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#### **NVSU CEN students win NIP 2024 in Belgium**

Two students from the College of Engineering (CEN) bagged awards in the North Intensive Program (NIP) 2024 held at Vive University of Applied Science-Brugge and Kortrijk Campus, Belgium, from January 29 to February 9, 2024.

Mr. Titus Jayke G. Chua won first place in Agroforestry (Group) and Mr. Othmar Mikhael Vergara clinched third place in the Inagro category. The two students from CEN were coached by Prof. Cherrie Prelle DG Pascual, faculty of the College of Business Education (CBE).

The province of West Flanders' Synergy program, a multistakeholder partnership that brings together some 30 partners from academia, local government, NGOs, cooperatives, and people organizations in the Philippines and West Flanders, came into being in 2018.

Further, the program is a short and intensive study that brings together students, and educators from West Flemish and Philippines

> institutions of higher education to work together on topics with impact.

During this activity, 24 West Flemish and 24 Filipino students worked on cases presented by the Synergy Programme Stakeholders.

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#### **NVSU, Fulbright Philippines partner for digitization projects**

**Nueva Vizcaya State University** (NVSU) partnered with the Philippine American Educational Foundation, **Fulbright Commission of the Philippines,** for the Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP).

Dr. Ariana French, Director for Digital Technology at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, USA, served as the Fulbright Specialist to help enhance the university's ongoing digitization projects.

The collaboration targets three key systems: Document Tracking System (DocTrak), Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS), and Online Procurement and Payment System (OPPS).

The Fulbright Specialist Program aims to strengthen connections between U.S. academics and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions through collaborative projects. | IPPRC



**86%** 

Knowledge workers in the Philippines use AI tools. Source: 2024 Work Trend Index conducted by Microsoft Philippines and LinkedIn



#### **NVSU faculty, students learn Al**

The Nueva Vizcaya State University, in collaboration with the Office of International Affairs and the College of Arts and Sciences - Information **Technology Department, conducted a** seminar on Ethics and Artificial Intelligence for 120 faculty members and students of the University's Information Technology department on March 06, 2024.

Dr. Ariana French, a Fulbright Specialist and Director for Digital Technology at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, USA, served as the lecturer for the training.

The seminar aimed to explore ethical considerations in AI and demonstrate a commitment to responsible innovation and societal progress.

Dr. French emphasized the importance of using AI as a "surgical tool, not a hammer," highlighting the need for careful and precise AI utilization to avoid unintended consequences and promote ethical practices in their development and deployment." | IPPRC

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With the aim to enhance educational experiences, promote cultural exchange, and create opportunity for academic and research advancements among students and faculty, the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) through the Office of the International Affairs led initiatives to drive globalization by forging strategic partnerships and linkages with organizations and universities worldwide.







The PODIUM newsletter holds significant symbolism for Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU). The newsletter is inspired by a podium or rostrum made from an old tree near the old administration building.

Symbolic Heritage: The podium made from an old tree symbolizes resilience. It serves as a metaphor for NVSU's commitment to sustainability, growth, and excellence in education and community engagement.

Communication Platform: Just as the podium provides a platform for speakers to address an audience, the newsletter serves as a platform for communication within and outside NVSU. It disseminates university news, administrative updates, academic insights, community engagement and internationalization initiatives.

*Historical Connection:* The presence of the rostrum from an old tree near the administration building underscores NVSU's deep-rooted history and commitment to preserving traditions while embracing progress. The Podium honors this historical connection by showcasing NVSU's journey, milestones, and achievements.

Community Engagement: The Podium promotes community engagement by featuring stories of alumni success, student accomplishments, faculty research, and staff contributions.

#### NVSU, PLGU-NV, JFSB, RNP, seal MOU for bird conservation, preservation

Aimed at intensifying the protection of birds, specifically the grey-faced buzzard (GFB), the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU), together with the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Nueva Vizcaya, Japanese Society for the Preservation of Bird (JSPB), and Raptorwatch Network Philippines (RNP), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the Office of the Provincial Governor on February 15, 2024.

