

# CSC celebrates 'Charter Day'

A three-day activity marks the 37th foundation of the Catanduanes State Colleges (CSC) this June 19, 2008.

With the theme *"Celebrating 37 Years of Strength and Stability"*, this year's commemoration is a record of sort as the CSC observes for the first time the actual date of signing into law the creation of the Catanduanes State Colleges which is June 19.

It is also called as "Charter Day."

CSC was established on June 19, 1971 through Republic Act 6341. This law, authored by then Congressman Jose M. Alberto, converted the Virac National Agricultural and Trade School into the Catanduanes State Colleges.

In observance of this historic event, a three-day event takes place at the CSC, which is kicked off by a parade around downtown processional road this afternoon, June 18.

On Thursday, June 19, the date of CSC foundation, lined up events are thanksgiving mass, blessing and inauguration of infra projects, opening program (which will be highlighted by the handing out of awards to president's and dean's listers, employees, alumni and benefactors), techno fair, open house and employees and alumni night.

An orientation about Datbed, a DOST-led student support project,

guided campus tour, academic contest, skills olympics, mass induction of student officers of various campus organizations, and the CSC king and queen search, takes place on the final day of the celebration, June 20.

The CSC Main Campus in Virac Catanduanes, which rises about 100 feet above sea level, is spread on the expanse of its 128.28 hectares land holding. The CSC Panganiban campus meanwhile sits on a 230-hectare area at northern town of Sta. Ana, Panganiban, Catanduanes.

Today, the Catanduanes State Colleges is enjoying the prestige of being the only comprehensive higher education institution in Catanduanes and among the dynamic state universities and colleges (SUC) in Bicol which offers a wide range of academic programs with its graduates topping various national licensure examinations.

True to this distinction, the CSC is now categorized as SUC Level III-A higher education institution.

Under the present stewardship of its President, Dr. Asuncion V. Asetre, the CSC was also declared Outstanding National Government Agency, Personnel

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**CHED COMMISSIONER DEFENSOR receives the plaque of appreciation as commencement speaker from Dr. Asuncion V. Asetre, CSC president.**

**Be a sign of contradiction  
in the marketplace of ideas,  
Comm. Defensor urges grads**

Speaking before an assembly of one of the biggest number of graduates in the history of CSC, Commissioner Nenaelyn P. Defensor of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), rallied CSC Batch 2008 to "respect the dignity of the office that you will represent and always uphold the truth".

"You are now ready to take on the challenge of people scrutinizing your opinion as experts in your chosen field of specialty. You will be called to preside over matters of great importance.

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## CASCEA's CNA approved by Civil Service

The Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) of the Catanduanes State Colleges Employees Association (CASCEA) has been approved by the Civil Service Commission.

In her letter on January 14, 2008 to the association's president, Prof. Rene S. Tolod, then Civil Service Commissioner Karina Constantino David, congratulated CASCEA and the management of the CSC "for their efforts in coming up with a Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) which would pave way for a harmonious working relationship."

The letter of recognition and the certificate of registration issued by the Civil Service Commission was awarded to CSC by Civil Service Catanduanes Field Office Director Maria Guia Garcia.

The Certificate of Recognition is effective from August 24, 2007 to August 24, 2010. (GSR) # # #



**BRINGING THE GOOD TIDING**—Director Garcia of Civil Service Catanduanes Field Office presents to Dr. Asuncion V. Asetre the Certificate of Registration issued by the Civil Service Commission to CASCEA. Witnessing the presentation are Mrs. Azucena T. Torrente, AO V for HRM Services, Mrs. Perla A. Tolentino, Budget Officer I and CASCEA Vice President and Prof. Estrella S. Placides, CIMC Director.

