

CNU explores collaborative opportunities with organizations at the Cebu Higher Education Fair

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Cebu Normal University, represented by Dr. Janet Mananay of the Office for Internationalization, participated in the first-ever Cebu Higher Education Fair held at the Golden Prince Hotel in Cebu City on May 11.

The Cebu Higher Education Fair or CHEF is a new initiative of France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the European Union in the Philippines, which facilitates access to comprehensive information, opportunities, funding options, as well as campus internationalization goals that the EU has for its students, researchers, and academicians.

The CHEF brought together EU institutions, namely the DAAD-Lektorat Philippinen, Goethe-Institut, the Embassy of France to the Philippines and Micronesia, Alliance Française de Cebu, Asesoría Cultural Filipinas, The Philippine Italian Association, Campus France Manille, each with their own information sessions.

The fair consisted of different information sessions and featured three different talks. The first session focused on Study in Europe, exploring the opportunities and chances to study abroad. The second session focused on Research in Europe, which delved into research trends and opportunities for Filipino researchers. The afternoon session commenced with the session on “Europe Career Impact in the Philippines: Alumni Tell Their Stories” — the roundtable which gave the spotlight to Filipinos who have gained professional experiences in the aforementioned EU countries. CNU’s Dr. Crisanto Toledo, from the College of Education and Sports, was among the panel speakers.



The last talk was dedicated to Internationalization in Higher Education, moderated by Mr. [Name] from the Embassy of France, and featured speakers from the University of San Carlos, Cebu and Cebu Normal University, represented by the Officer-in-Charge of the Office for Internationalization, A. Mananay. Here each speaker provided insights on the internationalization initiatives and best practices and hurdles, as well as their future plans on IZN for their respective institutions. One speaker talked about the Collaborative Online International Learning with partner-universities from Canada and highlighted the Whole University approach for the roadmap for IZN in CNU. The riveting discussion covered internationalization at home, faculty and student mobility, Erasmus+ funding, the possible consortium of HEIs in Cebu and becoming ambassadors for pathway programs with EU, and the role of the Office for Internationalization in the strategic IZN of the universities.

The first CHEF provided a rich platform for the Office for Internationalization to engage in conversations with these EU organizations on behalf of the University. It provided an opportunity to showcase its presence on a global platform, enhancing its visibility and positioning within the education community.



