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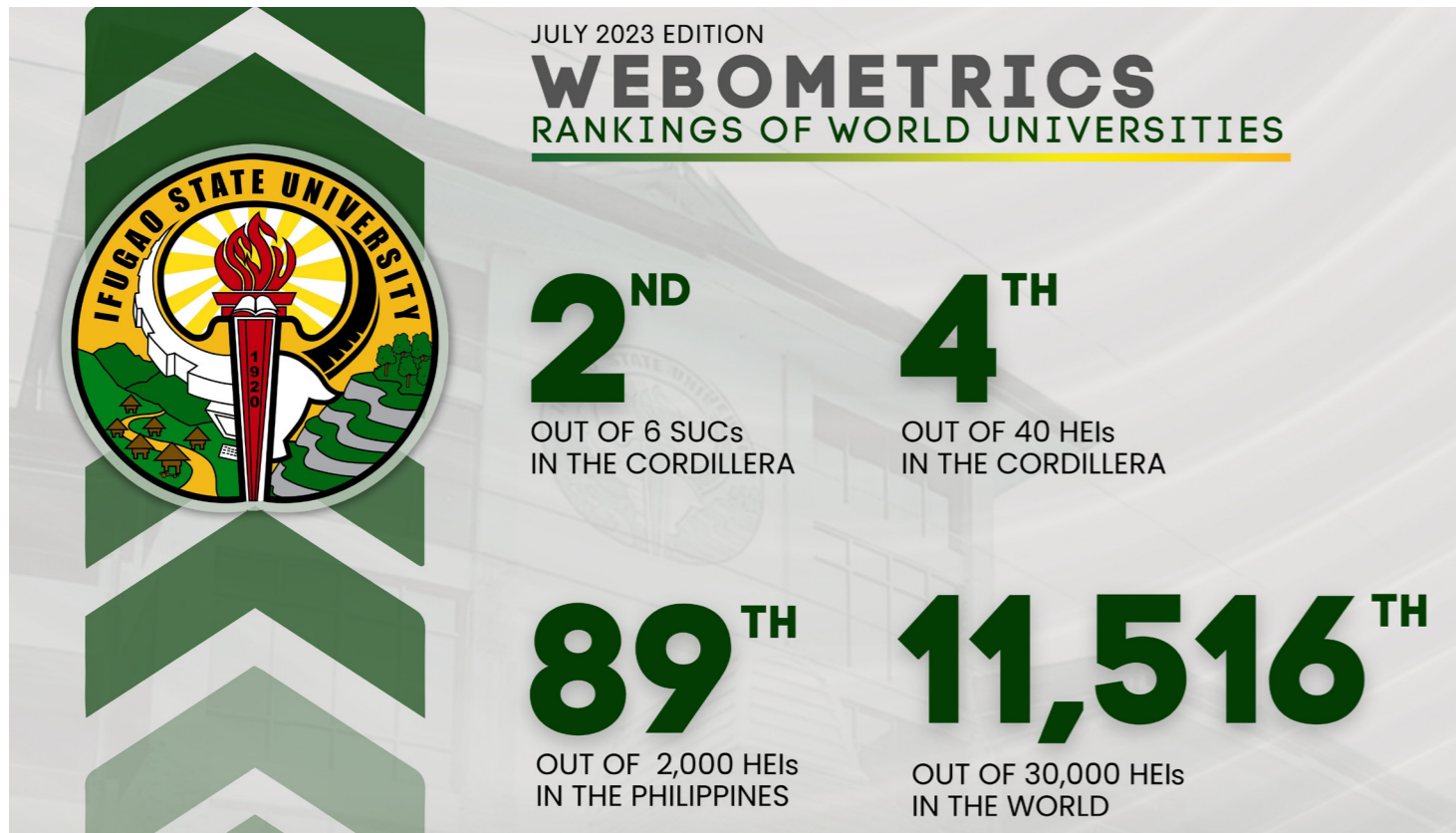
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IFSU ranks 2nd among SUCs in region, 89th in PH in Webometrics

FAITH B. NAPUDO

Ifugao State University (IFSU) has once again ranked high in the Webometrics Ranking of World Universities. This year, IFSU recorded 2nd among state universities and colleges (SUCs) in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) and 89th among 366 higher education institutions in the Philippines. This is a significant improvement from IFSU's 2017 ranking of 159th.