## Aloha and Welcome....

Retirees	Position held	Service
<b>2007</b>		
Bernardino B. Zafe	Laboratory Inspector II	34 years
Wilfredo Y. Cadivida	Security Officer 1	32 years
Nenita T. Taraya	Professor VI	40 years
Benigno Q. Dominguez	Administrative Aide VI	35 years
Charlie B. Hibo	Assistant Professor IV	32 years
Avelino B. Fajardo	Assistant Professor I	31 years
Rosita D. Brigala	Assistant Professor II	37 years
Lino F. Cabrera	Assistant Professor II	32 years
Luz V. Ternida	Assistant Professor I	34 years
Elizabeth A. Lianko	Administrative Aide IV	42 years
Leonardo M. Tamayo	Administrative Officer V	42 years
<b>2008</b>		
Rosendo V. Lopez	Associate Professor V	38 years
Gloria L. Icaranom	Assistant Professor III	40 years
Evelyn A. Bagadiong	Professor VI	42 years
Lilia T. Tabo	Instructor III	34 years
Socorro D. Gualberto	Instructor II	30 years
Ruth V. Gianan	Administrative Officer IV	32 years
Romulo de Claro	Assistant Professor III	31 years
Lope U. Panti	Associate Professor V	36 years
<b>Posthumous</b>		
Emmanuel S. Latorre	Chief Administrative Officer	24 years
Evelyn B. Francisco	Associate Professor V	37 years
Rafael Franklin V. Masagca	Administrative Aide III	25 years

CSC bids adieu and says a heartfelt thanks to its retirees for sharing their most fruitful years to the institution.

On the other hand, it warmly welcomes aboard the new members of the family.

The CSC Human Resources Management Office, headed by Mrs. Azucena T. Torrente, AO V, HRM services, informed that as of May 2008, there are 13 newly hired employees of the CSC.

On the other hand, eight and six senior staff respectively retired from services in 2007 and 2008.

The CSC also honoured posthumously three of its former employees. (GSR) # # #

Newly Hired	Position
Josephine B. Refugio	Dormitory Manager
Richard A. Vicente	Administrative Aide I
Alfredo S. Del Valle	Construction & Maintenance Foreman
Rommel S. Torres	Accountant II
Aileen A. Vargas	Dental Aide
Sheila T. Bagadiong	Administrative Aide III
Sheryl A. Ditchella	Medical Officer IV
Oriel V. Del Barrio	Watchman
Corazon T. Cilot	Instructor I
Janette O. Tugano	Guidance Counsellor III
Raissa G. Tan	Administrative Aide III
Julian L. Tablo	Laborer I
Helbert B. Medroso	Instructor I

## Selected faculty members designated to admin posts

Dr. Asuncion V. Asetre designated selected CSC faculty members to administrative positions in the academic, research, extension, and production services. These designees are in addition to the currently designated academic staff whose effectivity of office are still in effect.

1. Prof. Gemma C. Acedo—Assistant Dean, Department of Information and Communications Technology effective June 13.
2. Engr. Pedro R. Arcilla—Assistant Dean, Department of Engineering effective June 13.
3. Dr. Godofredo S. Quintal—Chairman, Mathematics Department effective June 10.
4. Prof. Noel B. de Leon—Sports and Athletic Coordinator effective June 4, 2008.
5. Dr. Lourdes V. Rodriguez – Director, Student Services effective May 12, 2008.
6. Prof. Ananias Fernandez—Assistant Dean, College of Technology effective June 3, 2008.
7. Engr. Emmanuel R. Soriano – Dean, College of Technology effective May 16, 2008.
8. Prof. Restie Emerenciana – OJT Supervisor, Industrial Technology effective May 12, 2008.
9. Dr. Epifanio V. Rubio – Colleges Veterinarian effective May 16, 2008.
10. Prof. Rosario J. Cabrera – Academic, Research and Extension Coordinator CSC Panganiban Campus, effective May 8, 2008.
11. Mr. Michael Owen P. Malijan – Project Manager Livestock Production, effective May 2, 2008.
12. Dr. Aurora E. Arajo – Director, Institutional Accreditation Center effective April 10, 2008.
13. Prof. Edgar Tatel – Chairman, Social Science Department effective June 2, 2008.
14. Dr. Lilia V. Briñes – Project Manager

CBO Pre-School Project effective March 15, 2008.

