region.

The funding for the project, "Enhancement of the CLSU Sensory and Consumer Science Laboratory for Accelerated Food Product Development for Central Luzon MSMEs," will be utilized to support at least 70 Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in developing and refining new food products, helping them become more competitive in the market.

According to Dr. Joel G. Juvinal, current Head of DFST and the designated Project Leader for the grant, one of its objectives is the acquisition of advanced equipment and new tools that will directly support the laboratory's efforts to provide high-level scientific and technical assistance to its partner MSMEs.

The project aims to significantly reduce product development failures and increase commercialization success. This will be done by upgrading laboratory facilities and equipment, offering structured sensory and consumer testing services, and building a regional database of consumer insights.

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Congratulations!

We are pleased to inform you that the following proposal for the 2025 Innovation Grants has been approved:

Proposal Title	Enhancement of the CLSU Sensory and Consumer Science Laboratory for Accelerated Food Product Development for Central Luzon MSMEs
Funding Requested*	Seven Million Four Hundred Forty-Six and Two Hundred Pesos (PhP7,446,200.00)

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

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CLSU Equips Retiring Philippine Army Personnel with Aquaculture Training

Ma. Andrea L. Dismaya/Almira C. Saturno|FAC

Fostering the livelihood transition of retiring military personnel, the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) through its Freshwater Aquaculture Center (FAC), conducted a two-day aquaculture training under the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Seminar on Fish Farming and Business for the Light Reaction Regiment (LRR) of the Philippine Army (PA). This was initiated by Personnel Officer Maj. Melvin Allan T. Medrano (INF) PA, Assistant Personnel Officer Capt. Jeff C. Visaya (INF) PA, and TSg. Noly V. Cailing (AGS) PA.

Thirty-five (35) retiring and active personnel from LRR joined the said training held on March 18-19, 2025 at Damian Hall, LRR, PA in Fort Ramon Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija, and in CLSU FAC, Science City of Munoz, respectively.

Experts from the FAC and College of Fisheries (CF) delivered a series of lectures on the basics of aquaculture and fish culture. Dr. Alvin T. Reyes, Mr. Eddie Boy T. Jimenez, Asst. Professor Lara Millen S. Pengson led the discussions, covering topics such as aquaculture principles, tilapia farming, and catfish production.

The interactive lectures provided participants with insights into fish farming operations, including breeding techniques and pond management.

Practical training sessions were also held at FAC where participants were welcomed by the Center Director and Catfish Technical Expert, Dr. Karl Marx A. Quiazon, and led them to the Catfish Facility. Mr. Ruel E. Gabiles conducted a hands-on demonstration on the induced spawning of catfish, giving the participants valuable skills in fish breeding techniques.

Following the catfish session, Ms. Ave Joy C. Ramos provided practical training on tilapia grow-out, where the participants learned the importance of pond fertilization, proper handling and feeding, and the different equipment used in pond monitoring, among others.

The training highlights the importance of providing retiring military personnel with practical skills and livelihood opportunities. By equipping them with aquaculture knowledge, the program aims to empower former personnel with the tools they need to establish their fish farming ventures for their post-military careers.



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CLSU Lights Hope, Launches Project HANDOG in Carranglan, NE

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The old proverb, ?Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime,? has been brought to life by the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) through its outreach initiative dubbed as Project HANDOG ? Hakbang ng Akademya para sa Nasalanta, Dala ay Oportunidad at Ginhawa. This initiative is far more than a simple act of charity as it is a strategic, long-term commitment to empowering farming families in Carrangalan, Nueva Ecija.

Instead of putting its efforts and resources toward the traditional University-wide Christmas Party, CLSU redirected its focus entirely to this Outreach Activity. This decision serves as the university's way of giving back to the community, highlighting that the accolades it has received throughout the year will always be for nation-building.

As part of the implementation of TVDP, a Tekno-Talakayan was held where resource persons from specialized centers presented their technologies, including Mushroom Production, Special-Purpose Rice, Vegetable Production, and Tilapia Production. This extension program, implemented by the University Extension Program Office, aims to enhance the economic well-being of community members by providing access to vital assistance and, more importantly, cutting-edge technologies developed by CLSU.

To cap off the event, the Administrative Council together with the sector representatives for students, faculty, and academic support staff facilitated the handing of Christmas gift packs and seedlings to pre-identified farmer beneficiaries.



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CLSU Partners with Simplicio Gamboa Sr. Foundation Inc. for Enhanced Student Support

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU), through its Office of Student Affairs (OSA), officially inked a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Simplicio Gamboa Sr. Foundation Inc. (SGFSI) aimed at providing valuable support and opportunities for CLSU students held today June 17.

The MOA was led by Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, University President, and Dr. Irene G. Bustos, OSA Dean, and Mr. Edward Joseph M. Vitug, President of SGFSI, and witnessed by Ms. Juliet Mendoza of SGFSI.

As stated in the MOA, CLSU through its OSA, will pre-screen applicants following the scholarship guidelines. The institution will also monitor and report the academic standing of the grantees to ensure continued eligibility and transparency.

Dr. Abella expressed his gratitude for the trust and support extended by the Foundation, stating that the partnership reflects the University?s mission of extending holistic education to those who need it most. He emphasized that scholarship initiatives are vital in enabling capable students to overcome financial barriers and reach their full potential.

Meanwhile, Mr. Vitug expressed confidence in CLSUs capability to nurture scholars into future leaders in their respective fields. He shared that the Foundation remains committed to helping young Filipinos achieve their dreams through sustained and meaningful educational support.

This partnership between CLSU and the SGSFI reinforces the university?s vision of transforming lives through education and its dedication to cultivating a brighter future for Filipino youth.





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CLSU, LGU Licab Forge MOA to Expand TVP in NE

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To formalize the implementation of Central Luzon State University?s (CLSU) Technology Village Program (TVP) in the Municipality of Licab, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing was held yesterday, March 11, between University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella and Licab Mayor Eufemia D. Domingo.

Along with the University President were Dr. Aldrin Badua, Director of the University Extension Program Office (UEPO), Dr. Emmanuel Vera Cruz, Vice President for Research and Extension, and Assistant Prof. Armando Lagasca, Division Head of the Technology Promotion Division. While Mayor Domingo was joined by Vice Mayor Oliver Villaroman and other officials. Prior to this, President Abella and Dr. Badua visited Licab last January 24, 2025, opening doors for collaboration, particularly in the provision of promotional materials and enterprise development support, and other possible interventions for the LGU.

Launched in 2021, TVP is an extension modality of the University designed to transform communities into hubs where CLSU-generated technologies will be utilized to help families attain far-reaching socio-economic development. It was pilot-tested in the Science City of Mu?oz and Talavera, Nueva Ecija. Currently, Licab is the eighth municipality in Nueva Ecija to implement the TVP. To date, 110 set-ups have been established with their partner municipalities across Nueva Ecija.

By continuously expanding its range in the province, the TVP engages with broader communities to showcase opportunities and promote rural development.

Following the MOA signing, LGU officials of Licab also took the opportunity to explore the KAMALIG S&T Agritourism Site.



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CLSU Secures 10 Million Pesos HUSAY Grant, Signs MOA with CHED

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) through the Precision and Digital Agriculture Center (PreDiCt), secured a 10-million peso fund from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), through the Higher Education Upskilling and Study for Advancement of Staff and Faculty (HUSAY) Grant for the upskilling program dubbed SPECTRA: Smart, Precision, Enhanced Digital, and Climate-Smart Technologies for Resilient Agriculture. The program is funded under the Higher Education Upskilling and Study for Advancement of Staff and Faculty (HUSAY) Program.

