

BISCAST elects “Mr. Package Manas” as the second College President

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On March 3, 2021, the **Bicol State College of Applied Sciences and Technology (BISCAST)** duly elected **Dr. Alex H. Navarroza** as the second President of the College, with the Members of the Board of Trustees voting 8-3-0 in favor of Dr. Navarroza.

Known as “Mr. Package Man” of BISCAST, Dr. Navarroza served as the Dean of the College of Education from 2012 to 2020, distinctively raising the bar for the College as under his helm, both the Bachelor of Elementary Education and Bachelor of Secondary Education programs were awarded Level III accreditation by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP).

In terms of professional involvement, Dr. Navarroza has been an active member and officer of the **Philippine Association for Teachers and Educators (PAFTE)** and a former **Board Member of the Council of Deans for Teacher Education (CODTE) in Region V**.

In his journey to the presidency, Dr. Navarroza received the unanimous support and recommendation of the former Regional Officers and Board Members of PAFTE V, with then Chair Dr. Editha Lodado vouching for him as a “man of action, passion and commitment to selflessly serve” and “an excellent lifetime member, officer, leader and innovator of this reputable organization whom he has served through the years.”

Furthermore, Dr. Lodado remarked: “With his dedication and hard work, he has contributed to the significant achievements of the professional organization. His advocacy to effect positive and productive change has been a remarkable feat and has become his trademark in the academic community.”

True to his commitment to enable and energize a future-proof smart university, in his first two months



as President, Dr. Navarroza has staunchly advocated for positive change and sustainable development in BISCAST. As the College paves the road to becoming the South East Asian University of Technology, Dr. Navarroza leads the ongoing efforts to collaborate and gather the insights of both internal and external stakeholders of the College to set the institution’s strategic direction and forge a premier glocal smart university for transformative and innovative education.

Outside the four corners of the office, Dr. Navarroza loves exploring nature, cooking, playing badminton and chess, and going for long walks. He is an alumnus of the Naga College Foundation where he graduated *magna cum laude* for his Bachelor of Secondary Education degree major in English. He received his Master of Arts degree in Education from the same institution and finished his PhD degree in Applied Linguistics from the De La Salle University in 2013. To Dr. Alex, Congratulations!