



# FOOTPRINTS NEWSLETTER

## IFSU kicks off knowledge mgt system project on IRT



To intensify the conservation of the province’s rich cultural heritage, Ifugao State University (IFSU), an institution that banners heritage stewardship in its vision, brought together representatives from the different municipalities of Ifugao today to inform them on the new project on which they will closely collaborate with this year.

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## IFSU alumnus gets scholarship from APAX - Australia

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

In pursuit of the University’s mission to produce employable graduates, Alberto C. Pugong Jr., an agriculture graduate of Ifugao State University (IFSU), received a full scholarship from APAX International during the Pre-employment Orientation and Recruitment Activity for Australia at the Heritage Convention Hall-La-mut Campus on February 20, 2023.

APAX Education & Visa Consultancy aims to serve students and young professionals globally who are

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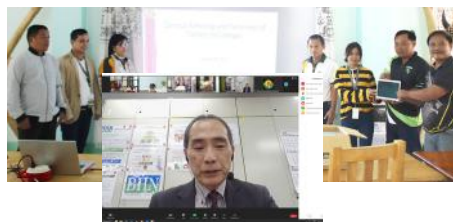


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## Students receive tablets donated by Japanese non-profit org

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**T**o help students in this age of digital learning, the Basic Human Needs (BHN) Association, a government-accredited non-profit organization based in Tokyo, Japan donated 100 computer tablets to Ifugao State University (IFSU) on January 23, 2023.

In an online ceremony today, BHN President Hideo Ino expressed delight in having an important partner in the Philippines through IFSU.

University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, in response, thanked the association for the donation which will boost the information and communication technology (ICT) skills of students.

“We are well aware of the substantial amount of work required to meet and maintain high standards in education. We will move closer to achieving our objective with the tablets you donated for educational purposes. We are thankful for your kindness and generosity that will make a difference in the lives of our students,” remarked Dr. Dugyon.

These tablets were subsequently handed out to the six (6) Colleges of Lamut campus on January 26, 2023.

Mr. Nathaniel F. Dimog, Campus Executive Director of Lamut Campus, said that the gadgets will be utilized by students in their research activities.

“Electronic books will be installed for

easier access to various knowledge. These tablets will be distributed in all college libraries,” he added.

Mr. Ino was joined by Happei Kurematsu, Senior Vice President; Yasuo Yoshimatsu and Yoshihiko Morimoto, Executive Directors; and Kango Kii, Project Coordinator.

Meanwhile, Engr. Loinaz Dulawan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Richard Baliao, Director of the Department of Communication, Public and International Affairs; and Mx. Clyde B. Pumihic, International Relations Officer joined from IFSU.

Mr. Dimog added that the provision of said tablets is one of the offshoots of the partnership between IFSU and Kobe Gakuin University.

## Indonesia's Unmuh Jember, IFSU eye academic exchanges in psychology

CLYDE B. PUMIHIC

**T**o honor the 5th International Day of Education, Ifugao State University and Indonesia's Muhammadiyah Jember University (Unmuh Jember) held an online planning session to internationalize their Bachelor of Psychology programs on January 24, 2023.

## IFSU surpasses National Passing Rate in CLE

LIZA P. BUMIDANG

**L**amut and Potia campuses of Ifugao State University (IFSU) exceeded the National Passing Rate (NPR) in the December 2022 Criminologist Licensure Examination (CLE).

Higher than the 33.18% NPR, the College of Criminal Justice Education- Lamut campus recorded an institutional passing rate of 77.16% with 125 passers while Potia campus marked 36.84% with 35 passers.

Overall, consisting of first-time takers and repeaters, IFSU produced 160 new criminologists.

The said number of IFSU passers is among the 11,098 out of 33,489 who passed the December 2022 CLE given by the Board of Criminology last December 2022 in 23 testing centers all over the Philippines.//

Said planning is an offshoot from an earlier meeting by the offshore school with University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon for plausible partnership.

The meeting included plans for lecture exchanges on core subjects, collaboration in research on mapping of psychology research studies and methods, sharing of internship implementation best practices, and the eventual crafting of the Memorandum of Agreement.//





## Hiroshima Univ, IFSU tie for global internship, research

CLYDE B. PUMIHIC

**I**fugao State University hosted the Global Internship Program of Hiroshima University (HU) following the Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate and establish partnership for the implementation of the Global Explorers to Cross Borders (G.ecbo).