To officially mark the implementation of the approved program, Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, CLSU President, signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Dr. Shirley Agrupis, CHED Chairperson, held today, December 15, at the Luxent Hotel in Quezon City, in conjunction with the 2nd National Teacher Education Summit.

Endorsed by Dr. Ricmar P. Aquino, Chair of the CLSU Board of Regents and Commissioner of CHED, the said grant will provide a comprehensive capacity-building initiative for SUC faculty nationwide aimed at closing the gap where most have limited exposure to essential modern technologies like drones, remote sensing, Internet-of-Things (IoT) sensors, and Artificial Intelligence.

The program, which will run for a year, is designed to provide intensive, hands-on training focused on smart, precision, digital, and climate-smart agriculture enabling the trainees to produce outputs such as drone maps, IoT monitoring plans, and institutional extension proposals.

Present as witnesses were Dr. Jonathan V. Fabula, CLSU PreDiCt Director and program proponent, and Atty. Cinderella Filipina S. Benitez-Jaro, CHED Executive Director IV, and other officials.



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Highlights from the successful four-day training on WEAP

The Central Luzon State University (CLSU), in collaboration with Academics Without Borders-United States of America (AWB USA), successfully conducted a four-day training on Water Evaluation and Adaptation Planning (WEAP) from September 8 to 11, 2025, at the CLIRDEC Conference Room and the Institute for Climate Change and Environmental Management. WEAP, is a water resource planning software developed by the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI).

The four-day training on Water Evaluation and Adaptation Planning (WEAP) at CLSU followed a structured set of activities designed to equip participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical applications of the tool. On Day 1, participants reviewed exercises 1–5 and began building their own WEAP model, providing them with a strong foundation on how the software functions in simulating water systems. On Day 2, the group went on a field tour in Pantabangan to gain a deeper understanding of watershed management in practice. This was followed in the afternoon by presentations on integrating WEAP into the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering curriculum, the role of scientists in decision-making, and the broader application of WEAP in the Philippine context.

Day 3 focused on research application, with the Philippine Team presenting rice research that detailed objectives, variables, and equations used in modelling, while also demonstrating simulation and optimization techniques. The afternoon session allowed participants to directly apply WEAP in rice research, showing its relevance to agricultural water planning. Finally, on Day 4, the training continued with hands-on application of WEAP in rice research, and the program concluded with a closing session that emphasized the importance of integrating water planning and adaptation strategies into agricultural research and development.





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ICCEM Participates in Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Project Workshop

Dr. Shirly C. Serrano, CLSU Permanent Representative, and Mr. Daryl Alvaran Juganas, Alternate Representative to the ABS Project, are currently participating in the Presentation of the Release Version and Pilot Launching of the Philippines ABS Functional Mechanism/ABS Clearing House Mechanism, taking place from January 29-30, 2025, at Summit Ridge Hotel in Tagaytay City, Cavite.

This workshop aims to present feedback and comments from the Alpha and Beta version, unveil the official version of the approved platform and system process flow, discuss the web platform, client relations management, and review the draft procedural manual for the ABS Clearing House Mechanism. This clearing house mechanism is expected to evolve into policy, facilitating easier applications for Gratuitous Permits (GP) and Bioprospecting Undertakings (BU), as well as incorporating other important features such as a database of research projects, a pool of experts, and permit renewal processes.



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Soft Launching of the Plastic Sorting Machine

In a significant step towards advancing Solid Waste Management initiatives, CLSU, through the Institute for Climate Change and Environmental Management (ICCEM), proudly launched the Plastic Sorting Machine.
The Plastic Sorting Machine was developed by Mr. Jay Raizen Musngi, Mr. Erroyd Kevin Tolentino, and Mr. Leusam Jay Carlos Jimenez, under the guidance of their adviser, Prof. Marycris A. Manalang.

The event, spearheaded by Dr. Shirly C. Serrano, Head of ICCEM, was graced by distinguished guests who shared their insights and support for the project. Prof. Roberto D. Pelayo, Project Leader and SWM focal person set the tone with his opening remarks, followed by an inspirational message from CLSU President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, emphasizing the importance of innovation in addressing environmental challenges.

Mr. Froilan Gutierrez, Manager of ASKI Foundation, highlighted the value of partnerships in creating impactful solutions. Representing the student body, Mr. Dharcel Parungao, USSC Chairperson, delivered a heartfelt message, underscoring the role of the youth in championing sustainability.

The ceremony concluded with closing remarks from Dr. Angeles M. De Leon, marking the beginning of a new chapter in CLSU's solid waste management efforts.

Key university officials, including Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Ravelina R. Velasco, Vice President for Administration, Dr. Ariel G. Mactal, Vice President for Research and Extension, Dr. Emmanuel M. Vera Cruz, Pollution Control Officer, Dr. Redel L. Gutierrez, and representatives from the Physical Plant and Site Development Services, showed their support, marking a new chapter in CLSU's waste management efforts.





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CBA's KaKaAni Ice Cream Scoops 1st Runner-Up in PCCI's BIDA

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A remarkable taste of innovation from Central Luzon State University (CLSU) has captured national attention as the College of Business and Accountancy (CBA) Tropea's KaKaAni Ice Cream, a student-led enterprise, has clinched 1st Runner-Up in the Food Category of the prestigious Business and Development Awards (BiDA), organized by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI).

Outshining hundreds of entries from across the Philippines, the KaKaAni team advanced through three rigorous stages of competition, culminating in a final judging held at the PCCI headquarters in Taguig City on September 29, 2025. The team formally received their award at the SMX Convention on October 21, 2025. This national recognition highlights the team's creativity, determination, and dedication to promoting Filipino culture and innovation through entrepreneurship.

The KaKaAni team is composed of entrepreneurship students Mark Lester Quimpo, Francine Olar, Jensel Abuan, Pauline De Vera, and Jelomie Catabona, under the mentorship of Ms. Via Shane R. Santiago. More than a dessert, KaKaAni Ice Cream is a tribute to Filipino heritage—crafted with nostalgic flavors and locally sourced ingredients that embody comfort, culture, and community. Each scoop represents not only a delightful treat but also a symbol of success, tradition, and the sweet potential of homegrown innovation.

The milestone reinforces CLSU's commitment to cultivating the next generation of visionary and socially responsible Filipino entrepreneurs, equipped to bring pride and progress to their communities and the nation.



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“My Puhunan” TV Show to Feature Tilapia Ice Cream

Clara Ysabel Cawagdan Bravo | SCO

One of the Kapamilya Channel programs, titled "My Puhunan Kaya Mo!" visited Central Luzon State University (CLSU) to capture the story behind the world-renowned Daerry?s Tilapia Ice Cream on March 6, 2026.

Accompanied by the developer herself, Dr. Dana G. Vera Cruz, the crew made a quick visit to the Dungon Museum and the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) at CLSU before diving into the production of the university?s most curious delicacy. The program aims to highlight how CLSU transformed a humble aquatic staple into a sweet, award-winning sensation that defies expectations with its creamy texture and zero-fishy taste.

Watch and support this inspiring story, airing on March 15, 2026, at 4:00 pm on Kapamilya Channel, and Kapamilya Online Live.



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ICCEM conducts orientation on Environmental Policy for CLSU food vendors

The ICCEM organized an orientation on Environmental Policy for the food vendors of Central Luzon State University (CLSU) on April 24, 2025, at the Climate Change Center (CCC) Amphitheater.