The Webometrics Ranking of World Universities is an independent ranking system by the Cybermetrics Lab, the largest public research body based in

Spain. The rankings are based on three indicators: visibility, transparency or openness, and excellence.

"IFSU's improved ranking is a testament to the University's commitment to open access and the dissemination of knowledge," said University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon.//

Sangguniang Panlalawigan honors IFSU for prestigious WURI recognition

FAITH B. NAPUDO

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of Ifugao has passed Resolution No. 2023-286 commending the Ifugao State University (IFSU) for its inclusion in the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) this year.

The resolution, which was passed during the SP's session on June 27, 2023, recognizes IFSU's significant global recognition in the WURI rankings. IFSU was ranked 35th in the Fourth Industrial Revolution and 42nd in Ethical Value nationwide. It also placed among



the top 101-200 universities in the world.

Governor Jerry U. Dalipog and Vice Governor Glenn D. Prudenciano presented the resolution to University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-

Dugyon on July 17, 2023, at the Ifugao Provincial Capitol.

The ceremony was attended by SP Members and other PLGU officials and employees.

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Rattan weaving training...from page 1

In an effort to preserve the rich heritage and provide sustainable economic opportunities, the Rattan Weaving Training Program was launched on August 18 at the Ifugao State University (IFSU) - Hapao Campus. Funded by IFSU, this event marked a significant step towards cultural preservation and community development which are crucial in the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, and 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Initiated by the Indigenous Peoples' Resource Conservation and Community Learning Center, this training addressed the need to pass on traditional knowledge and skills to the next generation. The center's mission is to provide practical training that aligns with the participants' environment, respecting their identities and valuing their indigenous knowledge and cultural heritage.

Dr. Leizle M. Codamon, center's chairperson, shared that the rattan weaving training included teaching the use of proper tools and techniques, exploring the cultural and environmental context of the craft, and encouraging creative design development.

Dr. Generose S. Ognayon, Campus Executive Director, expressed optimism about the program's ability to refine participants' artistic and craftsmanship skills, better preparing them for the challenges of a diverse society.

Hungduan Municipal Mayor Casan P. Dumulag, represented by Minda Aliguyon, pledged support for the program and encouraged participants to create high-quality crafts. They also promised to assist in the marketing of the woven rattan products. Councilor Pablo M. Cuyahon, tourism committee chairperson, stressed the importance of mastering rattan weaving as an additional source of income.

The Center and its IK training programs strongly support IFSU's vision of becoming a globally recognized university that upholds excellence amid rich cultural heritage.//

University of Michigan donates Ifugao manuscripts and photos to IFSU to help preserve cultural heritage

ELVIRA M. MATABYE



A team of cultural heritage advocates from the University of Michigan (UM) visited the Ifugao Rice Cultural Museum (IRCM) of Ifugao State University (IFSU) and turned over digitized and selected printed copies of manuscripts and photographs of the Ifugao community from the Bentley Library and UMMAA collections through their ReConnect/ ReCollect: Reparative Connections to Philippine Collections Program on August 15, 2023.

The visit was coordinated by Dr. Anilyn Salvador-Amores of the University of the Philippines, Baguio. With her was the UM delegation led by Dr. Alexis Antracoli, Director for the UM Bentley Historical Library; Dr. Ricky Punzalan, Director for the Museum Studies Program; Dr. Deirdre Dela Cruz, Associate Professor of Southeast Asian Studies and Associate Professor of History; Ms. Jim Moss, Collections Manager of Anthropological Archaeology; Ms. Diana Bachman, Assistant Director for Researcher Services at the Bentley Historical Library; Mr. Orlando de Guzman, a Journalist and Peabody and Emmy Award-winning filmmaker and freelance cameraperson; and Dr. Jesse Johnston, Assistant Professor at the School of Information.

The team was greeted by a cultural dance performed by the Cultural Theater Arts Group, led by Director Lalie Vic Cawilan from the Department of Culture and the Arts.

Dr. Liza M. Tamargo, Director for Library Services and IRCM overseer, warmly welcomed the team and expressed gratitude for choosing IFSU as one of their destinations. "Your visit is very timely and relevant as we keep on improving and updating our social media platforms to cater to the needs and demands of today's digitized generation, especially our students," said Dr. Tamargo.

Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, University President represented by Dr. Mary P. Caclini, expressed enthusiasm, stating the Ifugao Rice Cultural Museum is a testament to the rich history and agricultural heritage and dedication of the Ifugao people in preserving their cultural heritage. "I hope that your visit here at IFSU will illuminate exciting avenues for knowledge sharing and collaborative efforts that could benefit both our institutions and contribute to global cultural understanding," enthused Dr. Caclini.

An overview of Ifugao culture and practices was shared by Director Jude C. Baggo from the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) Center. "Historically, the life of an Ifugao revolved around the rice cycle, from land preparation to post-harvest rituals and

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IFSU welcomes new students with comprehensive orientation program on its services and affairs

FAITH B. NAPUDO



In a bid to ensure a seamless transition for first-year and transfer students, Ifugao State University (IFSU) organized a comprehensive general orientation on August 23, 2023 at the Luis Hora Gymnasium, IFSU Lamut Campus. The event was designed to introduce students to the University's services and programs, as well as to provide a warm welcome to the academic community.

Nathaniel F. Dimog, Campus Executive Director of IFSU – Main Campus, emphasized the significance of the orientation in facilitating a smooth start for new students within the University environment. This orientation is regarded as an essential step in easing the transition and instilling confidence among freshies and transferees.

Addressing the gathering, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Mary P. Caclini, highlighted the broader perspective of education beyond textbooks and exams. She urged students to explore their passions and nurture their skills, emphasizing the importance of embracing new experiences and venturing into the unknown.

Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, University President, encouraged students to maximize their time in college by pursuing knowledge, uncovering their potential, and honing their skills. "In this VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous) world, I urge you all the more to feed your soul with positivity

and gratitude, quench your hunger for knowledge at a great altitude, change your mindset with the right attitude, and build your future with aptitude. I tell you, your college experience will be what you make it, and your opportunities will only be limited by the limits you place on yourself," she enthused.

The orientation covered an array of services provided by different sections of the Department of Student Services and Development (DSSD). Ms. Abigail Baguilat of the DSSD Guidance and Counselling Section shed light on services such as Guidance Counselling, Student Publication, Campus Ministry, and Student Housing. Desiree A. Ballitoc, Director of DSSD, elaborated on Student Organizations, Scholarships, Financial Assistance, IFSU Student Mutual Aid Program, and Student Discipline.

Dr. Michelle J. Dulay, Section Chief and Focal Person of IFSU UniFAST, discussed the avenues for quality higher education, including the Free Higher Education (FHE) program under the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (RA 10931).

Directors Jocelyn A. Guimpatan, Dr. Liza M. Tamargo, and Dr. Johnny Rhyman D. Salman discussed the services of the Department of Registrar and Admission Services, Library Services, and Medical and Dental Services, respectively.



The concept of Gender and Development (GAD) was introduced to new students by GADRRRC Director Dr. Joyce A. Bodah. Security concerns were addressed by Mr. Chris Lloyd Manaol, while Director Lalie Vic Cawilan of the Department of Cultural and the Arts discussed various organizations and activities within the department. Director Karen M. Cumti of the Department of Sports Development disseminated information about sports clubs and activities.

Dr. Dugyon reiterated her confidence in the University's officials, urging them to play an active role in fostering IFSU's growth across all divisions, departments, and colleges.

The event aimed to foster a sense of unity among the entire IFSU community in achieving shared goals in instruction, research, extension, resource generation, and administration.

The orientation also saw the participation of various external partners, including officials/representatives of Barangays Nayon and Bimpal of Lamut, Ifugao, Land Transportation Office – Ifugao, Philippine National Police – Lamut, Bureau of Fire Protection – Lamut, and the 54th Infantry Battalion - Philippine Army. These entities shared important rules and regulations that students are expected to abide by.//

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activities. Important notions, principles, and ways of living emerge as a result of this cycle. Among these activities include "living in harmony with nature," "maintaining ecosystem balance," and "creating a strong social foundation," added Director Baggo.

"IFSU hopes to forge more international

partnerships that will blossom into innovative initiatives that celebrate diversity, promote learning, and contribute to the global academic landscape," said Mx. Clyde B. Pumihic, International Relations Officer. Ms. Edna K. Butticon, Museum-in-Charge, gave an in-depth tour of the museum's collections that showcased an

array of artifacts, exhibits, and insights into the intricate rice terraces that have been tended to by the Ifugao people for generations. "I thank the UM delegation for visiting, as this sparked a significant step towards fostering collaborations rooted in cultural appreciation and academic advancement," said Ms. Butticon.//



IFSU reaffirms Faith as Core Value in 6th Annual University Day of Prayer

FAITH B. NAPUDO

Ifugao State University (IFSU) held its 6th Annual University Day of Prayer on August 18, 2023, in all six campuses. Officials, students, ministers, and religious leaders gathered to offer thanksgiving and prayer to the Almighty for His guidance in the past, current, and future undertakings of the University.