Dr. Keshav Lall Maharjan, Chairperson of G.ecbo Program Committee of HU, visited IFSU and discussed with University President Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon to explore and expand the said ties on January 9, 2023. Dr. Maharjan is also a Professor at HU's Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation who specializes in Agricultural Economics, Rural Development, and South Asian Studies.

A half-day forum called "Collaborative Research Dialogue on Agricultural Systems and GIAHS with Dr. Maharjan" was conducted on January 10, 2023, at the GIAHS Center, IFSU Lamut organized by the DCPIA International Affairs and Linkages and GIAHS Center. It was participated by faculty researchers and international internship coordinators of IFSU to co-learn the strategies and practices of collaborative research in the fields of Agricultural Systems, Economics, Rural Development, Sustainable Development, International Cooperation, and Climate Change.

Ms. Clarisse M. Gonzalvo, PhD Candidate at Hiroshima University started her internship in December 2022 at the IFSU Research and Development Center for the Ifugao Rice Terraces as a Globally

Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS Center). She shared her experience and the processes of applying for scholarship abroad during the forum.//

## Bohol Island State U benchmarks best practices of IFSU

LIZA P. BUMIDANG

**I**fugao State University (IFSU) hosted a knowledge-sharing activity with Bohol Island State University (BISU) on its best practices and processes on International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and AACUP preparations on February 10, 2023, at the University Board Room, Lamut campus.

The BISU team was led by their Quality Assurance Director Dr. Rufino M. Lorejo. Along with him were Mrs. Emelyn S. Cinco, University Document Control Officer and Campus QA Directors, Prof. Veronica B. Dumaran (BISU Calape campus), Prof. Gina G. Galbo (BISU Candijay campus), Prof. Jemma Lucitte A. Cambillos (BISU Clarin campus), Dr. Emilliano C. Maravilla (BISU Balilihan campus), and Dr. Renante C. Digamon (BISU Bilar campus).

The delegation was greeted by a cultural dance performed by the Cultural Theater Arts Group. They were also treated with an overview of Ifugao culture and practices at the IFSU Rice Cultural Museum and a brief tour of the University Library where they got the chance

to have a short chat with a Boholano student enrolled in the University.

The team was warmly received by the University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon together with University officials, the Vice president for Academic Affairs Dr. Mary P. Caclini, Vice president for Administration Dr. Freddie B. Caday, the Vice president for Research, Development, Extension, and Training Dr. Marissa P. Bulong, Director of Library Services Dr. Liza M. Tamargo and the Director for Quality Assurance Dr. Jeng jeng M. Bolintao.

As a University that is committed to delivering public service and good governance, Dr. Dugyon is humbled for choosing IFSU as a benchmark destination.

"I'm so happy that they sent you here to benchmark our best practices on ISO processes, AACUP Accreditation, and all our initiatives and programs in improving the quality and standards of our services in Instruction, Research, Extension, Resource Generation, and Administration," said Dr. Dugyon.

On behalf of BISU, QA Dir. Lorejo expressed enthusiasm to learn from the University.

QA Dir. Bolintao presented the University's best practices on ISO certification focusing on IFSUQA also known as Institutionalization of Management Review; Foster and nurture the Culture of Baddangan; Strong Support of Admin and stakeholders; Unquestioned dedication of designated ISO members for total Quality Management System in Advancing Excellence and Service towards 100% client satisfaction.

The benchmarking activity also involved the conduct of a post-qualification of the ISO 9001:2015 Quality

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## *IFSU kicks off.. from page 1*

Vice President for Research Development, Extension and Training (RDET) Dr. Marissa P. Bulong stated that the endeavor aims to create a Knowledge Management System (KMS) for the Ifugao Rice Terraces (IRT) that will positively impact the next generation and help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Mr. Monchito L. Binwek, Chief of the Information and Communication Technology Section, said that a KMS is a system designed to make it easier to share and integrate knowledge. He further quipped that this will serve as a repository of gathered knowledge that can be analyzed, and re-used.

“The KMS will aid in resolving the issue of unorganized records and archives on the IRT which seriously affects the timely issuance of reports and other actions for the IRT,” suggested Ms. Marah Joy A. Nanglegan, Director of the Department of Extension and Training.

Mr. Binwek proposed having a Heritage Website as it is mobile-friendly and responsive. He encouraged that the website should be easy to navigate through easy-to-understand names.

He assured the representatives of the Local Government Units that they would be of assistance, particularly during the initial development of their website.

The KMS on the IRT project is under the Futures Thinking and Strategic Foresight initiative backed by the Office of Senator Pia S. Cayetano being the Chair of the SDGs, Innovations, and Futures Thinking Committee.

