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Comm. Defensor extols CSC's adherence to quality, excellence

Commissioner Nenalyn P. Defensor of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) commended the Catanduanes State Colleges (CSC) for its adherence to quality and excellence in higher education.

The Commissioner, who also serves as chairperson of the CSC Board of Trustees, thanked the CSC for "being all these years a supporting partner of quality and excellence in higher education."

Defensor made her statement during the recent fourth quarter meeting of CSC BOT at CHED Central Office in Diliman, Quezon City. She is soon to be assigned in other state colleges and universities following the rotation of chairmanships of CHED Commissioners to the board of trustees and regents of state-run higher education institutions.

"As chairperson of the governing board of the Catanduanes State Colleges, I would like to believe that I have done my modest part to turn your school into a better higher education institution than when I came on August 1, 2005."

Commissioner Defensor added that she has always been supportive of CSC by sharing the various programs and projects of CHED under its Higher Education Development Fund.

"You were able to receive money to upgrade your computers, laboratory equipment, and library books. Then, there was a year that we have given support fund in order not to increase tuition and other fees as well as fund for accreditation. You were also identified as Provincial Institute for Agriculture and Fisheries and Center of Development in Teacher Education," the Commissioner further added.

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WELL-DONE -- CHED Commissioner Nenalyn P. Defensor (right) rounds up her chairmanship in the CSC Board of Trustees as she commends the school's adherence to quality and excellence and hopes for its sustained development. CSC President Asetre (left) likewise lauds Commissioner Defensor's full support to the institution and efficiency in presiding the governing board. (CSC PR file photo/ GMA's visit to CSC)

CSC joins historic 1.11.11, plants thousand trees

In solidarity with the greening project of Congressman Cesar V. Sarmiento, the Catanduanes State Colleges planted more than 1,000 seedlings of mahogany, pili and other fruit bearing trees on January 11, 2011.

Congressman Sarmiento, Governor Joseph C. Cua and CSC President Dr. Asuncion V. Asetre, led the historic massive tree planting drive, dubbed *1.11.11 Catanduanes Synchronized Tree Planting*

Project, along with CSC employees and students in various designated sites at the campus.

Congressman Sarmiento also made rounds at the planting sites in CSC; thanked the participants for their support and encouraged them to be one with the greening of the province.

CSC received from the Congressional District Office around 1,400 mahogany,

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Land Bank ATM booth at CSC underway

Here's a good news to Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) Automated Teller Machine (ATM) clients from CSC.

Long bank queues will be at least minimized especially during paydays, as ATM transactions will soon be within reach to CSC community.

The construction of one unit LBP ATM booth for CSC has started on January 19, 2011, following the completion of the Memorandum of Agreement between CSC and LBP.

The off-site ATM booth will be conveniently located at the left wing of the CSC main campus front gate waiting shed.

With this development, ease and accessibility is now within reach of CSC employees. This is one of the projects worked out by CSC President Asuncion V. Asetre.

The CSC Main Campus, which has around 400-strong employees, maintains an ATM payroll account with LBP Virac Branch.

LBP Virac Branch Manager Lorna P. Rojas and President Asetre signed the MOA which paved way for the installation of ATM booth.

While the CSC is the main client of the ATM booth, 'uptown' (CSC belt and adjacent communities) depositors will also benefit from this development. #

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Dr. Asuncion V. Asetre, CSC President and vice chairman of the CSC BOT said that Commissioner Defensor helped the CSC acquire some 11.8 million pesos grant from CHED Higher Education Development Fund.