15. Dr. Aida A. Dianela – Vice President for Academic Affairs effective March 24, 2008.
16. Dr. Hermina A. Tabor – Chairman, English Department effective February 12, 2008.
17. Prof. Jose Alberto – Project Manager, Horticulture Project effective February 19, 2008.
18. Dr. Estrella S. Placides – Director, Curriculum and Instructional Media Center effective February 13, 2008.
19. Dr. Maria S. Tugano – Principal, CSC Laboratory Schools effective February 7, 2008.
20. Dr. Teresita I. Avila – Chairman, Natural Science Department effective February 7, 2008.
21. Dr. Myrna Santelices – Project Manager, Fish Breeding and Nursery Project effective February 7, 2008.
22. Prof. Anita A. Bagadiong – Guidance, Counselling and Testing Officer effective February 5, 2008.
23. Prof. Amelia B. Armea – Chairman, Physical Education Department effective February 13, 2008.
24. Dr. Laura A. Vital – Guidance Testing Officer effective January 11, 2008.
25. Dr. Angelina T. Tayo – Alumni and Placement Services Officer effective January 11, 2008.
26. Dr. Nancy D. Magtangob – Faculty In-Charge, Campus Organizations effective January 7, 2008.
24. Prof. Lani Ilagan – Faculty In-Charge, Student Scholarship effective January 7, 2008.

The designations were issued by the CSC President starting January 2008 and will be in effect for a period of one year unless earlier revoked. (GSR) ###

## Rebuilding from the ruins

Better, stronger. The pictures below are some of the major buildings at the CSC which were heavily damaged by 'Reming' but are now standing stronger and more imposing after the institution's massive rehabilitation program.





MADAM PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE FACULTY AND STAFF, HONORABLE GUESTS, THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2008, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

### Introduction

I am elated to be invited as commencement speaker of your institution which is striving to obtain university status within the next five years. I hope you will be successful with this endeavor.

Consistent with the national philosophy of the Commission on Higher Education this state college endeavors to empower every Catanduganon to become responsible citizens striving the needs of the province, region, nation as well as become globally competitive citizens.

Today, as we joyfully celebrate the remarkable achievements of Class 2008, we also pay tribute to their parents, benefactors and loved ones who have shown undivided loyalty and unparalleled sacrifice in order for these young men and women to reach this stage of development. Likewise, I would like to thank our school officials, teachers, and hardworking school personnel who strive hard to provide our community with quality education and service notwithstanding budgetary constraints and

## Moving Towards the Future through Responsive Global Education

by DR. NENALYN P. DEFENSOR

*Commissioner, Commission on Higher Education*

Commencement Exercise Speech

Catanduanes State Colleges, Virac, Catanduanes

26 March 2008

limited material resources. They are our unsung heroes and heroines, whose noble acts of courage, humility, and generosity will forever be remembered with deep respect and admiration. Their leadership, vision and determination help propel our country to achieve social development and economic

progress. They deserve our commendation and support.

### Be a Sign of Contradiction

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step" says an ancient Chinese proverb. Your journey started the day when you first entered the threshold of this institution. At this moment you are now ready to leave and continue your journey in the real world. I tell you the challenges are enormous but I am confident that with God's grace you will overcome them. However, once you hurdle the test and temptations of the world you will not only survive but you will also grow in knowledge/and wisdom.

You are now ready to take on the challenge of people scrutinizing your opinion as experts in your chosen field of specialty. You will be called to preside over matters of great importance. And on that occasion you will rise to dispense your wise judgment that shall determine the quality of life of your fellowmen. Perform your duties efficiently exemplify the virtues of justice, fairness, equality, and compassion. Respect the dignity of the office that you will represent and always uphold the truth.

However, be a sign of contradiction

in the marketplace of divergent ideas and interests. Do not chime with the voices of the majority in the name of expediency, at the expense of your principles and moral values. As aptly described by Alexis de Tocqueville: it is our inescapable moral obligation "to assist one another and ... willingly sacrifice a portion of time and property for the welfare of the nation." The Church also reminds us that as social beings we have a moral and social responsibility to contribute to the betterment of society. We depend upon each other for the fulfillment of our needs and the development of our potentials "through mutual service and through fraternal and sororal dialogue we are able to rise to our destiny."

### Knowledge the Crowning Glory of Man

I am strongly convinced that your decision to attend Catanduanes State Colleges was greatly influenced by your desire to obtain a well-rounded education. During the Renaissance era the primordial goal of liberal education was patterned after the Aristotelian concept of "the educated person" that means he or she should be "critical" in other fields outside the domain of his or her specialty. It is called liberal education because it liberates the possessor from ignorance, fatalism, and social exclusion that consign the unlettered man to the base of the social hierarchy. Thus, acquirement of knowledge and skills are the crowning glory of man.