The goal of the orientation was to increase the vendors' knowledge and awareness of proper waste management practices following the CLSU Health and Safety Code and the CLSU Environmental Policy. A central focus of the session was the policy, which promotes the implementation of a 'No Single-Use Plastics' initiative across all establishments.



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CLSU-CREaTe at the 1st Philippines Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Investment Forum

Representing Central Luzon State University (CLSU), Dr. Wendy C. Mateo was one of the presenters at the 1st Philippine Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Investment Forum held last October 10, 2025 at the Marriott Hotel in Pasay City. The event aimed to highlight key developments, policy initiatives, and new investment opportunities in the growing SAF industry.

Dr. Mateo presented insights on the "Availability and Sourcing of SAF Feedstocks," emphasizing the potential of agricultural residues and oil-based waste as materials for developing a local SAF industry. This effort contributes to the Philippines' commitment to international sustainability goals and standards in pursuit of cleaner and greener skies.

In line with this effort, CLSU-CREaTe, led by Dr. Mateo, is currently involved in a research partnership with the Department of Energy (DOE). This collaboration focuses on sourcing and assessing SAF feedstocks throughout the Philippines to identify and evaluate potential biomass and waste-based resources that can promote the country's future SAF industry.



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PCC at CLSU holds training on quality milk testing in San Jose City, NE

The DA–Philippine Carabao Center at Central Luzon State University (PCC at CLSU) successfully conducted training on milk quality testing for nine workers from Aces PhilProducers Corporation on November 14, 2025, held at the APC Buffalo Farm, Brgy. Tayabo, San Jose City, Nueva Ecija.

The milk quality testing covered several key procedures including the California Mastitis Test, Alcohol Precipitation Test, Clot-on-Boiling Test, Sedimentation Test, and Lactometer Test, each designed to assess the safety, purity, and overall quality of the milk. These tests help ensure that the milk meets the required standards for processing and consumption.

Dr. Edward Paraguison, dairy farm manager of PCC at CLSU, served as the resource person for the training. He provided a discussion on the proper care and management of buffaloes, emphasizing best practices in animal health, nutrition, and overall herd productivity.

Meanwhile, Karyssa Mae Tantiongco,marketing development officer, discussed the various methods used to evaluate and ensure milk quality. She also provided demonstrations of each testing procedure, allowing participants to better understand the proper techniques and their importance.
An actual demonstration of the California Mastitis Test was also conducted by Dr. Lara Joy Sibulboro and Kristine Joy Cuizon, providing participants with hands-on experience and a clearer understanding of how the procedure is properly performed.

Rebecca Ruby Gabriel, head of carabao-based enterprise development, delivered the closing remarks, emphasizing the importance of applying all the information and techniques discussed during the training, as these will greatly support and strengthen their work in dairy production and quality management.



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CLSU's MRF is Now Fully Operational

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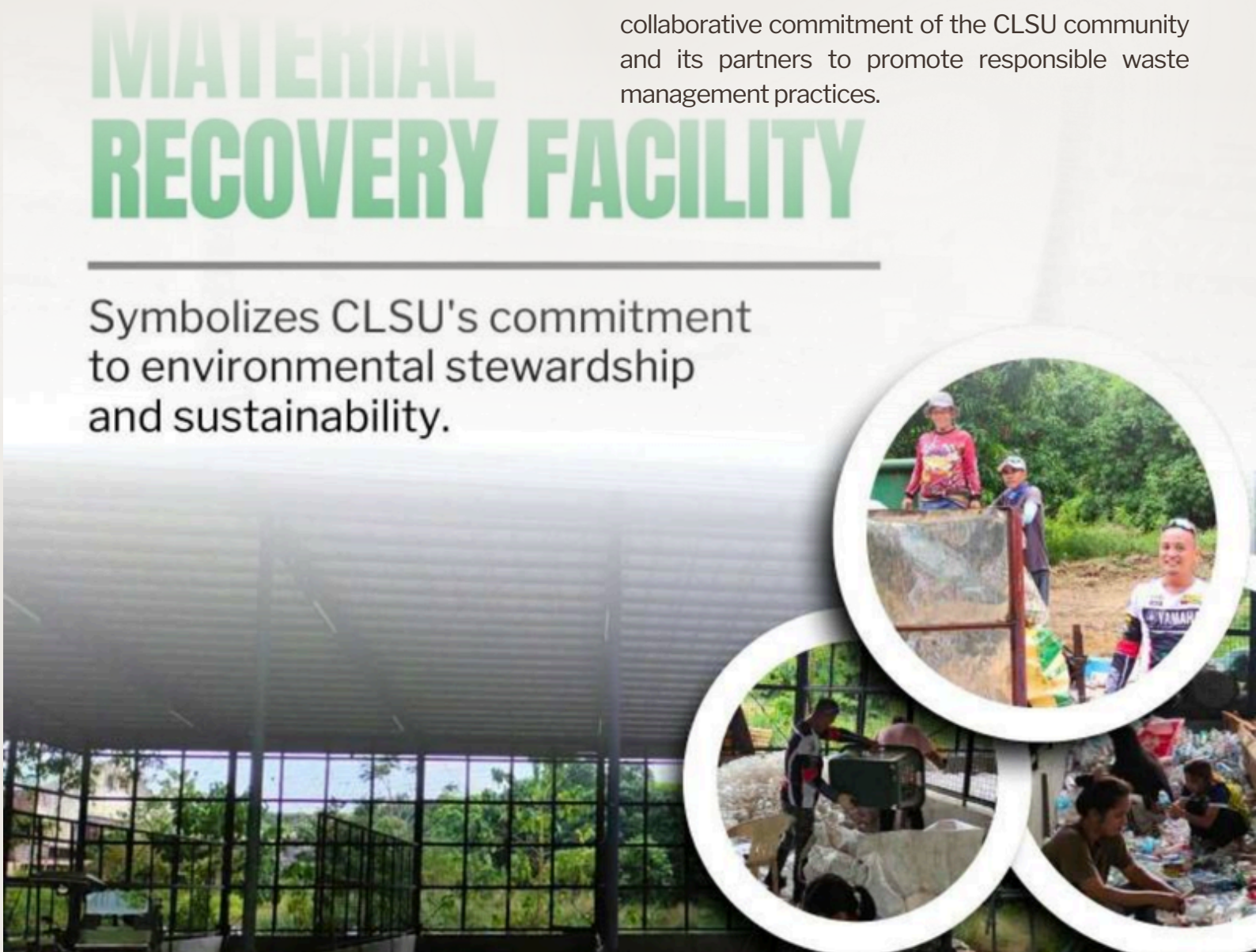
The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) has been fully operational since April 2025. Designed to manage both residual and recyclable waste generated within the university, the facility reflects CLSU's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable campus practices.

Following the recent partnership with the ASKI Multipurpose Cooperative (AMPC), waste haulers from the cooperative conducted a collection of segregated recyclable materials at the MRF on May 28, 2025.

This initiative was spearheaded by faculty and staff members from the Institute for Climate Change and Environmental Management (ICCEM), led by their head, Dr. Shirly C. Serrano, together with the Physical Plant and Site Development Services (PPSDS).

The collection yielded a total of 959 kilograms of recyclable waste, with papers, particularly cardboard, comprising the largest portion at 705 kilograms, accounting for 73.5% of the total, followed by PET bottles at 247 kilograms, or 25.8%.