Said event is spearheaded by the IRT - Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems Center headed by Director Judy C. Baggo.//



## Plans set for KMS on IRT

LIZA P. BUMIDANG

**T**o strategize the scope of Knowledge Management System (KMS) for the Ifugao Rice Terraces (IRT), Ifugao State University (IFSU) conducted a research planning on February 21, 2023, at the Multipurpose Hall, 3rd-floor Admin building, Lamut campus.

Through the activity, researchers and staff from Research and Development, Extension, Intellectual Property Creative Works, and Technology Business Management Center, IFSU campuses, and colleges were able to identify possible research areas for KMS. These include the demographic and geographic profiling of IRT sites, cultural practices, customs and traditions, and IRT current trends, among others. Further, the use of Augmented Reality was also introduced to provide an interactive experience that combines the real world and computer-generated content.

Vice President for Research Development, Extension, and Training (RDET) Dr. Marissa P. Bulong said that in order to create a KMS for IRT, doing research shall be the key component.

“KMS is a cutting-edge technology-driven tool for conserving the IRT as a living cultural heritage thus coming up with organized and systematized pertinent data, documents, and researches of the IRT are needed,” added Dr. Bulong.

With the presence of KMS, sharing of knowledge products will be easily accessible for the Heritage sites of Banaue, Hungduan, Kiangan, and Mayoyao for their appropriate actions, according to IRT - Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems Center Director Judy C. Baggo.

Researchers and cultural heritage conservation institutions and national line agencies can also benefit from the Project for their programs and projects pertaining to the IRT.

Moreover, KMS on IRT also addresses the lack of data on IRT and other cultural properties. //

## IFSU among 8 Founding Members of Open Distance Education Providers in Ph

FAITH B. NAPUDO

**I**fugao State University (IFSU) is now officially a member of the Consortium of Open Distance Education Providers in the Philippines (CODEPP) after inking a Memorandum of Agreement with other seven Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the country at Benguet State University, La Trinidad, Benguet on January 31, 2023.

To achieve the shared goal of fostering open distance education, Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, IFSU University President signed the contract with Dr. Melinda DP. Bandalaria, University of the Philippines – Open University (UPOU) Chancellor; Dr. Felipe S. Comila, Benguet State University President; Dr. Hernando D. Robles, Cavite State University President; Dr. Edgar A. Orden, Central Luzon State University President; Dr. Jaime I. Manuel Jr., Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University President; and Dr. Ronald Raymond L. Sebastian, John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University President; and Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, Mariano Marcos State University President.

CODEPP aims to provide more opportunities for ideas and expertise to be shared; provide a platform for the exchange of experiences, instructional best practices, and research findings on flexible/technology-enhanced and open distance eLearning among Consortium Members and other institutions that are interested in implementing strategies for lifelong learning and inclusive education; among others.

The Consortium is chaired by UPOU for the first two years as the country's pioneer and leading institution in open and distance learning.//

*IFSU alumnus.. from page 1*



determined to study, work, and live in Australia.

Mr. Pugong will be studying and working in Australia along with other scholars from different countries.

Moreover, Jayho Ngaya-an, a graduate of IFSU College of Agriculture and Home Science, now College of Agriculture and Sustainable Development (CASD), John Ian Mark Vidad of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Maibelle D. Ballogan were qualified to avail of Free Processing Fee from APAX during their application abroad.

“I believe that IFSU has equipped you with the right skills and knowledge to explore possibilities and to be employable graduates in the local and international realms. We look forward to hearing from your testimonies or sharing of success and blessings as you bring pride to your family, community as well as to your alma mater,” stated Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, University President.

Dr. Dugyon also encouraged students and young professionals to get out of their comfort zone, pursue higher studies and explore opportunities locally and beyond borders.

On the other hand, Jack Karng, CEO-Founder of APAX advised participants to dream, believe, and achieve. “Your goal is our way. Right guidance to the right pathway is our priority. We will define your future- dream now, believe now, and achieve it tomorrow,” said Mr. Karng.