In the MOU, NVSU, JFSB, and RNP, with legislative support from the provincial government, have committed to conducting a local summit with stakeholders to introduce the grey-faced buzzard, fostering a unified direction toward the protection and preservation of this species.

Present in the said signing are the officials of the PLGU-Nueva Vizcaya headed by Governor Jose V. Gambito; NVSU officials led by the University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr.; Secretary General of JFSB Mr. Takashi Fujii; Secretary General representing JFSB Executive Director, Mr. Yoshihiro Natori; and RNP Director Alex M. Tiongco.

Moreover, they will initiate preparations for the development of an ordinance or other legislation dedicated to the preservation and protection of the GFB.

The society's purpose is to protect wildlife, primarily birds, to promote their conservation, and to contribute to the preservation of biodiversity. | *IPPRC* 



#### NVSU, HU to seal partnership in higher education

The Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU), aiming to enhance its global recognition, collaborated with Hacettepe University (HU) in Turkey to explore partnership opportunities within the proposed Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM), via Zoom Meeting, on February 07, 2024.

During the meeting, Dr. Rodney T. Cajimat, representing the NVSU-College of Teacher Education, presented the EMDM proposal to Dr. Gultekin Cakmakci of HU.

The proposal focused on designing high-level and integrated study programs at the master's degree level.

Dr. Cajimat also outlined the roadmap for 2024-2025, which suggests the implementation of a thematic curriculum framework.

This framework aims to integrate existing course subjects in Sustainable

Education, STEM Education, Indigenous Knowledge, Climate Change Education, Industry-Oriented Education, and Innovative Pedagogies.

Atty. Regine Karla G. Tabas, NVSU Director for International Affairs, expressed gratitude to HU for the opportunity and expressed positive anticipation regarding the outcome of the exploratory meeting.

Moreover, potential areas of collaboration between the universities include: (1) Teacher Training, Conferences, and Professional Development; (2) Research Partnership and Collaboration; (3) Teacher and Student Exchange Programs; (4) Resource Sharing and Expert Services; and (5) Instruction and Curriculum Development. | IPPRC



#### **NVSU joins UMAP Conference 2024**

The Nueva Vizcaya State University - Office of the International Affairs (OIA) attended the University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP) National Conference, with the theme 'UMAP Conference 2024: Braving the Tides of Change,' on February 28, 2024.

Present at the said conference are the representatives of the NVSU namely, Atty. Regine Karla G. Tabas - Director of OIA, and Dr. William D. Magday - Dean of the College of Teacher Education.

Recently, the University, through Atty. Tabas, announced a signed pledge of agreement between the NVSU and UMAP, which allows a wider access to programs like collaborative international

learning and opportunities for student exchange and faculty exchange.

Further, UMAP is an association of government and non-government representatives in higher education that aims to enhance international understanding through increased mobility of university students and staff. It plays a crucial role in improving cross-border services and fostering partnerships in higher education institutions in Asia and the Pacific.

The UMAP Conference is in collaboration with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and various Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the Philippines. | IPPRC



### **ICAST '24 recognizes NVSU Scientist's** research paper

A scientist from Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) was recognized during the International **Conference on Agricultural Sciences** and Technology (ICAST 2024), themed "Digitally Sustaining Our **Future: Exploring the Application of Emerging Technologies for Food** Security and Sustainability", held at at the Royce Hotel in Clark, Angeles City, Pampanga, March 15, 2024.

Dr. Jessie P. Bitog, Director for Research and Development, garnered the third spot for best paper award with his study entitled "Optimizing Water Requirement for Citrus Production".