This successful initial effort highlights the effectiveness of the MRF and demonstrates the collaborative commitment of the CLSU community and its partners to promote responsible waste management practices.



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CLSU leads int'l confab on food security and climate resilience in Thailand

The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) spearheaded the International Conference on Micro-Credentials and Research for Food Security and Climate Change, held from February 10 to 12, 2025, in Chonburi, Thailand.

The conference was part of the Erasmus+ funded project on Developing Postgraduate Micro-Credentials for Food Security and Climate Change (PMC FSCC), which includes CLSU, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Universitas Brawijaya, Kasetsart University, the University of the Philippines Los Baños, and the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA).

Professor Ravelina R. Velasco, CLSU's Vice President for Academic Affairs and an Executive Officer of the Southeast Asian University Consortium for Graduate Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources (University Consortium), led the CLSU delegation at the Opening and Inauguration Ceremony of the Consortium Agreement on the Joint Offering of Micro-Credentials for Food Security and Climate Change. Dr. Velasco also served as the Session Chair for Session 1.

The conference was organized into thematic sessions: Curriculum Design, Regulation and Quality Assurance, Learning Instruments and Technologies, Carbon Credits, and Trends in Food Security and Climate Change.



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ICCEM-CLSU Supports FLR Knowledge Sharing in Nueva Ecija

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Forest Management Bureau (DENR-FMB), in coordination with the FAO-GEF 6 Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) Project, successfully conducted a Local Study Tour on September 18, 2025 in Central Luzon State University, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija.

The program highlighted Dr. Shirly C. Serrano as the Resource Speaker, who delivered valuable technical insights, shared relevant research findings, and presented local experiences in advancing sustainable land management practices aligned with FLR principles.

The activity actively engaged Peoples Organizations (POs) recognized as vital partners in community-based environmental initiatives, ensuring that knowledge and best practices are cascaded to the grassroots level.



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ICCEM conducts seminar-workshop on basic lettuce growing

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The program concluded with closing remarks from Mr. Roberto D. Pelayo, Sub-unit Head for Extension and Environmental Education, reinforcing the importance of sustainable agriculture and encouraging students to apply their newfound knowledge in their own communities.



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ICCEM Conducts Biodiversity Assessment and GAM Analysis in Rizal, Nueva Ecija

The Institute for Climate Change and Environmental Management (ICCEM) conducted a 3-day wildlife assessment in Barangay General Luna, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, as a component of the ongoing process to create a Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) for the municipality. This rapid assessment focused on documenting the existing flora and fauna within the area.

In parallel, another group undertook a Goals Achievement Matrix (GAM) Analysis focusing on the priority areas in Rizal. This systematic evaluation method was designed to assess the feasibility, impacts, and alignment of various development goals of the municipality.



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CLSU, UC-SEARCA Kick Off 9th UC Summer School with "Ridge to Reef" Focus

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Central Luzon State University (CLSU), in partnership with the University Consortium (UC) Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), officially kicked off the 9th University Consortium Summer School on July 28, 2025, at the Academic Affairs Amphitheater.

This year's program revolved around the theme, "Ridge to Reef: Integrated Management for Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems," aiming to address critical issues in food security and environmental resilience through a holistic approach.

Bringing together 27 graduate students from six diverse countries—the Philippines, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan, and Malaysia—the summer school promises an intensive period of learning and collaboration, running until August 8, 2025.

In his opening message, Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, CLSU President, expressed his certainty that the graduate students would not only gain new knowledge but also fully experience Philippine culture and significantly expand their professional networks.

"You should think that the more important part of this class is the networking. You build the networks and collaboration with participants so that after the class, as you return to your respective countries, you continue to collaborate," President Abella said.

The 9th UC Summer School was designed to be a transformative experience for graduate students, fostering invaluable knowledge exchange and critical collaboration to collectively address the pressing global challenges of food security and environmental sustainability through its comprehensive "Ridge to Reef" framework.



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Balik Scientist Dr. Superio Shares Expertise on Broodstock Management at CLSU College of Fisheries

The **CLSU College of Fisheries** – **Freshwater Aquaculture Center** (**CF-FAC**), in collaboration with the **Department of Agriculture** – **National Fisheries Research and Development Institute** (**DA-NFRDI**), organized an insightful lecture-seminar with **Dr. Joshua L. Superio**, a molecular biologist and physiologist, and a short-term researcher under the **DOST-PCAARRD Balik Scientist Program**. Dr. Superio shared his expertise on the critical role of broodstock management in advancing sustainable aquaculture practices.

The activity was attended by undergraduate and graduate students of the College of Fisheries who actively participated during the open forum, engaging in meaningful discussions and raising relevant questions on aquaculture research, biotechnology applications, and broodstock management strategies.

Present during the event were **Dr. Hazel Monica M. Peralta**, Acting Dean of the College of Fisheries; **Dr. Rea Mae C. Templonuevo**, Head of the Aquaculture Department and Adviser of the College of Fisheries – Graduate Students Association (CF-GSA); **Ms. Gedielyn A. Paje**, President of CF-GSA; along with CF-GSA officers, technical staff, and faculty researchers from CF/FAC.

Through this activity, the College continues to foster science-based learning, strengthen research engagement, and promote innovation toward a more sustainable aquaculture industry.



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CLSU-IIRR Partnership Builds Capacity of Smallholder Fish Farmers in Ivisan, Capiz Through Low-Cost Feed Formulation Training

As part of their shared commitment to strengthen a sustainable aquaculture in rural communities, the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) and the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR), through the AQUADAPT Project conducts a Training on Low-Cost Feed Formulation at the Arriba Civic Center, Ivisan, Capiz on June 17, 2025. The collaborative event brought together a total of 22 small-scale fish farmers (20 men, 2 women) from 12 barangays of Ivisan and most of whom are engaged in catfish and tilapia farming to address the rising challenge of commercial feed costs in aquaculture. The training showcased the strong technical partnership between CLSU and IIRR, combining University's academic and research expertise with IIRR's grassroots implementation experience. This synergy is important to the AQUADAPT Project, which aims to build resilience among small-scale aquaculture producers through climate-smart and cost-effective practices.

In attendance of Dr. Karl Marx Quiazon, the Director of CLSU-Freshwater Aquaculture Center (FAC) and project leader for the IIRR-CLSU collaboration with Mr. Junard Catabay a faculty member of CLSU-College of Fisheries who facilitated the technical sessions on natural food propagation and supplemental feed production. With the presence of IIRR-CAPSU AQUADAPT project leaders, Dr. Harold Buenvenida and Dr. Stephanie Pimentel together with their three (3) Research Assistants (RAs). Additionally, Mr. Peter Dan Tumlos a Fishing Regulations Officer I of BFAR-Capiz provided insights about the on-going AQUADAPT initiatives emphasizing localized farmer-driven innovation the event and introduced government support programs, including fingerling dispersal and aquaculture scholarships, reinforcing institutional support for smallholder fishers. Moreover, Dr. Buenvenida shared a few things about the AQUADAPT project in partnership with Capiz State University (CAPSU).

One of the key highlights of the training was the hands-on feed formulation workshop, where participants created fish feed using locally available ingredients in the area. Participants were encouraged to explore other natural and accessible feed materials to reduce dependency on expensive commercial feeds—empowering them to enhance farm profitability and food security.

The event concluded with the distribution of IEC materials detailing AQUADAPT's established initiatives and upcoming plans, helping ensure continuity of learning beyond the training day. Through this productive collaboration, the CLSU and IIRR continue to drive innovation and inclusivity in aquaculture development—empowering communities like Ivisan to thrive through cost-effective, locally rooted solutions.