The event was a reaffirmation of IFSU's commitment to faith as one of its core values. In his message in Lamut Campus, Pastor Jesus V. Sison of the New Hope Christian Ministries - Baguio Chapter and Council for the Restoration of Filipino Values (CRFV) emphasized the importance of hope in Christ, even in the midst of

challenges. He also shared three words of wisdom with the IFSU employees and students: Work with ethics and values; Work as if everyone is watching; and Work as if no one is watching.

"People build their hopes in you. Students anchor on you. People are watching you, so let your life be a message. It is your best message," he remarked. "Remember that your connections will determine your supply. Bow down to no one except God. He will back you up." Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, University President, expressed her gratitude and adoration to the Almighty who is the source of her strength. She also shared her own walk of faith as she led the University for the past

six years. She testified to the answered prayers of the University, such as its global recognition through the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI). She also expressed her gratitude to God for the increase in the number of enrolled students and funding from the government, and the 138 non-teaching permanent positions, the highest among State Universities and Colleges in the Cordillera.

Dr. Dugyon also requested for prayers for the full provision of funding for free higher education by the government, qualification for the Philippine Quality

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Students celebrate indigenous cuisine with culturally innovative showcase

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

Second-year students from the College of Education of the Ifugao State University (IFSU) - Lamut convened in an exhibition of culinary talent and cultural understanding to celebrate and highlight the wide and vibrant world of Indigenous cuisine as part of their Indigenous Knowledge and Practices (IKSP) subject on July 14, 2023 at the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) Center.

Said event not only celebrated the rich flavors and ingredients that distinguish Indigenous culinary traditions, but it also paid honor to the cultural history and ancient wisdom passed down through the centuries.

The event is a mixture of traditional cooking techniques with modern culinary innovation. This provides a captivating journey through the flavors, techniques, and stories embedded in Indigenous

cuisine from various ethnicities. Each culinary tradition featured its unique set of ingredients, cooking methods, and traditional dishes.

Jude C. Baggo, Class adviser, said that the activity will foster students' deeper appreciation and understanding of indigenous food as part of their cultural identity and is timely for the Cordillera Month Celebration, where indigenous flavors and traditions continue to be cherished, shared, and appreciated by all. "Through their culinary talents, they honored the traditions of their ancestors while igniting a sense of pride and curiosity in their fellow students and the wider community," Mr. Baggo added.

The students' dedication to preserving and promoting indigenous culture was evident in their culinary creations and in their presentations.

Attendees were able to experience unique flavors of indigenous cuisines elevated to new heights, such as "inkusikus" chicken, banana blossoms infused with different flavors, and ginataang gabi with aramang, among others. From the main dishes to sweet delicacies such as binakle with chocolate, ube, and cheese flavors, each bite was a testament to the ancient culinary wisdom that has sustained indigenous communities.

The showcase of Indigenous cuisine by the students served as a profound reminder of the importance of cultural diversity and the preservation of ancient traditions. It celebrated the richness of indigenous culinary heritage and its ongoing relevance in the modern world, inspiring future generations to embrace and respect the cultural treasures embedded in every dish.//

Students empowered on entrepreneurial skills, knowledge toward financial independence

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

Recognizing the significance of entrepreneurial skills, Ifugao State University (IFSU) conducted a program titled "NegoStudyante Bootcamp," under the Gender and Development-IFSU Values Education (GIVE) project to equip students with the right skills and knowledge in the world of entrepreneurship toward financial autonomy on July 17-26, 2023

The NegoStudyante Bootcamp is a two-week experiential and nonformal entrepreneurship learning program. It consists of business immersions, enterprise tours, inspirational talks from current and former practicing student entrepreneurs, team formation, workshops, and mentoring sessions. The boot camp focuses on prototyping,

which aims to develop in the student-participants the 4Cs of 21st century skills: critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication.

Dr. Joyce A. Bodah, Project leader, said that they want to help students foster a culture of innovation and financial

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Dr. Dugyon expressed her gratitude to the province's local government unit, the University's supportive partner, for the recognition of IFSU's contribution to the province's development, particularly in the education sector.