The event was organized by the IFSU CASD in collaboration with the Career Development Center (ICDC), College of Health Sciences (CHS), College of Computing Science (CCS), College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), College of Education (COE), DCPIA-International Affairs and Linkages, Department of Student Services Development (DSSD), and the Department of Alumni Affairs.//

**CAHS, CCS change names; now CASD, CET**

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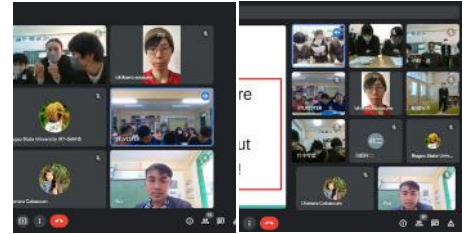
**The College of Agriculture and Home Sciences (CAHS) of Lamut and Potia campuses and the College of Computing Sciences (CCS) of Potia campus are now known as the College of Agriculture and Sustainable development (CASD) and College of Engineering and Technology (CET), respectively after its approval in the 50th Board of Regents meeting on February 1, 2023, at the Commission on Higher Education office in Diliman, Quezon City.**

The change of nomenclatures is in response to CHED Memorandum Order No. 46, series of 2012 on the “Policy Standard to Enhance Quality Assurance (QA) in the Philippine Higher Education through an Outcomes-Based and Typology-Based QA.” In particular, the change of CAHS to CASD aims to integrate the existing programs related to Agriculture, Forestry, Environment, and other allied programs to be offered in the future, while the change of CCS to CET is for the computer engineering program to achieve its program educational objectives and program outcomes.

Presided over by CHED Commissioner and IFSU BOR Chairperson Hon. Marita R. Canapi, the BOR meeting was attended by IFSU president and BOR Vice Chairperson Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon; Hon. Denis B. Habawel (Representative of Sen. Chiz Escudero, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education); Hon. Edmond M. Kindipan (Representative of Cong.

**IFSU bridges learning exchange of schools in Ifugao, Noto**

ROLLY KETH B. NABANALAN



**I**fugao State University (IFSU) through the Research and Development Center for the Ifugao Rice Terraces as a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (R & D Center for IRT-GIAHS) facilitated a learning exchange between the pupils from Lamut Central School in Ifugao and learners at Shoin Elementary School in Japan during the 2nd Virtual Exchange between Ifugao, Philippines and Noto, Japan on January 31, 2023.

The Ifugao students talked about preserved/pickled fruits while the Japanese students, facilitated by Noto SDG Lab, shared about their practice on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).//

Mark Go, Chairperson of the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education); Hon. Susan A. Sumbeling (NEDA-CAR Regional Director); Hon. Demetrio P. Anduyan, Jr. (CHED-CAR Regional Director); Hon. Nancy A. Bantog (DOST-CAR Regional Director); Hon. Robert C. Bongayon (Private Sector Representative); Hon. Riezelle Aguinaya I. Echanova (Alumni Representative); Hon. Myle Melody D. Corpuz (Faculty Representative); Hon. Cecelia M. Bognadon (Student Representative); Mr. Julian B. Nangpuhan II (Board Secretary); Vice Presidents of the University Dr. Freddie B. Caday, Dr. Diosdado M. Aquino, and Dr. Mary P. Caclini.

Dr. Dugyon hoped that the team will translate the learnings into the improvement of BISU operations. In support of BISU raising its standards, Dr. Dugyon said that she will also be monitoring the journey of BISU to be ISO-Certified.//

## 2 grad students from Japan Univ learn from GIAHS - related IFSU projects

CLYDE B. PUMIHIC

**T**wo (2) doctorate students from the Graduate School of Agriculture in Kyoto University, Japan namely Tetsushi Yamamura and Nozomi Iwao visited Ifugao State University to conduct academic research on the programs and projects implemented by the university on Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) and the Ifugao Satoyama Meister Training Program (ISMTP).

Part of the visit was the exposure to the agricultural systems in the Ifugao Rice Terraces clusters in congruence to the 11 GIAHS sites in Japan. Interaction with alumni of ISMTP were also done to understand the long-term accomplishment of a human capacity building program in conserving traditional farming systems.

Said visitors were hosted by the GIAHS Center and the DCPIA International Affairs and Linkages. Their courtesy meeting with the University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon on January 23, 2023 initiated a viable partnership in the fields of Agricultural studies and internationalization endeavors.

Included in their itinerary are: the IFSU Rice Cultural Museum; GIAHS Center and Heritage Resource Center; National Museum-Ifugao; Hungduan Rice Terraces; Central Mayoyao Rice Terraces among others.

Mr. Yamamura is currently studying the sustainable farming communities in a mountainous area while Ms. Nozomi is inclined in GIAHS studies.//

## UNESCO Ph lauds IFSU, welcomes new SecGen

CLYDE B. PUMIHIC

**I**n a courtesy and consultation meeting, Ifugao State University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon represented by Judy C. Baggio, Director for GIAHS Center and Clyde B. Pumihic, International Relations Officer extended her felicitation to the new Secretary General, Dr. Ivan Anthony Henares, of the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines on February 22, 2023 at the Banaue Hotel Banaue, Ifugao.