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Int'l Collab Fuels Tilapia Vaccine Breakthrough

Dr. Alvin T. Reyes, a faculty researcher at the College of Fisheries (CF) and the Freshwater Aquaculture Center (FAC), has achieved a significant breakthrough in aquaculture by developing an inactivated vaccine formulated with hydrogen peroxide to prevent major bacterial pathogens that threaten red Nile tilapia production.

The bacterial pathogen called Streptococcus agalactiae poses a serious threat to large-scale tilapia aquaculture operations in the ASEAN region, resulting in substantial economic losses.

Collaborating with Dr. Chanagun Chitmanat, a senior researcher at Maejo University, Dr. Reyes has introduced a practical and effective approach to enhancing fish health and sustainability in aquaculture.

The vaccine has been tested on experimental fish, and while the final study results are still pending, initial observations indicate promising efficacy in protecting against bacterial infection. Dr. Reyes expressed optimism, stating, "We are hopeful for positive results, even though the final study results are still being processed."

The collaboration between Central Luzon State University (CLSU) and Maejo University was crucial in the vaccine's development. Access to Maejo University's advanced laboratories and research methods significantly aided in the rigorous testing and refinement of the vaccine.

This partnership underscores the importance of international collaboration in tackling critical challenges within the aquaculture sector.





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CLSU's CF-FAC and IIRR Collaborate to Support Tinawon Rice-Fish Project, Establish Fish Refuge, and Explore Research Partnerships in Ifugao

The International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR), as a partner in the Nature-Based Climate Action Initiative, has sought the expertise of the College of Fisheries – Freshwater Aquaculture Center, Central Luzon State University (CF-FAC, CLSU) to support the monitoring of the project "Optimizing Tinawon Rice Production System through Integration of Aquaculture." Implemented in the municipalities of Hingyon, Mayoyao, and Hungduan in Ifugao, this action research project aims to enhance sustainable farming practices by incorporating aquaculture into heirloom rice production.

In response, from February 19 to 21, CF-FAC experts, led by Dr. Karl Marx A. Quiazon and Asst. Prof. Junard A. Catabay, conducted an exploratory field visit alongside Dr. Julian Gonsalvez (IIRR Project Lead Implementer), Mr. Glen R. Labrado (A conservation professional), and IIRR staff.

The team visited selected municipalities in Ifugao to assess the feasibility of integrating aquaculture into the Tinawon rice production system as an additional source of livelihood and food security for the local community. They also provided recommendations, explored potential research collaborations with IIRR and Local Government Units (LGUs), and initiated efforts to establish a fish refuge to support aquatic biodiversity and sustainable fisheries management.

As part of this initiative, the team is assisting in the establishment of a tilapia nursery to strengthen local aquaculture practices. Additionally, the visit served as an initial field assessment for future research partnerships between CLSU, IIRR, and the LGUs of Hingyon, Mayoyao, and Hungduan. This collaboration underscores CLSU's commitment to advancing sustainable agriculture and aquaculture innovations for rural communities.





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CLSU Hosts UC-SEARCA Int'l Summer Short-term Program 2025

Lyan Mae Micah V. Dela Cruz|IAO

The Central Luzon State University (CLSU), through its International Affairs Office (IAO), in collaboration with the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) and the Southeast Asian University Consortium for Graduate Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC), formally opened the International Summer Short-term Program (ISSP) 2025 on Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability yesterday, November 17, 2025.

Now in its fifth year, the joint program highlights key sustainability areas, including crop biotechnology, mushroom pharming, and precision and digital agriculture. As an affiliate member of the University Consortium, CLSU continues to advance mutually beneficial partnerships by maximizing the shared expertise of member institutions through collaborative research, staff and student mobility programs, and strengthened academic linkages.

On its first day, 23 participants from UC-affiliates and other participating institutions in Indonesia, Taiwan, Malaysia, Brunei, and the Philippines were welcomed to CLSU through a courtesy call with University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, led by IAO Director Dr. Parsons N. Hail, followed by a campus riding tour.

The two-week activity, running from November 16 to 30, offers three specialized tracks: Sustainable Crop Biotechnology: Basic Molecular Biology Techniques for Bacterial Identification hosted by PhilRice; Sustainable Mushroom Pharming hosted by the College of Science and the Center for Tropical Mushroom Research and Development (CTMRD); and Precision and Digital Agriculture hosted by the University Research and Extension Office and the Precision and Digital Agriculture Center (PreDict).

Over the next few days, participants are set to engage in knowledge-sharing sessions, cultural immersion activities, laboratory work, institutional tours, and extension activities as part of their holistic learning experience.



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CLSU, TAO Foods Company Sign Agreement to Commercialize PhilSCAT-bred Rice Varieties

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University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, together with Mr. Julio D. Sy, Jr., Owner of the TAO Foods Company Inc. (TFCI), signed a new licensing agreement to commercialize four new hybrid rice varieties bred by experts from the Philippine-Sino Center for Agricultural Technology (PhilSCAT).

The ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) took place during the North Luzon Innovation and Technology Transfer Summit 2025, held on April 23-24 in Baguio City. This event, hosted by the Department of Science and Technology-Cordillera Autonomous Region, attracted innovators, technology adopters, and higher education institutions from the region, as well as from Regions 1, 2, and 3.

The agreement provided the TFCI the right to commercialize the Hybrid Rice Mestizo 125, 126, 127, and 128 for a period of 6 years.

In return, CLSU as the owner of these varieties, will receive royalty fees from this agreement that will later on benefit the ongoing and future research activities of the university.

Director Dr. Julius Cesar Sicat from DOST R3 expressed his support to this initiative by gracing the event, along with CLSU faculty member Dr. Jerwin Undan, who served as a witness during the MOA signing.



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CLSU, DA Lead Hybrid Rice Derby to Boost Wet Season Harvests

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU), through its University Business Affairs Program (UBAP) in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture Region III (DA-RFO III), hosted an event dubbed as "PalaySakaMunidad: A Hybrid Rice Derby" bringing together leading seed companies and institutions aimed at advancing hybrid rice technology for the wet season held on June 17, 2025.

Dr. Karenina B. Romualdo, Vice President for Business Affairs, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all the partner companies, emphasizing the importance of such collaborative initiatives in driving agricultural progress and assisting farmers in the region to have a bountiful harvest even in the wet season.

The event garnered strong support from various individuals from DA-attached agencies with key figures delivering messages of encouragement and support. Dr. Jovita B. Agliam, Provincial Agriculturist, Ms. Analou S. Morelos, NE Program Coordinator for DA-RFO III, and Mr. Leonel Parugrug, OIC City Agriculturist, all expressed their full backing for the derby. Their presence highlighted the unified effort across different levels of government to promote sustainable and productive agricultural practices. Moreover, during the event, Mr. Christian Ramos, DA-RFO III Regional Seed Coordinator, explained the criteria and methodology for the Derby.

The event culminated in a symbolic ceremonial transplanting of different hybrid rice varieties within the CLSU vicinity. This hands-on demonstration symbolized the collective hope for a bountiful wet season harvest, driven by superior hybrid rice varieties and collaborative efforts. Participating companies and institutions that showcased their hybrid rice varieties were Seed Works, Enviro Scope Synergy Inc., Green & Grow Technologies Inc., BioSeed, Leads Agri, SL Agritech Corporation, Bayer Crop Science, Syngenta, Aljay Agro Industrial Solutions Inc., ProBagAgri Seed Corporation, and the Philippine Rice Research Institute.