"Our commitment is to continue pursuing excellence and creating breakthroughs that will not only bring honor to the University but to the whole Ifugao province," Dr. Dugyon enthused.

The WURI rankings are based on a number of factors, including research output, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The rankings are designed to identify and recognize universities that are making significant contributions to innovation and economic development.//

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independence, transform innovative ideas into thriving businesses, and be the architects of their destinies. "By nurturing their entrepreneurial spirit, we are empowering them to be job creators rather than job seekers," enthused Dr. Bodah. She added that entrepreneurship will not only prepare them for the future but will also help them in their present life as students.

Students were exposed to real-world scenarios, hands-on experiences, and mentorship opportunities that paved the way for self-discovery and the exploration of innovative ideas. Seasoned entrepreneurs and industry experts, Mr. Jose Mondiguin, Dr. Ivan Baguilat, Mr. Pedro Bunoy, Mr. Fredieson Bayangan, Mr. Efreño Tomolnoc II, and Ms. Edna Norial, served as resource speakers. Faculty members involved who also became resource persons were Ms. Cherry Ann Bumidang, Ms. Riezelle

Aguinaya Echanova, and Ms. Doulet Ponchao.

They had immersions at the local businesses in Ifugao like the Love Nature Farm, Pilgrim's Cafe, and JM Farm and Restaurant, among others.

The KBE Swift prototype project won 1st place, 2nd Green Grows, 3rd Colocasia Esculenta, and 4th place Ipugo Bistro. The participants will soon receive their cash prizes.

The cash prize, amounting to Php 10,000, was sponsored by the Vocational Leaders of the Philippines.

To ensure continuous implementation of the program, a meeting was conducted with Ms. Desiree Ballitoc, Department of Student Services and Development (DSSD) Director. It was decided that the program would be recognized as a student organization at the university. The election of officers took place after.//



Students undergo training on off-season mango production, promote sustainable farming practices and development

ELVIRA M. MATABYE



Thirty-seven agriculture students participated in a two-day training on off-season mango production organized by Ifugao State University Career Development Center (ICDC), in collaboration with the IFSU Mango Pomelo Project and College of Agriculture and Sustainable Development (CASD) on August 24-25 at the IFSU Library AVR and Mango Plantation, Lamut Campus.

The activity titled "CASD and ICDC Internship and Traineeship Service," with the theme "Off-Season Mango Production Extension Program," aimed to address the challenges faced by small-scale mango and pomelo farmers by providing knowledge, skills, and

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IFSU showcases Ifugao textiles and products at SUC Fair 2023

FAITH B. NAPUDO



Ifugao State University (IFSU) featured a variety of Ifugao textiles and the institution's products at the 2023 SUC Fair from July 10 to 13 at SM City Iloilo, Benigno Aquino Avenue, Mandurriao, Iloilo City.

The fair, which was held in celebration of the 29th anniversary of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the 3rd National Higher Education Summit, bannered the theme "Navigating the Global Landscape Through Innovations, Cultural and Arts Preservation,

and Higher Education Quality."

The team was led by Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, Chair of the Cordillera Administrative Region Association of State Universities and Colleges (CARASUC) and IFSU University President. She said that the lone university in Ifugao is committed to preserving and promoting the province's culture and heritage.

"We are proud to showcase the beauty and craftsmanship of Ifugao textiles and products at the SUC Fair," said Dr. Dugyon. "We hope that this will help to raise awareness of Ifugao culture and heritage and encourage people to support local artisans."

In addition to the textiles, the IFSU team also showcased products made by incubatees being supported by IFSU's Intellectual Property, Technology & Business Management Center (IPTBMC). These products include a variety of coffee, tea, and organic soaps.//

IFSU student bags 1st place in ICDL Asia Digital tilt

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

Christine Kate H. Dillagan, a student from the College of Computing Sciences (CCS) of Ifugao State University (IFSU) -Lamut Campus, won first place nationwide in the International Computer Driving License (ICDL) Asia Digital Challenge in the Tertiary Level-Business Analytics held virtually on July 21, 2023.

Scoring 97%, Ms. Dillagan topped the national competition, followed by contenders from the University of the Philippines - Cebu, Bohol Island State University, and Cagayan State University - Carig.

The ICDL Asia Digital Challenge is an annual student competition for Asian

secondary and tertiary school students who want to compete and demonstrate how digital skills can be applied in today's fast-growing digital economy.