In the twentieth century, the windfall of numerous scientific discoveries and

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technological innovations dramatically accelerated the pace of social development and economic progress. No other period recorded in human history has witnessed such gigantic leap. Aerospace engineering allowed men to explore outer space, and install satellite transmitters that enabled us to have a clearer picture of our cable TV, to navigate the internet, and communicate with people in other continents by using wireless cellular phone. Genetics, molecular chemistry, biology, and physics revolutionized the art of healing. What was impossible in the past has now become commonplace.

Today, organ transplantation, implantation of mechanical devices and human embryo, laser surgery, DNA determination and reengineering, magnetic resonance imaging and lately, cloning are now part of our expanding technology. These are just few examples of the sterling scientific inventions that improve our quality of life.

Evidently, it is no longer impossible for the "educated man" to gain mastery about everything outside of his or her domain of specialty, considering the immense body of information and constantly changing technology that there is. Hence, the education and training given by your school has prepared you to be able to compete with other experts in your own field.

Today we are confronted with the challenges of the Information Age, it is transforming the way we work. It is transforming the way we live. It is transforming the way we communicate. In fact, the Philippines is on its way to being the text capital of the world. The information age is also transforming the way our society works.

In response to the many dimensions these challenges pose to us, I have helped Catanduanes State Colleges in my own small way, Since I became Commissioner, out of the Development Fund for the State Universities and Colleges, I sponsored projects worth more or less P3.1 Million. CHED has also helped CSC in the amount of P4.4 Million more or less.

Among the projects were putting up of laboratories and other equipment.

### Education and Globalization

The distinguished French philosopher, mathematician and mystic, Blaise Pascal wrote: "Not only does each individual progress from day to day, but mankind as a whole constantly progresses ... in proportion as the universe grows older." Our intellectual development and the enhancement of our potentials depend on the nature of the information that we receive. In essence, the quality of education that we obtain from our school is crucial to our success and survival in this highly competitive world.

**“... be a sign of contradiction in the marketplace of divergent ideas and interests. Do not chime with the voices of the majority in the name of expediency, at the expense of your principles and moral values.”**

Paul F. Kennedy, an eminent contemporary political scientist and author of *Preparing for the Twenty First Century*, succinctly emphasized that one of the "key elements" in the preparation of the "global society for the 21<sup>st</sup> century" is education. Social experts have sounded the alarm that the gravest predicament the global society is facing is the need for massive education of all citizens as a deterrent to human-induced catastrophe due to overpopulation, destruction of ecology and man's capacity to cause massive "destruction."

In order to achieve economic prosperity and strengthen the fabric of society we must embark in improving the quality of education in our country. We must increase the awareness of our people about the importance of ecology, multicultural diversity, religious tolerance, good governance, ethical values, social capital and protection of women and children. Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human

Rights provides:

Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.

Another crucial factor in "the emerging universal culture" is language. It is not enough that the Filipino has technical expertise, it is equally important for him or her to have an excellent command of English language, which is "the world's principal Language of Wider Community."

In line with this thinking, I would like to believe that the Catanduanes State Colleges has prepared its graduates well for the challenges of this millennium.

### Builders of the Edifice

My dear graduates I am almost certain that many of you will soon join the diaspora of Filipinos working abroad in search not only for a greener pasture but also for professional and academic advancement. Much as I want you to stay because our country also needs brain input instead of brain drain, I have no power to hold you.

However, in the event that you choose this alternative path, earnestly ask you that in your journey carry with you our great Filipino culture and traditions, with a sense of pride tempered with humility. Show to the world the true nature of our race-righteous, compassionate, intelligent, loving, kind, honest, frugal, God-fearing and industrious. You are the ambassadors of goodwill that will represent the Filipino nation in different parts of the globe.

We your teachers, parents, family members and friends feel a deep sense of pain and emptiness thinking of the inevitable-your departure from our midst. But we take comfort in the thought that world needs you to help in building homes for families, bridges, highways, and dams, to take care of the sick and infirm, to teach children in their formative years of development, to lecture in universities, to participate in scientific research, to join the armies and

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peacekeepers of the world. Continue the good works your countrymen have started. Let the world know that the Filipino is a noble man and woman, cultured, educated, and daring. We will always remember you in our thoughts and prayers.