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CEn Graduate Student Joins BACT 2025 Summer Program in Taiwan under SEARA Grant

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Mr. Val A. Alcantara, a Master of Science in Agricultural Engineering student from the College of Engineering at Central Luzon State University(CLSU), is currently participating in the Biodiversity, Agriculture, and Culture of Taiwan (BACT) 2025 Summer Program, held from June 23 to July 22, 2025, at the College of Bioresources and Agriculture, 國立臺灣大學 National Taiwan University (NTU), with support from the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)Student Mobility Grant.

As a regular member of the Southeast Asian University Consortium for Graduate Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC), CLSU has been invited to nominate a master's degree student to represent the university in the summer program supported by SEARCA. The BACT Program brings together undergraduate and graduate students to explore Taiwan's rich biodiversity, advanced agricultural technologies, and vibrant cultural heritage. It offers an integrated learning experience through four key components: lectures, institutional visits or field trips, hands-on activities, and collaborative team projects.

As part of the month-long program, Mr. Alacantara joins fellow international students in exploring Taiwan's unique ecological and cultural regions—from coastal environments to mountainous areas reaching 3,400 meters in elevation. Activities include geological and ecological expeditions, cultural immersions, site visits to leading agricultural institutions, and lectures on crop production, soil biodiversity, precision livestock farming, freshwater aquaculture, and ecological engineering.

Reflecting on his experience, Mr. Alcantara shared, "By visiting mountains, volcanoes, rivers, farms, and historic buildings—and participating in hands-on activities—I gained valuable experience, knowledge, and insights that I can share with my colleagues and friends." He further emphasized the significance of the program in broadening his understanding of sustainability, noting that "Lectures by professors from National Taiwan University introduced different sustainable management methods to preserve and conserve biodiversity and agriculture, while also facilitating the exchange of insights and perspectives among students."



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CLSU, PRMSU, and TSU Collaborate on Biodiversity Assessment Initiative

Biology students from Central Luzon State University (CLSU), President Ramon Magsaysay State University (PRMSU), and Environmental Science students from Tarlac State University (TSU) came together to conduct a joint biodiversity assessment on June 17-19, 2025, at Lingap Kalikasan Park.

This collaborative activity aimed to assess and document the biodiversity present in the area, fostering inter-campus partnerships and raising awareness on the importance of biodiversity conservation and habitat protection. The initiative also formed part of the ongoing Lingap Kalikasan Park rehabilitation efforts, supporting the restoration and sustainable management of the site.





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Lantern Fest '25 Officially Kicks Off with Grand Parade and Street Dance

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) officially kicked off the Lantern Festival with a Grand Parade and Street Dance, joined by the students, faculty, staff, and officials, held today, December 18, at the campus grounds.

This annual tradition, spearheaded by the University Supreme Student Council (USSC), powerfully showcases the artistry, collaboration, and collective spirit of the CLSU community.

The parade began at the Visionary Gate, traversed Academic Avenue, and continued to University Avenue, where it featured handcrafted floats and lanterns made by the students. One of the highlights of the event was the participation of College Deans and faculty alongside their students in a quick street dance before leading to the Oval for the Opening Ceremony.

Other events will be held this afternoon, with a full day of pocket events lined up, including the Christmas Concierto, the Serene Empress pageant, a spectacular Fireworks Display, and a vibrant Music Festival with the highly anticipated performances by Magiliw Street, We Tell Stories, SugarCane, and Fitterkarma. This will also be followed by the Battle of the Bands and the Live DJ Performance.


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Muling nagningning ang tarangkahan ng Central Luzon State University sa pagdiriwang ng #Pailaw2025, dala ang temang ?Liwanag ng Pag-asa: Para sa CLSU, Para sa Bayan.?

Ang pagsindi ng bawat ilaw sa unibersidad ay sagisag ng muling pagbangon mula sa bawat unos at hamon na ating napagdaanan. Ang bawat pusong Sielesyuan ay nagiging tanglaw, liwanag na hindi lamang para sa sarili, kundi para gabayan at pag-igtingin ang pag-asa ng mas marami.

At sa pag-ilaw ngayong gabi, muli nating pinagtitibay ang ating panata: na patuloy na maging liwanag ng kaunlaran, inspirasyon, at malasakit?para sa CLSU, para sa bayan.

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CLSU, La Salle - Benilde Hold Voter's Education Forum StratCom | SCO

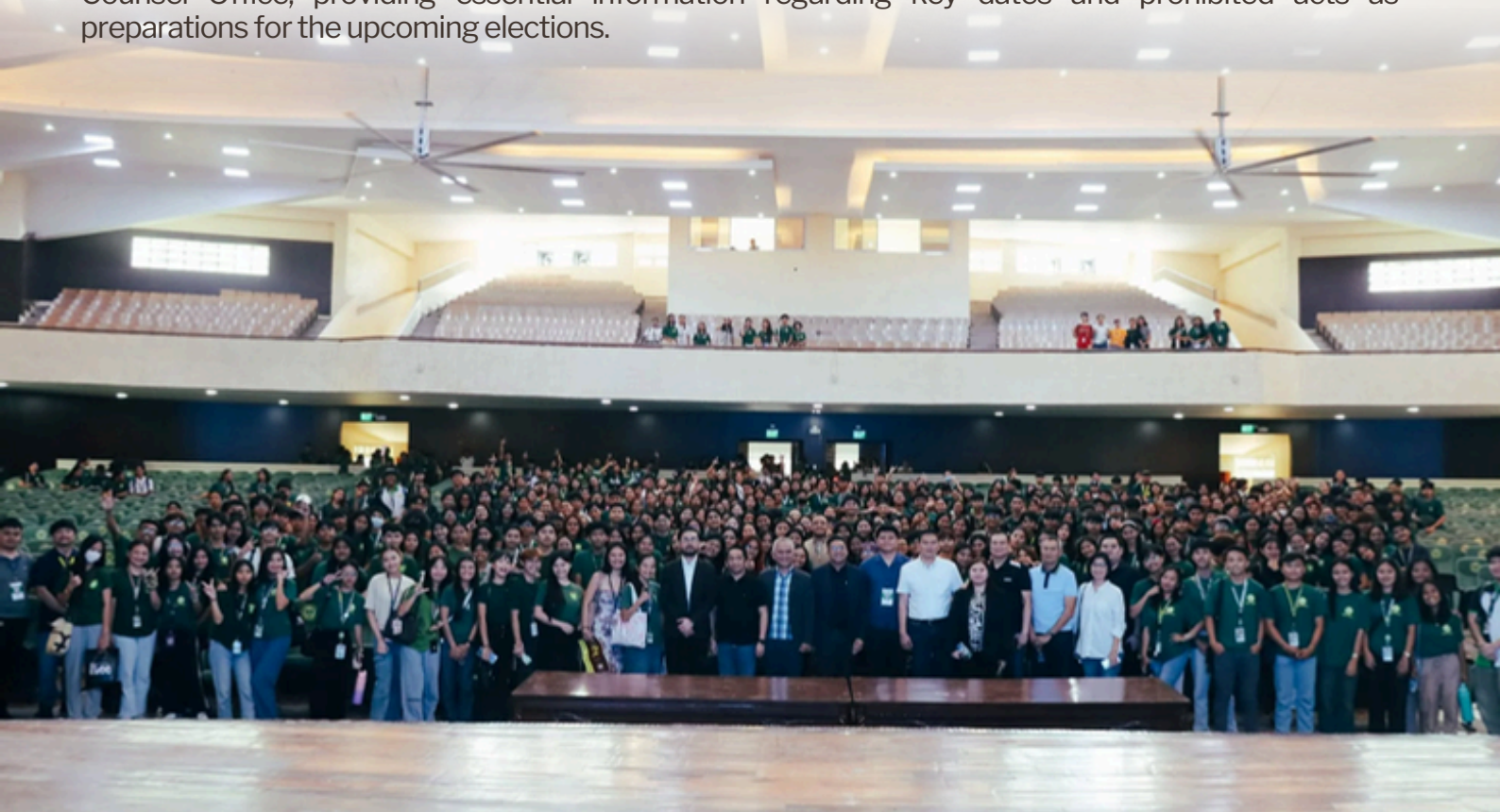
The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) through the National Service Training Program (NSTP) and Presidential Management Services, in partnership with De La Salle–College of Saint Benilde (DLS-CSB), hosted a forum titled For Your Information (FYI): A Voter's Education Program for more than 3000 first-year students on April 2, 2025, at the CLSU Auditorium.