The university's commitment to research excellence, exemplified by Dr. Bitog's achievements, reaffirms the university's role in driving progress and innovation in the agricultural sector. As the scientific community celebrates this milestone, it serves as a reminder of the importance of supporting and nurturing academic endeavors that address pressing global issues. | KM

**NVSU bags Best Poster Award** in ICAST 2024

Nueva Vizcaya State University's (NVSU) paper entitled "Tissue Culture and Macro Propagation of Saba: Cagayan Valley's Planting Material Support System for Banana" was adjudged as Best Poster during the International Conference on Agricultural Sciences and Technology (ICAST 2024), held in Angeles City, Pampanga, March 15, 2024.

The presenters of the paper during the said event are the faculty and staff of NVSU, namely, Dr. Elbert A. Sana, Fredisminda M. Dolojan, Jinnalyn D. Andana, Flora Joy B. Garcia, Gina Leah A. Dizon, Analiza L. Esguerra, Joy-Lyn P. Dung-Ao, Ellen Ollani, Minalito Udcosan, and Wilson Oligo. | IPPRC





# **NVSU's 20th Charter Anniversary** highlights unity, excellence, innovation

The Nueva Vizcaya State University celebrated its 20th Charter Anniversary last March 19-23, 2024 at the Bayombong Campus, showcasing the spirit of unity, excellence and innovation.

The five-day celebration commenced with the 'Salubungan', a symbolic meeting that united Bayombong and Bambang campuses.

Continuing the theme of unity, the first day featured a Thanksgiving service where faculty, staff, students and alumni expressed gratitude for the blessings and achievements that have enriched the university community.

A highlight of the celebration was the press conference which saw NVSU's key officials, media representatives gather, and NVSU members carrying with them the weight, legacy, and a promise to the university's future.

During his message, Dr. Dumale highlighted the institution's dedication to provide quality service and to chart a course towards its aspiration of becoming an national university.

"From the many challenges confronting us, we continuously provide the quality service expected of us by our communities and the stakeholders we serve. We are delighted that you are here because through you, we will be able to convey to the community the

strides and the direction, the vision and the dream of the university to serve even better the community that we serve not just in the province of Nueva Vizcaya because we are aiming to become an international university in the near future," Dr. Dumale stated.

Adding color to the celebration were the grand opening ceremony with cultural performances and a keynote address by PLTGen. Rhodel O. Sermonia and the State of the University Address of President Wilfredo A. Dumale, Jr. where he detailed NVSU's accomplishments and future endeavors.

On March 23, Dr. Dumale, along with Hon. Luisa Lloren "Banti" Cuaresma, Nueva Vizcaya Congresswoman, led the ground breaking ceremony of the University Library at NVSU-Bambang Campus and the inauguration of the newly-established 'Balai ti Alumni' through a ribbon cutting ceremony and a blessing by Rev. Fr. Anthony Peter Adauan, Parish Priest of the Saint Catherine of Sienna Parish in Bambang.

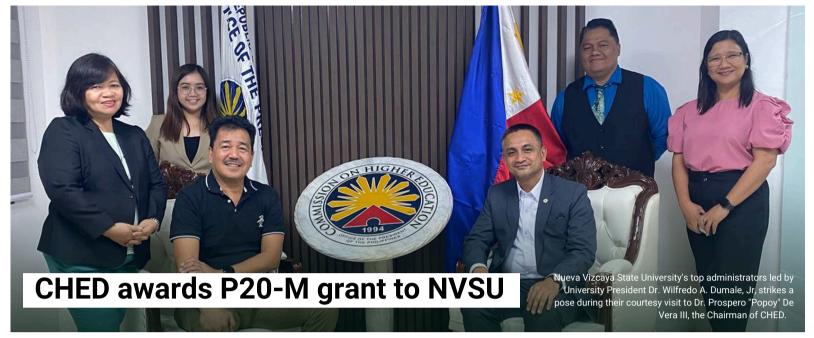
The soon-to-rise five-storey building was made possible through the initiative of the president, acquiring P20 million from Hon. Cuaresma for the first phase of the sectors. construction to be supervised by PPSD and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

During the event, Hon.
Cuaresma also pledged to
provide an additional P30 million
for the project while another P20
million will be sourced out from
the unappropriated funds to
make an aggregate of P70 million
budget for the library

Along with the festivities are activities that provided platforms for showcasing intellectual property, fostering knowledge exchange, and promoting collaboration among participants from various sectors.