And when that moment comes, wherever you will be situated, always remember, what a Filipino novelist said, although you will "travel, in another sense you will never leave the place of your birth" -our motherland, the only place on earth that you can claim to be your own. You can change your identities but you can never change your culture. It is because culture is the collec-

tion of ideas that were transmitted to us during the different stages of our development and are deeply ingrained in our consciousness. Culture shapes our beliefs, skills, mental models, values, preferences, and habits as a result of our prolonged and repeated interactions with society and our participation in different undertakings.

### Bearers of Light in the New Millennium

In conclusion may I share this thought: no one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather he places it on a lamp stand so that those who enter may see the lamp.

To our new graduates my parting words is this: carry the lamp of knowledge; hold it high that others may see as you travel in the long night of your intellectual journey. Along the way, be mindful of the debilitating and grinding poverty that afflict our people in the lowest ladder of the social hierarchy. Think of helping us your elders to uplift the poor and transform them to become highly productive citizens like you. Be the torch bearers in the new path of the career you will choose and let your works herald the dawn of a new age that shall inspire and invigorate a global village.

I wish to thank you all for the honor you have done me to be a part of this memorable journey.

*Mabubay at Malumalubog Pagbati. #*

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And on that occasion you will rise to dispense your wise judgment that shall determine the quality of life of your fellowmen. Perform your duties efficiently exemplify the virtues of justice, fairness, equality, and compassion, Commissioner Defensor said.

"However, be a sign of contradiction in the marketplace of divergent ideas and interests. Do not chime with the voices of the majority in the name of expediency, at the expense of your principles and moral values", the Commissioner stressed.

Defensor, who also serves as Chairperson of the CSC Board of Trustees, expounded on the commencement theme "Moving towards the Future through Responsive Global Education."

Dr. Asuncion V. Asetre, CSC president, lauded Commissioner Defensor in the same occasion, informing that the CSC BOT chairperson has brought numerous development packages for the advancement of CSC's academic sector. "She has been instrumental in bringing to the CSC millions of funding support from the Commission on Higher Education through its higher education development fund".

Among these are the one million pesos for the purchase of IBM computers, another one million pesos worth of educational textbooks, and half a million pesos more for the procurement of books for specialized courses.

Dr. Asetre added that Commissioner Defensor facilitated for the release to the CSC the grant of 1.5 million for the pro-

urement of laboratory equipment of the College of Arts and Sciences laboratory, and another one million pesos for the procurement of laboratory facilities and equipment for the College of Nursing and School of Midwifery.

"As the chairperson of the highest governing body of the CSC, she has steadfastly supported our school's numerous development programs and policies in the academic and administrative sector as well as employee and student welfare, Pres. Asetre stressed.

This year's graduates turned out to be the biggest in the last eight years – with the CSC main campus respectively recording 1,096 and CSC Panganiban Campus with 78 graduates. Twenty-two of them graduated cum laude and one as magna cum laude. (GSR/AAA) # # #



**WHAT IS THE TEMPER OF THE BODY?** Dr. Aida A. Dianela, VP for academic affairs, asks the attendees to the Consultation Meeting with academic officials, students, alumni, parents and other CSC stakeholders regarding the provisions in the modified CSC Student Handbook. The activity is one of the final stretch towards the eventual approval by the BOT of the updated version of the handbook.

## 2nd QUARTER MEETING

# BOT confirms 10 designations, 3 appointments, 4 contracts; approves 7 other admin matters

Ten designations, three appointments, four contracts, and seven other resolutions on administrative matters were approved by the CSC Board of Trustees during its 136<sup>th</sup> Meeting on May 22, 2008 at CHED Central Office, Manila.

Confirmed designations were: Prof. Jose Alberto, Project Manager, CBO Horticulture Projects, Dr. Rogelio A. Tablizo, Dean, College of Agriculture and Fisheries, Dr. Aida A. Dianela, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Aurora E.



**GOVERNING BOARD**—The CSC Board of Trustees after the 136<sup>th</sup> meeting on May 22, 2008. The board deliberated and approved appointments, designations, contracts and a number of manuals on administrative and academic concerns. Seated from left to right are Commissioner Nenalyn Defensor, chairman and CSC President Dr. Asuncion V. Asetre, vice chairman. Standing from left to right are Atty. Jay Miranda, representing Senator Alan Peter Cayetano, Director Tomas B. Briñas of DOST Region V, Director Romeo Escandor of NEDA Region V, Atty. Gregorio T. Sarmiento, alumni trustee, Mr. Rene A. Abella, private sector trustee, Mr. Francis A. Camance, student trustee, Ms. Lina Jones representing Congresswoman Cynthia Villar and Mr. Renato M. Panti, board secretary. Not in photo are Director Jose L. Dayao of DA Region V and Prof. Rene S. Tolod, faculty trustee.