The forum emphasized the importance of voting, understanding of voters' rights, and awareness of societal issues that influence the electoral process, aimed to foster critical thinking among students concerning political and governmental affairs.

University President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, in his opening remarks, emphasized the importance of being informed in times of misinformation and disinformation, especially during elections.
"The election should be more than just a civic duty as it shapes the policies, governance, and future of our nation, understanding our rights and responsibilities as voters is entirely to ensure that we elect people who uphold integrity, transparency, and service to the people. This forum is a timely initiative, particularly in this era where misinformation and disinformation threaten and cloud the judgment of the voting public," said President Abella.

Moreover, Dr. Gary Ador Dionisio, Dean of Benilde School of Diplomacy and Governance together with Atty. Dino De Leon, Public Interest Lawyer and Legal Analyst of the De Leon Arevalo Gonzales Law Firm, Professor Cleve Arguelles, President, and CEO of WR Numero Research, and Dr. Sherwin Ona, Associate Professor of Political Science and Development Studies, DLSU-Manila served as resource persons.

The speakers discussed various societal issues and emphasized the relevance of the FYI program within the Philippine context. The discussions were followed by an open forum, which allowed students to raise questions and seek clarification on a range of topics.
The program concluded with closing remarks from Atty. Eric Paul U. De Vera of the University's Legal Counsel Office, providing essential information regarding key dates and prohibited acts as preparations for the upcoming elections.



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CLSU Receives Outstanding eNGAS and eBudget System User Entity Award

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Central Luzon State University (CLSU), through its Financial Management Services led by Dir. Jinky Parugrug, has been honored with the "Outstanding eNGAS and eBudget System User Entity" Award for the second consecutive time. The recognition was conferred during the Government Financial Management Innovations Circle, Inc.'s (GFMIC) 16th Annual National Convention, held on September 25, 2025, in Tagbilaran, Bohol.

This accolade underscores CLSU's exemplary utilization of the Electronic New Government Accounting System (eNGAS). The eNGAS is a critical software solution designed to modernize government accounting, ensuring all financial transactions are processed with accuracy, reliability, completeness, and timeliness.

CLSU stands out among academic institutions, being one of only three universities nationwide, alongside Tarlac State University and Bukidnon State University, to receive this distinction. Other awardees were drawn from National Government Agencies and Local Government Units (LGUs).

The award was formally accepted by Mr. John Mark Tangonan, head of the Accounting Office, together with staff from both the Accounting and Budget Office.

This achievement serves as a significant affirmation of CLSU's strong commitment to digitalization and its dedication to maintaining the highest standards of accuracy in financial reporting.





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USSC Chair is Sworn In as New Student Regent

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Aljone V. Viterbo, the newly seated Chairperson of the University Supreme Student Council (USSC) for the Academic Year 2025-2026, has officially been sworn in as the Student Regent of Central Luzon State University (CLSU) following her oath-taking ceremony held on August 12, 2025 during the regular Board of Regents (BOR) meeting at the Pampanga State University (formerly DHVSU).

As Student Regent, Viterbo will serve as the official representative of the student body. Her responsibilities include advocating for the needs and interests of students, conveying their concerns, and ensuring that their voices are adequately represented in all policy decisions made by the BOR.

This appointment underscores the university's commitment to fostering student participation in institutional governance.

Meanwhile, here is the list of the other current members of the CLSU BOR:

Chair ? Hon. Desiderio R. Apag III ? Commissioner, Commission on Higher Education Vice Chair ? Hon. Evaristo A. Abella ? CLSU President Members: Hon. Allan Peter Cayetano ? Chair, Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education Hon. Jude Acidre ? Chair, House Committee on Higher and Technical Education Hon. Julius Caesar V. Sicat ? Regional Director, Department of Science and Technology Hon. Eduardo L. Lapuz Jr. ? OIC ? Regional Director, Department of Agriculture Hon. Nerissa T. Esguerra ? Regional Director, Economy, Planning, and Development Hon. Roy Searca Jose P. Dela Cruz ? Faculty Representative Hon. Reiner B. Andres ? Private Sector Representative Hon. Danilo S. Vargas ? Alumni Representative Hon. Aljone V. Viterbo ? Student Representative



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CLSU Strengthens Partnerships Through a Series of MOU and MOA Signings

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The Central Luzon State University (CLSU) once again took significant steps in expanding its collaborative network by signing a series of Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and Understanding (MOU) aimed at promoting sustainable aviation, industry engagement, and youth empowerment. The series of signing ceremony was led by the University President, Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, were held on October 24, 2025.

CLSU, through its Center for Renewable Energy & Technology (CREaTe) and the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (DABE), represented by Dr. Wendy C. Mateo, Director of CREaTe, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Island Skies Alliance (ISA), represented by Mr. Junard J. Cruz, Chief Executive Officer of ISA. ISA, a nonprofit organization focused on sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), recognizes CLSU as a key institution in developing feedstock for SAF.

Meanwhile, through the CLSU Laboratory for Teaching and Learning - Agricultural Science and Technology School (CLTL-ASTS), led by Dr. Ma. Catalina D. Cadiz, the university partnered with REM Pizza Parlor (Shakey's San Jose), represented by Ms. Camille Elizabeth N. Saculles, Branch Manager. This agreement helps CLTL-ASTS Senior High School Students meet TESDA industry standards and gain in-demand skills, making them more competitive for future employment and entrepreneurship.

Lastly, the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), led by Dr. Irene G. Bustos, renewed its partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), represented by Ms. Mylene L. Evangelista Chief of Labor and Employment of DOLE Nueva Ecija. The agreement aims to enhance the Job Placement Office (JPO) at CLSU by protecting labor rights, promoting full employment, ensuring equal opportunities regardless of sex, race, or creed, and regulating worker-employer relations. This demonstrates CLSU's commitment to fostering a sustainable employment ecosystem for graduates and the community.



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CLSU hosts Visiting Professor from Universiti Putra Malaysia as part of the Global Lecture Expert Series

Central Luzon State University hosts Dr. Muhammad Hazwan Bin Hamzah, professor technologist of the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering in University Putra Malaysia and Dr. Hajah Rosnah Shamsudin, professor technologist of the Department of Process and Food Engineering in Universiti Putra Malaysia for their special lecture topics, about the "Technological Advances Revolutionizing Food and Agri-processing" and "From Waste to Wealth: Emerging Extraction Technologies and their Applications in the Food Industry" on November 19, 2025 as part of the Global Lecture Expert Series.