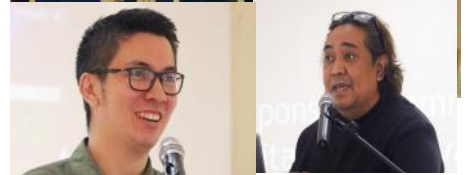
Dr. Henares recognized the efforts of IFSU as a strong academic institution in the pursuit of preserving and conserving the natural and cultural heritage landscapes of Ifugao.

The World Heritage Committee Decision 44 COM 7B.36. Number 5 of the said WHC Decision reads “Notes with satisfaction the establishment of inter-agency mechanisms between the Ifugao Rice Terraces Rehabilitation and Development Council and the Ifugao Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) Sustainable Development Committee (IGDC), along with the implementation of the Indigenous Peoples Education Program to support the integration traditional knowledge systems in formal and informal education, and also encourages the State Party to enhance synergies with GIAHS programme and use these mechanisms to address emerging conservation issues, with consideration for the full participation of local communities and other stakeholders.”

This was implemented by IFSU in its training programs for cultural heritage. Moreover, IFSU authored the State of Conservation Report 2022, Heritage Impact Assessment, and co-authored the Mid-term Review of the Ifugao Rice Terraces Master Development Plan. This was submitted to the World Heritage Committee (WHC) in compliance to the WHC Decision 44 COM 7B.36.//

## Heritage and Genetics discussed in Betelnut Digest Series

LIZA P. BUMIDANG



**T**o appreciate research all the more and expand the University's culture of quality research geared toward heritage conservation, Ifugao State University (IFSU) invited two experts in heritage conservation, genetics, and tourism to share their research breakthroughs during the research forum dubbed Betelnut Digest 2.0 on January 30, 2023, at the Heritage Convention Hall.

Dr. Maximilian G. Larena of Uppsala University of Sweden shared his research study entitled “Tracing Our Past Using Genomic Lens” while Dr. Richard G. Daenos, Regional Director of the Department of Tourism in Region 3 discussed the “Responsible Community-based Heritage Conservation” featuring Angeles City.

Organized by the Department of Communication, Public and International Affairs with the Department of Research and Development and IFSU-Tinoc campus, the forum aimed to introduce research design in the study of the interplay of culture and genetics, increase knowledge and academic expertise on cultural conservation, generate a pool of experts/ researchers for IFSU and strengthen internationalization in the University.

The forum was participated in by the faculty researchers in the field of art science and social science studies, and aspiring student-researchers in the University.//

As recalled, the Betelnut Digest was launched in the University during its Centennial year anniversary in 2020 to strengthen research appreciation and create a culture of quality research outputs vis-à-vis the University's goal for strong research leadership and culture.//

## Reps from agri dep't monitor ACEF-funded projects at IFSU

FAITH B. NAPUDO

**M**s. Marian Julie Panarigan, Ms. Johanna Marie Robosa, Mr. Sylvester L. Sioson from the Department of Agriculture (DA) Central Office and Mr. Ramon Bag-ao from DA Regional Field Office of Cordillera Administrative Region visited Ifugao State University (IFSU) to monitor completed and ongoing projects funded by the Agriculture Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ACEF) on February 23, 2023.

Said projects are Product and Market Enhancement of Galyang Taro Chips, Establishing a viable enterprise using Free Range Chicken Technology in Ifugao, Upgrading of the Banana Tissue Culture Laboratory of IFSU, Upgrading of Indoor and controlled Laboratory and Production Facility for Agaricus Bisporus at IFSU, and Upgrading of Food Processing Laboratory at IFSU.

They were hosted and accompanied on their site visit by University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Duyon, staff of the Department of Research and Development, Department of Extension and Training, and project leaders.//



## Student leaders attend Parliamentary Procedure Seminar-Workshop

CHRIZEL JOY U. DUMANNOP, WYNSOME ERICA B. BAWAS



**T**o equip student leaders with the tools they need to create plans, programs, and activities that benefit the entire student body, the University Student Supreme Government (USSG) and Vocational Leaders of the Philippines Chapter (VLPCC) together with the Department of Student Services and Development (DSSD) organized a two-day seminar-workshop on Parliamentary Procedure on February 2-3, 2023 at the IFSU Heritage Hall.

Student leaders from the main campus; USSG officers, VLPCC officers, Sports Club officers, The Upland Farm writers, and all college organization officers participated in this activity.