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Management and Administration category, in Region V in 2007 by the Civil Service Commission. This award capped the two previous awards received by the institution in the same award giving body in 2004 as 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Outstanding National Government Agency in Region V and in 2005 as Finalist, Outstanding National Government Agency.

The Professional Regulation Commission likewise gave CSC the Second (2005) and Third (2007) Best Performing School in Midwifery Board Examination, National Level. The CSC has also been producing Board topnotchers/Placers in the following Licensure/Board Examination: Civil Engineer, Nurse, Midwife, Agriculturist, CPA, and regional LET.

In ensuring quality and excellence of its academic programs, the CSC administration is dynamically pushing for the accreditation of its course offerings. Thirteen programs have so far been subjected to the rigors of accreditation.

The remaining academic programs in the undergraduate and graduate levels are already priming up for the review and evaluation of the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines.

As it turns another leaf, CSC moves forward to achieving a university status. (GSR)

Araojo, Director, Institutional Accreditation, Prof. Rosario Cabrera, Director, Academic, Research and Extension Services, Panganiban Campus, Dr. Lourdes V. Rodriguez, Director, Student Services, Dr. Epifanio V. Rubio, Colleges Veterinarian, Engr. Emmanuel Soriao, Dean, College of Technology, Prof. Edgar Tatel, Chairman, Social Science Department and Prof. Resie Emerenciana, OJT Supervisor,

Meanwhile, the following appointments were confirmed: Alice S. Rojas, promoted from Administrative Aide III to Administrative Aide IV, Linda S. dela Rosa, promoted from Administrative Aide IV to Administrative Aide VI, and Raissa G. Tan, newly hired Administrative Aide III.

Approved resolutions regarding negotiated contracts for the repair and rehabilitation of school buildings under B-CARE program were the repair and rehabilitation of CSC Panganiban Campus Home Eco-

nomics Building, Bagong Lipunan Building, College of Education Elementary Laboratory School Building A and CSC Administration Building.

The BOT also approved the Guidelines in the Conduct of Educational Trips, CSC Sports Manual, establishment of Student Kiosk, a self-service automated information machine which can perform balance inquiry, scholarship status, grades, among others, the revised Admission and Retention Policies of the College of Nursing and School of Midwifery and the CSC Laboratory Schools.

The endorsement to the DBM of CSC's FY 2009 Budget in the amount of P162,860,000.00 and the extension of service of Atty. Jocelyn B. Abines as Legal Consultant of CSC effective July 1, 2008 until such time that the Colleges has already hired a full-time Legal Officer, were also approved in the same meeting. (GSR)

# Backtrack...

## A look at some 'firsts' as the CSC marks its 37 years of strength and stability

Ok, these are the permanent fixture on the CSC fact sheet—that the Catanduanes State Colleges (CSC) was established on June 19, 1971 through Republic Act 6341. That this law, authored by Congressman Jose M. Alberto, converted the Virac National Agricultural and Trade School into the Catanduanes State Colleges. And that when the school year 1971-1972 opened, collegiate courses in Education, Arts and Sciences, Arts and Trade, Commerce as well as graduate courses in Education were offered.

And on July 8, 1972, Republic Act 6590 provided for opening of additional courses at CSC. These are Associate of Arts in Nursing, Associate of Arts in Education, Associate in Commerce, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Science in Forestry, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Commerce, Bachelor of Science in Business Education, Bachelor of Science in Education, Master of Arts in Education and



**FOUNDING FATHER — Congressman Jose M. Alberto, author of RA 6341 which established the Catanduanes State Colleges.** (Photo credit: Prince Subion, Governor's Office)

Master of Arts in Commerce.

Further, on July 22, 1996, the Tenth Congress of the Republic of the Philip-

ines enacted and approved Republic Act No. 8292, law which provide for the uniform composition and powers of the governing boards, the manner of appointment and term of office of the president of chartered state universities and colleges, and for other purposes. R.A. No. 8292 repealed and amended all laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, letters of instruction and SUC charters contrary to or inconsistent with the Act.