The event brings together students and faculty from the CLSU Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, CLSU – College of Engineering and the CLSU Department of Food Science and Technology – CLSU – College of Home Science and Industry. Also present during the lecture series are the Acting Dean of the College of Engineering Dr. Roy Jose P. Dela Cruz, and the Department Chair of Agricultural Biosystems and Engineering, Dr. John Paulo C. Sacdalan.

Organized by the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering – College of Engineering, and the Department of Food Science and Technology – College of Home Science and Industry in collaboration with DOST- Science Education Institute CLSU-Engineering Research & Development for Technology (ERDT) Program and the CLSU International Affairs Office.



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Mobility Chief completes DAAD-DIES regional internationalization workshop in India

Dr. Emil F. Ubaldo, Chief of the Mobility and Intercultural Exchange Unit at the International Affairs Office, completed the Asian regional phase of the prestigious Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies (DIES) Training Course on the Management of Internationalization from October 13 to 17, 2025, in Karnataka, India.

The session was hosted by the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), a designated "Institute of Eminence" by India's University Grants Commission and a world-ranked private university with campuses in Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Ubaldo is one of only ten selected professionals from Asia in the 2025–2026 cohort, which also includes representatives from Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, and India.

During the intensive workshop, Dr. Ubaldo collaborated with peers and experts to discuss strategies for developing organizational frameworks for internationalization, promoting global and interregional research, integrating intercultural perspectives into curricula, and building sustainable international partnerships.

The training in India followed the program's first phase, which Dr. Ubaldo completed at Leibniz University Hannover in Germany in March 2025 alongside 10 participants from Latin America and 10 from Africa.



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CLSU welcomes Dr. Banalata Sen, a Peace Corp Volunteer that will serve under the ICCEM

Central Luzon State University (CLSU) warmly welcomes Dr. Banalata Sen, an Environmental Education Specialist from North Carolina, USA, and one of the eight members of this year's Batch 55 United States Peace Corps Response Volunteers. At CLSU, Dr. Sen will serve under the Institute for Climate Change and Environmental Management (ICCEM), with Dr. Gella Patria L. Abella as her host counterpart, and will collaborate with the CLSU community to strengthen programs on environmental sustainability, public health, and disaster preparedness.

Dr. Sen brings over 20 years of global experience as a health and development professional, with a strong background in designing, implementing, and evaluating programs in public health, environmental health, health systems strengthening, and community-led interventions. She has worked with the World Health Organization (WHO) on policy development to reduce pesticide poisoning and air pollution in India and led various training initiatives on COVID-19 response, tribal youth empowerment, and behavior change communication tools from 2018 to 2022. Most recently, she completed a two-year volunteer engagement in Botswana from November 2022 to October 2024.

She holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Biology and a Masters of Science in Biochemistry, both from Michigan Technological University, USA. Dr. Sen, together with her fellow U.S. Peace Corps Response Volunteers and their host country counterparts, underwent pre-deployment training and participated in the official Swearing-In Ceremony organized by Peace Corps Philippines and the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines on July 25, 2025, at Bayview Park Hotel, Manila. During the event, Mr. Milosil Cruz, Peace Corps Response Program Coordinator, expressed his appreciation to CLSU for serving as a host institution and looks forward to meaningful partnerships in support of community-based development and international collaboration.



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CASS Dean, CCLS Head Conclude Nepal Mobility Program with Gandaki and Hokkaido Universities

Dr. Jay C. Santos, Dean of the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), and Dr. Melanie P. Tolentino, Head of the Center for Central Luzon Studies (CCLS) of Central Luzon State University (CLSU), took part in a series of lectures, collaborative meetings, and academic engagements as part of the faculty mobility and collaboration program under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CLSU and Gandaki University (GU) in Kathmandu and Pokhara, Nepal, in partnership with Hokkaido University (HU), Japan, held from May 23 to June 5, 2025.

As one of the key proponents of the MoU between CLSU and GU, Dr. Tolentino served as Session Chair for the roundtable titled Mobility, Marginality, and Modernity in a Demographically Changing Asia at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS)-in-Asia Conference 2025. The session featured Dr. Kailash Timilsina of GU, Dr. Yoshihide Obayashi of HU, and Dr. Jay C. Santos of CLSU as discussants. The conference was jointly organized by the AAS, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Social Science Baha (SSB) in Kathmandu.

As part of the academic exchange, Dr. Santos delivered a special lecture on Sports Psychology and Management to faculty and students at Gandaki University. Both CLSU faculty members also participated in joint lectures with GU counterparts, focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—particularly on health, sustainable communities, and global partnerships.

In line with the objectives of the exchange program, Dr. Tolentino and Dr. Santos conducted collaborative discussions with GU and HU faculty, resulting in two proposed research topic outlines, an initial draft of a tri-country collaborative project, and the development of a joint manuscript. They also explored student exchange initiatives, with both CLSU and GU expressing strong interest in formalizing exchange programs in the near future.

Dr. Obayashi, who also serves as Program Head of the Sakura Science Exchange Program—an annual initiative participated in by CLSU—joined the final leg of activities in Gandaki, further reinforcing the trilateral partnership.

Beyond academic engagements, Dr. Tolentino and Dr. Santos were warmly welcomed by GU leadership, including Prof. Naba Raj Devkota, Vice Chancellor of Gandaki University. The CLSU delegation also took part in cultural and heritage visits across Pokhara and Kathmandu, enriching their understanding of Nepal's cultural heritage and educational landscape.

This international mobility activity reaffirms CLSU's commitment to advancing global academic collaboration, fostering multicultural learning, and contributing to research partnerships that address pressing global challenges.



CLSU Showcases Major Savings and Sustainability Gains with Solar Panels

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Central Luzon State University (CLSU) highlighted the significant impact of its 997-kilowatt solar panel system, installed by First Gen Energy Solutions (FGES) and Pi Energy, during a project site tour on March 7, 2025, attended by potential clients.

The tour at the CLSU ICT Research and Development Training Center (CLIRDEC) building was led by Mr. Tim Galang, Customer Experience Officer of Pi Energy, providing an opportunity for other stakeholders to witness the project's success and its contribution to the university's sustainability efforts.

Dr. Ariel G. Mactal, Vice President for Administration, thanked FGES for choosing CLSU as their partner State Universities and Colleges (SUC) in promoting sustainable energy. "This partnership has become a valuable benchmark for other SUCs, our students are also becoming more aware of the importance of utilizing solar energy," said Dr. Mactal.

Meanwhile, a detailed presentation by Ms. Tanya Flores-Rodil and Mr. Gelo Ramos explained the various types of solar panels and their benefits. While Engr. Renato Dela Cruz, Chief of Electrical and Telephone Services of Physical Plant and Site Development (PPSDS) highlighted the significant financial impact of the solar panels, revealing that CLSU has saved approximately 3.8 million pesos annually in electricity costs.

"Bukod sa sobrang laki ng natitipid ng CLSU pag dating sapagbabayad ng kuryente, nakaka tulong pa tayo sa kalikasan at nagiging compliant tayo sa Department of Energy" stated Engr. Renato Dela Cruz, emphasizing the solar panels' contribution to both financial savings and regulatory compliance.

"FGES representative concluded the meeting by expressing their commitment to strengthening and expanding their collaboration with CLSU. Following the discussion, the delegation conducted a comprehensive tour of the solar panel installation on the CLIRDEC building's rooftop.



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