Dinah Leohona B. Manzano, USSG Governor, in her Opening Remarks, said that knowing Parliamentary Procedure is an important skill that leaders must have in order to have a productive result. She likewise encouraged her fellow leaders to listen and participate during the seminar.

Meanwhile, Lamut Campus Executive Director Nathaniel F. Dimog recognized the support and hard work of the USSG, VLPCC, and the DSSD on the event. "As student leaders, the University recognizes the need to arm and equip you (students) with the knowledge and

skills in Parliamentary Procedure," he remarked.

On the first day, Mr. Freddie Bayangan, an alumnus and a member of the Board of Regent representing the alumni of IFSU, discussed the Basics of Parliamentary Procedure and Order of Business. In the afternoon, Judy C. Baggo, Director of GIAHS, shared his expertise in Writing the Minutes of the Meeting. The participants were given a workshop where they had to create a meeting following the parliamentary procedures and write the minutes of the meeting.

The participants presented their outputs as a culminating workshop activity on the second day after the mock-up demonstration given by Mr. Bayangan and the selected participants.//

## IFSU affirms vow to excellence as it gears up for Ph quality award

FAITH B. NAPUDO



**I**n its continuous quest for quality and excellence in education, Ifugao State University (IFSU) started its preparation for Philippine Quality Award (PQA) application on January 23, 2023.

Dubbed “Philippine Quality Award (PQA) Preparatory, Pre-PQA Assessment and Post Learning Activities Module Workshop,” said workshop gathered University senior leaders, unit heads, and concerned personnel. Spearheaded by the Department of Quality Assurance, said activity will take two days in succeeding months until September 2023.

The Philippine Quality Award is an integrated approach for performance management that sets the standard of excellence to help Philippine organizations achieve world-class performance.

Likewise, the PQA is the highest level of national recognition for exemplary organizational performance. It is not an award for product or service quality but for a quality management system that hinges on the improvement of product and/or services delivery and provides a means of satisfying and responding to customers’ needs and requirements.

The criteria for performance excellence and bases for the feedback given to the award applicant organizations after examination by PQA assessors consists of seven categories: (1) Leadership (2) Strategy (3) Customers (4) Measurement, Analysis and Knowl-

edge Management (5) Workforce (6) Operations (7) Results.

In her message, University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon emphasized the “Power of We” through the cooperation of the whole administration, faculty and students. She expressed hope of either ending the new year with PQA or starting 2024 with said prestigious award.

Mr. Juan C. Aquino, Jr., Resource Speaker, and Consultant of the AQM Management Consultancy Service, said PQA centers on a culture of quality in mind and heart as the University will gain outside perspective of the organization’s strengths and opportunities for improvement and receiving feedback report which outlines the Team of Assessors’ findings based on the evaluation. This feedback can guide the University’s strategic planning and quality and productivity improvement.

Meanwhile, Dr. Demetrio P. Anduyan, Jr., CHED-CAR Regional Director, stressed that PQA is not an impossible dream nor an unreachable star for IFSU for it homes empowered workforce across all genders.//

## Student attend Boosting Self-Esteem Seminar

WYNSOME ERICA BAWAS



**I**n celebration of International Boost Self-Esteem Month, the Department of Psychology of Ifugao State University (IFSU)-Lamut Campus conducted a seminar on Boosting Self-esteem at the Heritage Convention Hall on February 14, 2023.

This aims to safeguard students’ mental health and empower them by educating them on the importance of stable self-esteem to be more active and surpass their academic challenges.

In her Welcome Remarks, Novelyn Guinumtad, the Psychological Society Secretary, said that the event is a call to discover and appreciate the sweetness of self-love as an ultimate foundation of true love in any form as we learn to release sourness of insecurities, loneliness, and toxicity.

Ms. Corine Joy Serrano Tapo, a faculty member of the College of Business Management at IFSU- Lagawe Campus, shared her knowledge about the signs of high and low self-esteem. She encouraged the students to obtain stable self-esteem by seeing failure as an opportunity to grow, learning something new, and taking a step and building it up.

She gave simple yet relevant activities throughout the lecture like requesting the students to write a letter addressed to themselves.//



## IFSU instills student-trainees with social graces, work etiquette

LIZA P. BUMIDANG



**To ensure readiness and equip Ifugao State University (IFSU) student-trainees with the right attitudes and behavior in demonstrating office work professionally guided by University core values, students of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration underwent a seminar on Protocol, Social Graces, and Etiquette on February 8, 2023 at Lagawe campus.**

Said seminar is one of the topics of the “Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes (KSA) seminar series,” an enhancement program for the On-the-Job Training students conducted before deployment to different partner agencies, industries, institutions, and establishments.