Ms. Dillagan thanked IFSU for giving her the opportunity to interact with and learn from the country's top talents. She said, "I am just grateful that I was able to advance to the competition's next round despite my limited preparation and gain knowledge about digital marketing principles."

Ms. Dhayen H. Lobhoy, Coach and Program Chairperson of CCS, expressed delight that one of IFSU's students is being given the opportunity to experience and gain practical, future-ready digital skills in the international realm.

With her achievement, she was recognized by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Ifugao through resolution number 2023-378 on September 6, 2023 at the Provincial Capitol.//



IFSU's heritage enterprise is among best practices in global forum for biz and biodiversity

CLYDE B. PUMIHIC

The International Partnership for Satoyama Initiative (IPSI) recognized Ifugao State University's conservation entrepreneurship efforts during the IPSI Case Study Workshop 2023 on July 8-11, 2023, at Akita International University, Akita Prefecture, Japan, organized by the IPSI Secretariat, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability, Ministry of the Environment - Government of Japan, and Akita International University.

Ifugao State University (IFSU) is among the 11 distinct case studies from diverse regions worldwide selected from the entries from more than 300 IPSI members. These case studies will be published in the Satoyama Initiative Thematic Review Volume 9, which takes on the thematic focus of "Business and Biodiversity: Reciprocal Connections in the Context of Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes (SEPLS)." The overarching objective of this volume lies in amassing valuable experiences and pertinent insights, primarily from practitioners operating at the local level impacting the world, to provide tangible, practical knowledge and policy recommendations.

Director Jude C. Baggo of the GIAHS Center, who represented, IFSU, is one of the contributors who brought IFSU's case entitled "Innovating Products Towards the Conservation of the Ifugao Satoyama," which shed light on the Ifugao Satoyama Meister Training Program, emphasizing its pivotal role in driving product development and innovation to safeguard the Ifugao Rice Terraces, an invaluable cultural and environmental heritage.

Since 2019, IFSU has been a member of

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CHS celebrates 11th capping, pinning and candle lighting rites to mark readiness in health profession

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

In a heartfelt event that brought together 137 students, faculty, families, and friends, the College of Health Sciences of Ifugao State University (IFSU) held its 11th Capping, Pinning, and Candle Lighting Ceremony with the theme "Embracing Quality Patient Care: Illuminating Lives Through Service and Compassion," on August 30, 2023 at the Heritage Convention, Lamut Campus.

This marked a significant milestone in the journey of the aspiring healthcare professionals, prepared to face new challenges and rewards of a nursing career.

The ceremony commenced with a Holy Mass, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Almighty God, administered by Fr. Noel Buyuccan, Chaplain of the Divine Mercy Shrine Community-Lagawe.

"We came together to celebrate, to honor, and to ignite the flame of compassion and excellence that will guide you in your nursing journey," enthused University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon represented by Dr. Mary P. Caclini, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Mr. Nathaniel F. Dimog, Campus Executive Director, encouraged students to be instruments and extensions of God's love and healing power to the sick. "You have been chosen as stewards of human health and welfare; be a source of care and affection. I believe that healing comes not just from the medicines you provide but also from the care and attentive listening ear you offer," said Mr. Dimog.

In her message, Ms. Narcisa B. Mariano, Chief Nurse of Panopdopan District Hospital, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. She challenged students to embody the acronym "NURSE," which encapsulated the multifaceted role of nurses as caregivers who not only provide medical treatment but also emotional support. The 'N' is for nurturer; it symbolizes the role of nurses as caregivers who provide physical, emotional, and psychological support to patients, promoting their overall well-being; 'U' for understanding the patients and family's needs, ensuring quality care; 'R' for reliable and respectful in prioritizing patients' needs by providing timely care as well as treating them equally; 'S' for being social in interacting with every patient, family member, and peer; and 'E' for excellence in delivering competent and effective healthcare.

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the International Partnership for Satoyama Initiative as a result of the university's Ifugao Satoyama Meister Training Program, which builds human capacity for heritage conservation. IPSI is a global network of more than 300 organizations that promote the sustainable management of socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (SEPLS). SEPLS refers to landscapes and seascapes that encompass both natural and human-modified ecosystems, where traditional and local communities have long-established relationships with their environments.

The partnership aims to engage different regions to foster a global perspective on the sustainable management of landscapes and seascapes in significant SEPLS areas and communities, such as Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, Brazil, Peru, Kenya, India, the Philippines, and many others.