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The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has selected Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) as a recipient of a P20 million grant for the renovation of its Sports Complex in Bambang Campus.

The university emerged as the selected grantee after a competitive process involving 114 State University and College applicants.

With this decision, university officials, led by University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr., paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Prospero "Popoy" De Vera III, the Chairman of CHED, on January 26, 2024, to express gratitude for the awarded grant.

During the visit, Dr. Dumale expressed his gratitude to CHED for their

support and recognition of the university's need for infrastructure development of sports facilities.

The renovation of the Sports Complex is anticipated to significantly enhance the university's athletic programs and contribute to the overall student experience, and community welfare. | IPPRC

## NVSU, 49 Els, 4 JOs ink AY 2023-2024 contract

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU), together with 49 emergency instructors and four (4) job orders, on both the Bayombong and Bambang Campuses, signed a contract for the Academic Year 2023-2024 on January 12, 2024, at the NVSU-Bayombong Campus.

Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale, Jr.,
University President, headed the mass
contract signing with the presence of
the Vice Presidents, Campus
Administrators, Human Resource
Management Office,
immediate
supervisors.



"We invite you to grow with us.

Together, let's do our best to create more
globally competitive graduates," Dr.

Dumale said, encouraging all personnel to
be part of the growth and progress of the
University.

The four (4) job orders are under the Management Information System and StudyPH. | IPPRC

Total No. of Employees per campus

501 BAYOMBONG

250 BAMBANG

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# Sports

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#### **NVSU lauds three BPED-CTED students**

## for multiple recognitions in Aero Gymnastics

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) recognized the achievements of three Bachelor of Physical Education-College of Teacher Education (BPED-CTED) students during the flag raising ceremony on January 08, 2024, at the NVSU-Bayombong Campus.

These students raised NVSU's flag in the Philippine National Games 2023 Aerobic Gymnastics competition.

The re-awarding of medals was presided over by Dr. Jonar I. Yago, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Training; Dr. Cristine R. Salvosa, Vice President for Administration and Finance; and Dr. Arvin P. Vallesteros, Campus Administrator for Bayombong Campus. In the Individual Men category,

Arcenio Cadlos clinched the gold medal, while Jaybee Santiago received the bronze medal.

Meanwhile, Mihaela Loreile Rhain Legaspi won the silver medal in the Individual Women category.

Moreover, Cadlos, Legaspi, and Santiago secured the gold medal in the Trio Category.

For the Mix Pair category, Cadlos and Legaspi also claimed the gold medal.
Mr. Joel T. Abon served as their coach.



## NVSU holds ground breaking ceremony for new Univ Sports Complex

The Nueva Vizcaya State
University (NVSU) conducted a ground
breaking ceremony for its new NVSU
Sports Complex at the Bayombong
Campus on January 20, 2024.

This event signifies the commencement of the construction of the said Sports Complex, which is supported by the Office of Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

"Ipinaparating po ni Senator Revilla ang taos-pusong pasasalamat sa NVSU sa pagkilalang iginawad nito sa kontribusyon niya sa sining at mga naabot niya sa kanyang pagseserbisyo sa publiko. Nais po niyang iparating na hindi po nabigo ang NVSU sa pagkilala sa kanya," PLTGen Rhodel O. Sermonia, Deputy Chief for Administration of the Philippine National Police said from Sen. Revilla's message.

Present at the ceremony were the officials of NVSU, headed by University



President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale, Jr; PLTGen Sermonia, representing Senator Revilla; Dr. Ruth Rana Padilla – NVSU Member of the Board of Regents, representing the Office of Senator Chiz Escudero. Other local government officials who joined the ceremony were Hon. Roland Carub, Provincial Board Member; and Hon. Antonio Sergio G. Bagasao, Mayor of Bayombong. | *IPPRC*