The knowledge-sharing series includes topics that re-assess and re-validate the technical know-how of the student-trainees in their respective courses to ensure readiness. Moreover, topics on personality development are included to warrant student-trainees’ demonstration of the highest form of professionalism through

positive attitude and good behavior.

Ms. Sandra Irish C. Marquez, IFSU Director for Administration and Services, served as the resource speaker.

Dir. Marquez delved into the topics of Human relations in the Workplace; Sustaining Well-being; Incarnating Professionalism and Work Ethics and; Character Reformation and Values Enrichment.

The seminar on Protocol, Social graces, and Etiquette was organized by the College of Business Management of Lagawe campus headed by Dir. Jennifer Madonna G. Dait.//

## Funding for dormitories highlights NHA's visit to IFSU

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

**Regional Manager Engr. Ferdinand C. Sales of the office of National Housing Authority (NHA) Region II & Cordillera Administrative Region paid a visit at Ifugao State University - Lamut campus on February 7, 2023.**

University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon personally welcomed the guests and led the discussion about the NHA’s financial support for the construction of dormitories at the IFSU Lamut Campus and its satellite campuses.

Dr. Dugyon stated that this project will significantly reduce students’ problems coming from distant hometowns and lessen students’ daily road accidents. The prospect sites were validated with a site visit.

Also present were NHA’s Engr. Rofelie M. Balagat and IFSU Vice President for Administration Dr. Freddie Caday, Lamut Campus Executive Director Nathaniel F. Dimog, University Directors Engr. Marianne B. Malingan and Ms. Desiree A. Ballitoc.//

## DOST - MIRDC visits region's 1<sup>st</sup> Metals and Engineering Innovation Center at IFSU-Lagawe

IRENE ASPIRAS



**The Department of Science and Technology- Metals Industry Research and Development Center (DOST-MIRDC) led by Dr. Agustin M. Fudolig, Deputy Executive Director for Research and Development and Project Leader, and his team visited the first Metals and Engineering Innovation Center (MEIC) in the Cordillera Region at the Lagawe Campus of Ifugao State University on February 02, 2023.**

The center is a product of a tri-party agreement among IFSU, DOST-Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), and

DOST-MIRDC. It serves as an avenue for the conduct of research and to develop and strengthen the capabilities of the institution’s human resources, including students and faculty.

In December 2020, officials of DOST-CAR, DOST-MIRDC, and IFSU virtually soft-launched MEIC and inked a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Despite the challenges during the pandemic, MEIC delivered its targets.

During the visit, concerns regarding the optimal utilization of the center’s equipment were discussed.//

## Stakeholders gather in 13<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary celeb of IFSU Eye Center

FAITH D. NAPUDO



**O**fficials of the Ifugao Provincial and Municipal Local Government Units, the Department of Health, and Ifugao State University (IFSU) convened on January 26, 2023 to celebrate the 13 Founding Anniversary of the IFSU Eye Center in Banac, Potia, Alfonso Lista, Ifugao.

Representative Solomon R. Chungalao, the number one benefactor, represented by Edmund Kindipan, a lawyer, lauded the accomplishments of the Center in its mission to prevent unnecessary blindness in Ifugao and neighboring provinces.

University Professor Dr. Serafin L. Ngohayon, the Center's Administrator, shared the history of the Eye Center while recognizing the individuals and organizations who rallied for its establishment, improvement, and expansion through the years.

In 2010, the IFSU Eye Center was established with the support of the Ophthalmological Foundation of the Philippines' (OFPHIL) Boston-based sister organization, Restoring Sight International in response to the very high incidences of blindness in the Ifugao

province.

Since its inception, the Center has served 33,933 patients and has conducted 3,176 successful eye operations as of writing. Every year, the center registers at least 2,600 patients. Patients come from Cordillera and the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela, Quirino, and Nueva Vizcaya in Region 2 (Cagayan Valley), and Nueva Ecija in Region 3 (Central Luzon).

In her message, Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon expressed her full support for the Eye Center in its continuing fight against blindness to make every Filipino in the North enjoy the right to sight.

"We celebrate victories borne from our shared goals and collective efforts while we set new goals for the coming years," she added.//



## COE students set for preservice teaching after blue coat and pinning ceremony

LIZA P. BUMIDANG

**F**uture professional teachers of the College of Education (COE) Lamut and Lagawe campuses are now on their journey to acquire practical skills and knowledge they need to become great agents of education and stewards of learning.