The CSC President said these HEDF fund grant were: P180,000.00 for the purchase of tools and equipment for the Training on Abaca Production project (November 29, 2005); P1,907,360.00 for the Tuition Fee Support Fund to compensate for the non-increase in tuition and other fees for SY 2006-2007 (June 6, 2006); P1,000,000.00 for the Knowledge Based Projects for SUCs (June 22, 2006); P500,000.00 for the enhancement of instruction through acquisition of instructional materials and equipment (July 20, 2006);

P50,000.00 for the Preliminary Survey Assistance for Accreditation (November 14, 2006); P150,000.00 for the Institutional Development Assistance for Accreditation (IDAA) to support the library/laboratory facilities (November 14, 2006); P489,300.00 for the CHED Integrated Research Utilization Program (IRUP) for the University Network with Local Government for Agricultural Development (UNLAD) - Tilapia Hatchery project (December 20, 2006);

P1,500,000.00 for laboratory equipment for the Science

Laboratory Building of the College of Arts and Sciences (October 31, 2007); P4,060,000.00 for Student Assistance Fund for Education (July 8, 2008); P1,000,000.00 laboratory equipment for Nursing and School of Midwifery (October 28, 2008) and P250,000.00 for the upgrading of College of Agriculture facilities as CHED recognized Provincial Institute of Agriculture (PIA) (September 29, 2010).

Chairman Defensor also commended President Asetre for ably steering the institution. She said the CSC President is one of the best presidents among state universities and colleges under her chairmanship. She also thanked the members of the CSC BOT for the smooth meetings.

Under the rules of Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997, the CHED Chairman is authorized to designate a CHED Commissioner as the regular Chairperson to the Board of a university or college and shall act as the presiding officer. Commissioner Defensor served as chairperson of CSC BOT since August 2005.

The CHED Commissioner promised that the projects granted to CSC will continue and expressed hope that the school will strive more to achieve quality education, carry on to sustain excellence in all its programs and reach its long-term goal in the succeeding years. #



FROM CHED—CSC is a recipient anew of CHED's Higher Education Development Fund amounting to Php300,000. This will be used in upgrading the IT facilities of the Teacher Education program, specifically in the linking to the SOFNET Web Portal or the Save Our Future Network for Excellence in Teacher Education. The check was awarded to CSC through President Asetre on January 18 at CHED Central Office.

RA 10147' CALL FOR GREATER TRANSPARENCY

CSC's financial transactions to be posted at its website

In compliance with the government's intensified campaign for transparency and accountability, CSC will start posting on its website (www.csc.gov.ph) vital financial and administrative transactions.

Section 90 of Republic Act 10147 or the General Appropriations Act of 2011 calls for the compulsory disclosure of financial reports and other official dealings in government.

Documents and transactions that are specifically required to be posted at government websites are the List of Major Programs and Projects to be Implemented, Annual Procurement Plan and Notice of Award, Targeted or Actual Beneficiaries or Recipients,

Utilization of Funds, Status of Project Implementation and Program/Project Evaluation and Assessment Reports.

To efficiently implement the policy on disclosure, the Department of Budget and Management directed all government agencies through its National Budget Circular No. 528 (Guidelines on the Release of Funds for 2011) the public posting these fiscal documents.

The Circular enforces all government agencies to comply with the provision to enhance transparency and enforce accountability.

CSC will start uploading on its websites the required documents and these can be accessed anytime at www.csc.edu.ph. #



TREE FOR LEGACY – CSC President Asuncion V. Asetre and Congressman Cesar V. Sarmiento, together with Governor Joseph C. Cua, and other CSC employees led by Atty. Greg Sarmiento, CSC legal officer, start off the 1.11.11 tree planting project at the CSC campus, simultaneous with the respective tree planting of hundreds of schools, government offices, local governments, NGOS and civic organizations around the 11 towns of the province. (Photo from Catanduanes Serbihan FB page)

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narra, pili, guava, guyabano, jackfruit and santol seedlings.

As its counterpart, CSC also beefed up the delivered stock by providing additional pili seedlings taken from the CSC nursery project.

The CSC employees and students planted the assorted fruit bearing trees along the sides of perimeter fence fronting Laboratory school, HRD building and within the CSC Bio Park; the narra along the perimeter fence and around the athletic oval and the mahogany down the road net-

work passing the length of the piggery and native chicken projects of the College of Agriculture.

The CSC President has directed to name the almost one kilometer stretch of road network from the CSC Laboratory Schools to the Livestock Project of the Colleges as 'Pili Avenue.' Other road networks around the campus will also be named after each type of trees lining its byways. Hence, the CSC President urged the students and employees to nurture the planted trees to ensure its growth. #