And that Catanduanes Agricultural and Industrial College (CAIC) was integrated to the Catanduanes State Colleges on October 31, 1999 pursuant to the Special Provision No. 2 of the CHED FY 1999 Budget under the General Appropriation Act of 1999 of Republic Act 8745 which calls for the integration of CHED Supervised Institutions (CSI's) to State Universities and Colleges (SUCs). And that it is now known as CSC Panganiban Campus.

But aside from this briefer, it would be also a bit enthrusing to know some trivia about the CSC, especially those that tell about its incipient operation.

- ❑ **First Student Population**—During its first school year of operation (1972-1973), the CSC recorded **1,013** enrolment in the tertiary level, broken down as follows: BS Education – 129, BS Elementary Education – 53, Bachelor of Arts – 88, BS Commerce – 249, BS Engineering – 122, BS Agriculture 176 and BS Nursing – 196.
- ❑ **First Number of Employees**—The CSC has 243 employees, both teaching and non-teaching, during its initial operation in SY 1972-1973. This excludes the 328 employees from the national and vocation secondary schools in the province which were then under the supervision of the CSC.

- ❑ **First Faculty Scholar**—Mr. Isidro Austero of Pandan School of Arts and Trades (PSAT) was the first grantee of CSC Faculty Scholarship Program at UP-BVE. PSAT was then under the supervision of the CSC.
- ❑ **First 'Doctor'** - In SY 1972-1973, only one employee (the Acting President of the CSC, Jacinto A. Medallada) has a doctoral degree. As of latest report, (end of 2007) the CSC has already 38 doctoral degree holders and is still counting.
- ❑ **First President**—Mr. Pedro G. Tabuzo is the first President of the Catanduanes State Colleges. His appointment was confirmed by the Commission on Appointments on

April 12, 1972, upon recommendation of President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

- ❑ **First Vice President**—Mrs. Elisa A. Urgel is the first and last Vice President at the CSC on a permanent status or plantilla position. Subsequently thereafter, Assistant Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents at CSC were on designated status.
- ❑ **First 'main' Building**—The CSC Administration Building, a three-storey edifice that depicts a 70's box-type architectural design, was built during the last term of SY 1972-1973 at approximately P3 million pesos. A virtual typhoon

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proof structure, it **symbolizes CSC's stature and authority** as a leading educational institution in Catanduanes. The columns and vertical windbreakers that run from the second to third storey **represent the institution's strength and stability**. By and large, this distinct building facade has become the **emblem** of the Catanduanes State Colleges.

- ❑ **First School Buses**—In 1972, when the transportation cost in the province, particularly in the capital town of Virac was considered “costly” and inadequate, the CSC operated three school buses, three jeepneys and one Ford Cortina. Commuting students in these utility vehicles were charged ten centavos each trip from CSC to any point in Virac downtown’s main highway. (Per interview from the good old timers, this was also the fare rate of public transportation). Before the end of SY 1972-1973, the fare was lowered to five centavos.
- ❑ **First Agency Budget**—During its initial year of operation in Fiscal Year 1971-1972, the CSC was appropriated with a budget of P500,000.00 by the National Treasury, in addition to the current appropriation of the Virac National

Agricultural and Trade School (the forerunner of the CSC). In all, the CSC has a total of P774,000.61. However, with the integration of the different schools under the Bureau of Vocational Education and the Bureau of Public Schools into the CSC on July 1, 1972, additional funds were released to the CSC. The total appropriation for Fiscal Year 1972-1973 amounted to P7,707,706.60

- ❑ **First co-curricular activities**—With the declaration of Martial Law in 1972, the establishment of student government which is one form of youth training for emerging leadership, was stalled. The organization of student publication was also prohibited under Martial Law. Instead, student activities were diverted to assisting in the maintenance of peace and order and discipline in schools and involving in community and school beautification drives and other civic action projects. The CSC Woman’s Club is one of the pioneer student organizations at the CSC. In August 1972, it sponsored a literary-musical contests and athletic games during the Calatagan Barrio Fiesta.