This, after, said college held a blue coat and pinning ceremony last February 10 for Lamut campus and February 15 for Lagawe campus where pre-service teachers finally received and wore their blue coats and official name pins.

In Lamut campus, 67 pre-service teachers are from Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Filipino (22); Social Studies (7); Mathematics (5); Science (1); English (18), and Bachelor of Elementary Education with 14 pre-service teachers. In Lagawe cam-



pus, 18 pre-service teachers are from Bachelor of Secondary Education major in English (4); Bachelor of Elementary Education (9), and Bachelor of Technology Livelihood Education (5).

In her message, University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon reminded the students not to forget to offer all the glory and praise to God for everything they are to accomplish.

“As you continue with your journey, you must not forget to offer back your victory to the Almighty God. Spread your wings and fly high until you reach your dreams and goals in life. Always remember to make God your constant partner in charting your own career,” said Dr. Dugyon.

Furthermore, Dr. Dugyon reminded the pre-service teachers to always wear their coats with pride and dignity and to embrace by heart the University’s core values of Faith, Integrity, Excellence, Service, Creativity, and Cultural Sensitivity.

Dr. Dugyon also thanked the parents and families of the pre-service teachers for their unending support for the education of their children. Meanwhile, she also challenged the college to continue

upgrading the knowledge and skills of its human resource, to explore possibilities of offering innovative, in-demand, and industry-need programs, and to continue initiating interventions to improve the performance of students in the Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers.

Guest speaker, Department of Education- Public School District Supervisor Dr. Geraldine B. Gawi congratulated all the future educators and their parents.

“We [DepEd] expect you as a new brand that will bring creativity and innovation thus as you move toward your teaching immersion, look at it in two development dimensions, first, it is for your personal and professional development, and second, for your employability. To be professionally developed, you must be able to gain practical teaching and learning experiences, identify your career goals, and strengthen your resumé,” said Dr. Gawi.

The Blue coat and Pinning ceremony was organized by the COE headed by deans, Dr. Desiree Gumme G. Nangpuhan for Lamut campus and Ms. Karen A. Puguon for Lagawe campus.//



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Management System Certifying Body, sharing questions, relevant ideas, and strategies for improving their respective institutions, and the browsing of documents.

Dr. Dugyon also stressed the importance of human resources as the building blocks of the University, observance of the 3C’s (Communication, Collaboration, and Coordination), and adherence to phronetic leadership.

“As a leader of this University, we adhere to the principle of phronetic leadership. We act, make judgments, and decide based on situations guided by the right values and ethical standards,” stated Dr. Dugyon.

Dr. Dugyon hoped that the team will translate the learnings into the improvement of BISU operations. In support of BISU raising its standards, Dr. Dugyon said that she’ll also be monitoring the journey of BISU to be ISO-Certified.//



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A globally recognized University upholding excellence amidst rich cultural heritage

### Mission

Produce employable graduates who are morally upright, socially and culturally responsible professionals through quality, relevant, and innovative INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND RESOURCE GENERATION

### Goals and Objectives

#### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

1. Assure quality of programs
2. Ensure effective student lifecycle management and career development
3. Provide unique and lifelong learning experience in the entire student lifecycle
4. Integrate internationalization perspective towards global connectedness
5. Strengthen student welfare services for a successful academic formation of students
6. Integrate indigenous knowledge, system and practices (IKSP) in the academic programs to intensify conservation of the rich cultural heritage

#### STRONG RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AND CULTURE

1. Establish a strong brand and strengthen image building of IFSU as a research leader
2. Intensify conduct of research and dissemination of RD outputs
3. Intensify conservation of the rich cultural heritage.

#### SUSTAINABLE EXTENSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Package and transfer knowledge and technologies relevant to the needs of the clientele
2. Create a widely shared organizational culture that encourages, promotes, and rewards extension and community engagements
3. Establish/Strengthen/Sustain linkages with LGUs, industries, and other organizations/stakeholders for resource sharing, extension program, and service complementation

#### EXCELLENT PUBLIC SERVICE AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

1. Ensure efficient, transparent and accountable delivery of administrative services
2. Forge strong network system and resource sharing through collaborative activities conducted regularly
3. Strengthen the university's local and international visibility
4. Enhance efficiency in resource generation and mobilization
5. Upgrade competencies of human resources
6. Technologize front line services and other services of the University
7. Ensure a clean, green, safe, and GAD-responsive University environment
8. Intensify conservation of the rich cultural heritage integrating culture in the administrative services

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