Capping the network's assembly was the 9th Global Conference of the International Partnership of the Satoyama Initiative on July 11, 2023, where strategic planning for the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework was tackled. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is an international agreement under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity that aims to establish global targets and guidelines for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. The conference also hosted a public forum on youth innovation and SEPLS contributions. //



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Dr. Dugyon expressed enthusiasm that the students' dedication to learning, resilience in the face of challenges, and unwavering commitment to humanity brought them to the next phase. "As you move forward, embrace the profound impact you have and the potential to make a difference in the lives of individuals and communities. May your caps, pins, and candles light the path to a future filled with purpose, compassion, and boundless opportunities," added Dr. Dugyon. //



SUCs, CHED-CAR hold writeshop on ACT Village Project to promote cultural tourism

FAITH B. NAPUDO

State Universities and Colleges (SUC) extension coordinators, deans, and program coordinators for Hotel and Restaurant Management and Tourism Management courses in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) and officials of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) – CAR convened on July 12, 2023 at the Multipurpose Hall of Ifugao State University (IFSU) – Lamut (Main) Campus for the Writeshop on Proposal for Adopt-a-Cultural-Tourism (ACT) Village Project.

The writeshop is aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 8 and 15, as well as the Philippine Development Plan, which all aim to promote a comfortable and secure life for Filipinos. The writeshop sought to develop a proposal for the ACT Village Project that will promote tourism in CAR and its rich cultural heritage. The proposal will be submitted for possible funding under the Higher Education Development Fund.

Dr. Demetrio P. Anduyan, Jr., Regional Director of CHED – CAR, encouraged the participants and all SUCs in the region to make their presence felt by the communities

and contribute to their sustainable development.

"We should engage our students in extension service programs to collaboratively create communities that are livable, sustainable, and tourist-friendly," said Dr. Anduyan. "We are here together because we want to give the world our best. The best that we could showcase to the world is our beautiful culture that has been practiced for many generations."

Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, Chair of the Cordillera Administrative Region Association of State Universities and Colleges (CARASUC) and University President of IFSU, as represented by Dr. Diosdado M. Aquino, Vice President for Planning, Finance and Resource Generation, said that the writeshop is an opportunity to discuss issues and promote dialogues among all involved stakeholders.

"May we strive to maximize the potential of cultural tourism in eradicating poverty by developing appropriate sustainable tourism strategies in cooperation with all stakeholders," added Dr. -Dugyon. //

Officials of SUCs in Cordillera convene at IFSU for workshop on Faculty Reclassification and COPC

FAITH B. NAPUDO



Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, Directors for Quality Assurance, University and Board Secretaries, and select faculty members from the six State Universities and Colleges in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) convened on July 11, 2023 at the Heritage Convention Center of the Ifugao State University – Lamut Campus for an Orientation Workshop on the Guidelines for Reclassification of Faculty Positions in State Universities and Colleges (SUC) and Technical Assistance for Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC).

IFSU University President and CARASUC Chair Dr. Eva Marie Codamon - Dugyon represented by Dr. Mary P. Caclini, IFSU Vice President for Academic Affairs, expressed hope that the guidelines and requirements would serve as "guiding beacons" on the region's path towards excellence, ensuring that faculty positions are appropriately classified and programs comply with the highest standards.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) of CAR, headed by Regional Director Dr. Demetrio P. Anduyan, Jr., assisted SUCs representatives in upgrading the guidelines and requirements. Dr.

Anduyan urged the SUCs to "not settle for anything less" and to strive to be number one in the country in terms of COPC. He also emphasized the need for a unified, standardized, clear, and objective evaluation system for faculty reclassification.

"We should give them [faculty members] their well-deserved promotion so that they will work even harder," Dr. Anduyan said. "They will engage in more research, extension, and resource generation, and they will become faculty members who are truly contributory to the molding of students' hearts, minds, and hands." //

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technical assistance incorporating new technologies in cultivating and managing their farms. This is also to establish demonstration farms that will serve as living examples of successful mango and pomelo orchard management where experts and extension officers can regularly visit to provide guidance and answer farmers' questions. In his welcome remarks, Nathaniel F. Dimog, Lamut (Main) Campus Executive Director, encouraged participants to make the most of the training by learning about modern cultivation techniques and best practices that they can apply to their farms and share with the communities.

