



CvSU Updates

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Internationalization initiatives video bags 3rd best in CALABARZON

Highlighting the internationalization initiatives of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) in language education, Cavite State University won third Best Higher Education Institution (HEI) as Commission on Higher Education Region IVA celebrates 2021 ASEAN Month this August.

Anchored on the theme *"We Care. We Prepare. We Prosper"*, CvSU's video entry focused on creating impact to the global community through language and multicultural programs offered by the Language Study Center under CAS. These include: 1) Intensive English Proficiency Course with 50 Taiwanese students from National Penghu University in 2019; 2) SWAP SHOP 2019 that capacitate foreign language teachers in various research-based and gender-sensitive methodologies; 3) SWAP SHOP 2021, a webinar series with international speakers sharing insights and tips in facilitating virtual classes; and 4) online Filipino101 Class for foreigners that catered to international students from CvSU, India and some Fulbright scholars. CvSU students, taking part as language buddies of some students from the University of Michigan and presenters in the Filipino language table of the Southeast Asian Club at Northern Illinois University, also became part of the presentation in addition to some collaborations through faculty scholarships, research, and internships abroad.



Lyceum of the Philippines University-Batangas bagged the first prize while LPU-Cavite placed second. Meanwhile, Southern Luzon State University and University of Perpetual Help System Dalta-Molino campus also made it to the Top 5 of the competition.

The announcement of winners was conducted through Zoom and streamed on Facebook Live on 20 August. (LAAOrsal)

CvSU partners with Benetech/BookShare

To address the needs of students and other clients with print disabilities, Cavite State University, through the initiative of the Gender and Development Resource Center, partnered with Benetech to set up a BookShare Corner in the University Library. This is the first-ever BookShare Corner set up in a university library in the Philippines and a pioneer BookShare Corner in CALABARZON.

Benetech is a US-based non-profit organization supporting people with disabilities through BookShare ebook library that makes reading easier for people with dyslexia, blindness, cerebral palsy, and other reading barriers.

During its virtual launching on 19 August, CvSU President Dr. Hernando D. Robles, in his message delivered by VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Ma. Agnes P. Nuestro, acknowledged the greater disadvantage faced by the visually impaired when it comes to content and information. He also expressed his gratitude to Benetech for choosing CvSU as one of its beneficiaries for the eLibrary that will cater to the reading needs of people who are blind or have other disabilities that affect reading.

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CvSU QCP celebration kicks off

To kick off the University's participation in the Quincentennial Commemoration in the Philippines, a program was virtually held on 25 August with Dr. Emmanuel Calairo, President of Cavite Historical Society and Commission of National Historical Commission of the Philippines as special guest.

After the opening program, a webinar on *"Unang Misa sa Pilipinas"* and *"Birhen ng Candelaria"* was conducted with historian and Baliwag Polytechnic College President Atty. Robert John I. Donesa and Silang Vice Mayor Hon. Aidel Paul G. Belamide as speakers, respectively.



CvSU Vision

The premier university in historic Cavite recognized for excellence in the development of globally competitive and morally upright individuals

CvSU Mission

Cavite State University shall provide excellent, equitable, and relevant educational opportunities in the arts, sciences and technology through quality instruction and responsive research and development activities.

It shall produce professional skilled and morally upright individuals for global competitiveness.

Terra Verde Ecofarm partners with CvSU

The University recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Terra Verde Ecofarm Inc. (TVEI) to further strengthen the University's extension and advisory services.

Through this agreement, the College of Agriculture, Food, Environment and Natural Resources (CAFENR) will extend technical assistance and other services to TVEI. As an initial activity, For. Junser P. Magpantay will assist TVEI in identifying the scientific name, common name and uses of the flora and fauna present in the farm. This will enable TVEI to promote to the general public the conservation and proper utilization of these flora and fauna.

The parties who signed the MOA include Dr. Hernando D. Robles, TVEI President Mr. Ericson B. Atanacio represented by Engr. Emerson Atanacio and Dr. Naomi Atanacio, CAFENR Dean Dr. Analita dM. Magsino, and Forester Junser P. Magpantay. The partnership was made possible through the assistance of Ms. Lorna C. Matel, Head of the Community Engagement and External Relations of Extension Services.

Terra Verde Eco Farm Inc. is located in Maragondon, Cavite and aims to develop their farm as a tourism venue and as an agricultural learning center. (PGDucusin)

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Benetech's VP for Global Literacy Mr. Brad Turner graced the virtual event and complimented CvSU for its efforts to create impact by bringing appreciation to reading to the most disadvantaged groups. Likewise, BookShare Philippines Ambassador Ms. Maria Criselda "Krissy" Bisda expressed her admiration to CvSU for making disability inclusion possible. She hopes that the University will be able to inspire more universities, not only in CALABARZON but also outside the region, to promote disability inclusion in their respective institutions.

Meanwhile, BookShare Outreach Representative Ms. Ma. Agnes J. Angeles congratulated CvSU for being the university model of BookShare Corner ebook library. Also present were Mr. Butch Robredo, President of the Philippine Blind Union Inc., and Dra. Carmela Ongsiako of the Makati Medical Center and the chief ophthalmologist of BookShare.

This endeavor will not only make CvSU the leading higher education institution in terms of workplace inclusivity and diversity but also, slowly but surely, moving forward to be recognized as a Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusive learning institution. (SGTan)



Representatives from CvSU and Terra Verde sign the Memorandum of Agreement.

Hipra Philippines donates hive boxes to CvSU Bee Program

The University received 30 hive boxes as donation from Hipra Philippines, Inc. represented by its Subsidiary Business Manager Dr. Reynaldo Rafael Bono Jr. and Technical Division Head Dr. Joel Tolentino.

The hive boxes will be loaned to six aspiring beekeepers from Barangay Guyam Munti, one of the adopted communities of the College of Arts and Sciences, through the extension project dubbed "Bahay Para sa Lukot - Iwi System" under the Community Adoption and Strengthening of the CvSU Bee Program. After a year or two, the loaned boxes, with thriving bee colony, shall be returned to CvSU to be loaned again to other adopters.

The donation were received by VP for Admin and Support Services Dr. Camilo A. Polinga representing President Hernando D. Robles, VP for Research and Extension Dr. Melbourne R. Talactac, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Dr. Bettina Joyce Ilagan, CAS – Department of Biological Sciences Chairperson Prof. Vernie Peñaflorida, and CvSU Bee Program leader and co-leader Prof. Michele Bono and Prof. Dickson Dimero. Also, present were Guyam Munti Brgy. Captain Marcelino Cruzada, Brgy. Councilor Ramie Paciente and Mr. Iluminado Matilla.

HIPRA is a European multinational pharmaceutical company focused on prevention and diagnosis for animal and human health, with a broad range of highly innovative vaccines and an advanced diagnostic service.



Signing the deed of donation. (From L) Hipra Philippines Inc. representatives Dr. Joel Tolentino and Dr. Reynaldo Bono Jr., VP for Admin and Support Services Dr. Camilo A. Polinga (representing the University President), VP for Research and Extension Dr. Melbourne R. Talactac, and CvSU Bee Program Leader Prof. Michele Bono.

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