



MSU is on the move.

We are starting the transformation for a better University. And you are its prime movers. With your years of dedication to learning and exposure to conditions in life distinctly unique only to the MSU experience, be committed to a purpose that rises above the merely personal goals of learning, achieving a degree or reaching professional height. Carry out, as others did before you, MSU's vision of producing quality graduates who are builders of peace, promoters of development and models of excellence in their respective fields of expertise and areas where they are planted.

Your MSU education can bring your competencies -- the skills, knowledge and the experiences you have gained over time -- anywhere in the world. We are establishing corporate partnerships with MSU alumni and other local as well as international organizations to help you find jobs that match your qualifications.

Under my leadership, I have placed emphasis on the three E's: education, entrepreneurship and eco-tourism.

Developing upgraded curriculums that are inclusive of peace **education**, along with strengthening faculty force with core values of integrity, dedication and commitment to teaching, will promote cultural commonality that will bring about cooperation and cohesion, thus, avoiding conflicts and cleavages and ensuring peace. As graduates, you are now our partners in the field. Together, we will build a community that encourages growth and harmonious living.

As part of our commitment to global competitiveness, our programs have been attuned to be globally oriented, while dovetailed with regional and national paradigm of self-reliance and **entrepreneurship**. While you have the potential to meet both local and global needs, you can be productive right in your own backyard. We should look into our own resources and talents and strive for productivity leading to food independence and creation of more jobs for the local community.

Priority is also given to **eco-tourism** not only to enhance the cultural integrity of the local community but also to create an environment conducive to learning. This will not only create economic opportunities but also stimulate creative thinking among learners, which is necessary to achieving academic excellence.

To the family of the graduates, I recognize your labor of love. Without your esteemed support, this day would not be possible. Thank you for your assistance and encouragement and thank God for the answers to your prayers.

To the graduates, remember that success is never measured by what you have but by what others have become because of what you have. So, move ahead and make a significant difference.

Congratulations parents and graduates! God bless you and God bless MSU!

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