Dr. Serafin L. Nghayon, Project Manager, expounded on the processes of producing off-season mango and pomelo. He revealed that cultivating off-season mango

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Awards, and Time Higher Education (THE) ranking.

Prayer intercessions were offered for the following: IFSU vision, mission, goals, and objectives by LAMP President Rev. Albert Ngittit; IFSU projects and activities by Rev. Armi Jose Purugganan of United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) – Lamut; IFSU Board of Regents by Rev. Lope Domingo of the Great Commission Full Gospel Fellowship; IFSU Administrative Council by Ptr. David Damoyan of Christ is the Answer Church (CITAC) - Banaue; IFSU Academic Council by Rev. Joseph Burlaza of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Fellowship; IFSU campuses by Rev. Joemar Mercado of Jesus Loves You City

Church; IFSU Faculty by Ptr. Rosendo Galvez of Mt. Zion Covenant Church; IFSU Administration and Support Staff by Rev. Giovanni Changiwan of the New Life Church; IFSU partner agencies (foreign, National, and local) by Ptr. Mario Tumitit of The Great Commission Full Gospel Fellowship – Nayon; IFSU Students and Clientele by Ptr. Bryan Arquero of Tribal Gospel Mission Church; and Government Leaders by Ptr. Salvador Humiwat of the CITAC – Lamut.

The Annual University Day of Prayer was institutionalized in IFSU in 2018 under Dr. Dugyon's administration as one of the strategic ways to imbue Faith, one of the core values of the University, among its employees. //

CorCAARRD holds 2nd RRDC Meeting, launches Manuals at IFSU

FAITH B. NAPUDO



In a remarkable display of regional solidarity and cooperation, Ifugao State University (IFSU) stood as a gracious host for the Cordillera Consortium for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Resources Research and Development's (CorCAARRD) 2nd Regional Research and Development Coordinating Council (RRDCC) meeting on August 25, at the Heritage Convention Center, IFSU - Lamut Campus. The event also marked a historic occasion with the launch of the CorCAARRD Manual of Operations, alongside the Regional Symposium Manual and 'Anap' Digest.

Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, Chair of the Cordillera Administrative Region Association of State Universities and Colleges (CARASUC) and IFSU University President warmly welcomed attendees composed of presidents and delegates from various CAR State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), as well as representatives from key players such as the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Philippine Council for Agriculture,

Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD), DOST - CAR, and the Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Training Institute - CAR.

Dr. Janet P. Pablo, the Consortium Director, expressed gratitude to all attendees and steered the proceedings. Dr. Felipe Salaing Comila, RRDCC Chair and Benguet State University President led the event, which saw the approval of significant agenda items, including the Regional Symposium Activities and the DPP Framework for Research and Development (R&D) Activities in CAR, in addition to sharing vital Consortium updates.

In recognition of IFSU's role as the host institution and its pivotal contributions, Dr. Comila lauded the exceptional efforts of IFSU and Dr. Dugyon in leading the regional association of state-funded Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the Cordillera region.

Dr. Melvin B. Carlos, Deputy Executive Director for Administration, Resource Management, and Support Services at

DOST-PCAARRD, commended the launch of the CorCAARRD Manual of Operations, underscoring its significance as the pioneering endeavor among the 15 consortia established nationwide.

The CorCAARRD is committed to advancing agricultural research and development in the Cordillera region. The consortium's work will help to improve food security, increase agricultural productivity, and protect the region's natural resources.

The event not only showcased IFSU's hospitality and organizational finesse but also demonstrated the robust collaborative spirit among regional educational and research institutions.

The launch of the CorCAARRD Manuals, coupled with the productive discussions held during the RRDCC meeting, underscores the region's dedication to fostering effective research and development coordination, which will undoubtedly resonate far beyond the event itself.//

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and pomelo involves a combination of specific techniques and practices such as pruning, grafting, and charcoaling.

Mr. Clodualdo Firme, Project Consultant, and Mr. Marlon Ting, Project Farm Worker, discussed the importance of

fertilization techniques as a cornerstone of successful off-season mango production. Both demonstrated mango pruning, grafting, and charcoal making out of the pruned mango branches.

ICDC Director Ryan Tejada said that follow-up training will be conducted soon

to ensure the program's long-term success and sustainability. He mentioned that the students will be tapped in the future through the Community Volunteerism Service to capacitate mango farmers and the community by providing training and technical assistance that will help boost productivity and livelihood.//



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