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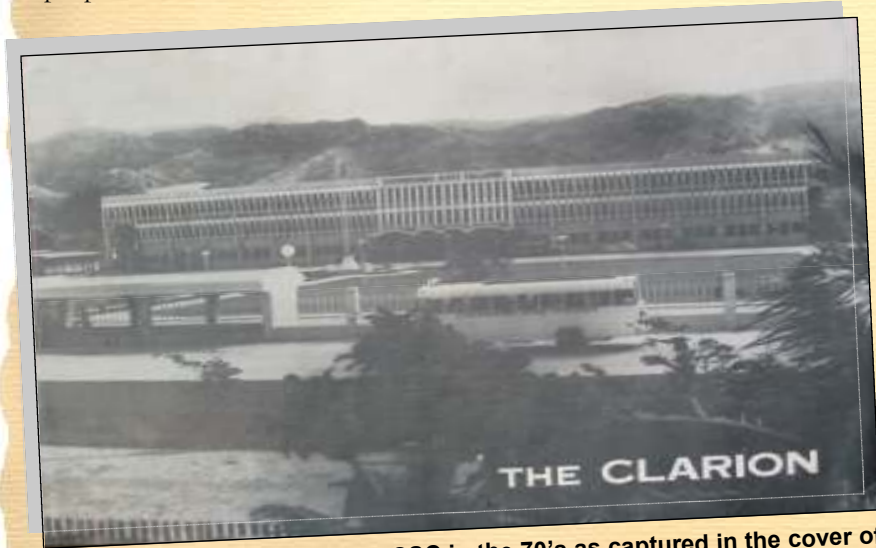
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**FIRST CSC SUPREME STUDENT-COUNCIL PRESIDENT—Rodrigo Icban**



**TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE—CSC in the 70's as captured in the cover of “The Clarion”, the first tertiary student publication of the CSC. This rare photograph also shows on the foreground the then ubiquitous CSC school bus.**

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## Message

### Celebrating our established strength and stability

The CSC commemorates with pride its 37th foundation anniversary, highlighting once more its strength as an institution and stability as builders of the youth's future.

This event behoves us to look back and move forward—both with gratitude for the movers and framers of this institution and with high hopes for our task now as stewards of its mission.

The establishment of the Catanduanes State Colleges affords not only the Catandunganons but also those from the neighboring provinces the opportunity to pursue higher education and vocational-technical training in order to prepare them for active participation in the socio-economic undertakings.

The CSC's significant strides since its establishment more than three decades ago have firmly entrenched its position as a bastion of learning in Catanduanes, and to some extent, in its nearby provinces. It is now a comprehensive higher education institution offering diverse curricular programs, as well as pursuing into quality research and extension projects and viable production ventures to keep attuned to the evolving needs of time.

In its more than three decades of existence, the CSC continues to be the beacon of knowledge through its adherence to its mandate. The gains achieved by the



CSC shall reinforce further its quest to become a university soon.

As such, we must remain committed to our tasks. As pillars of this institution—the employees, the students, alumni and the community—there could not be a better way to continue upholding the mission of the CSC than being an integral partner of its progress and development.

We must therefore give our share in further fortifying the foundation of our institution. Through this we can make CSC even stronger and more stable.

Let us all move as one and be consistently united for the betterment of this institution as it breaks new grounds and reaches new heights in educational leadership.

Let us continue realizing the vision of making the CSC as “a dynamic center of excellence, promoting equity for meaningful, relevant and quality education.”

This must be our commitment so that the CSC will remain steadfast to its mission, now and in the many years to come.

*Mabuhay ang CSC!*

**ASUNCION V. ASETRE, Ph.D.**  
**SUC President III**

## CE, CICT, CIT, merged into College of Technology

And the three became one. The College of Information and Communications Technology, College of Industrial Technology and College of Engineering is now known as College of Technology (CT).

The fusion of three colleges took effect on May 16, 2008 upon the designation of Engr. Emmanuel R. Soriao as the dean of the newly formed college.

As one single college, CT will be composed of Department of Engineering Technology, Department of Industrial Technology and Department of Information and Communications Technology.

The enrolment, admission and retention policy of the merged colleges will remain the same but the College of Technology will have one common goal for its key result areas which are quality and excellence, relevance and responsiveness, access and equity and efficiency and effectiveness.

The CT dean will be assisted by three assistant deans representing the three departments.

The creation of College of Technology is part of the revised organization structure of the Academic services where merging, realignment and focusing of courses and verticalization will take place.

Other colleges or departments which have allied academic programs will be fused and academic programs will also be transferred to colleges where it is most fitted. New curricular programs will also be offered. (GSR)

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