



Change of Leadership at MSU System: From Renaissance Period to a New Era

JANUARY 21, 2008 marks the turnover of the Presidency of the Mindanao State University System ushering in a new era for the University which experienced a Renaissance in the last 27 months.

In a simple but emotionally charged turnover ceremony at the jampacked Dimaporo Gymnasium, the mantle of leadership was transferred from Dr. Ricardo F. De Leon to incoming President Dr. Macapado A. Muslim who is an Alumnus of MSU and a native Marawian.

It was a transfer of power from a “Daddy Pres”, as Dr. De Leon is called, to a “Big Brother” as how Dr. Muslim would like to be known by University constituents.

CHED representative Dr. Eloisa Paderanga of Region X praised and thanked Dr. De Leon for his many accomplishments in so short a time and for creating a big change in the University as President of the MSU System.

She likewise congratulated Dr. Macapado Muslim for his appointment as the new President of the MSU System and wished him the best in serving the University and its constituents.

In his turnover speech, outgoing President Dr. Ricardo F. De Leon thanked President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo for the appointment of Dr. Muslim as President of



Turnover Ceremony: (left to right: Atty. Mustapha Dimakuta, Engr. Mocamad M. Raki-in, Sr., Dr. Ricardo F. De Leon, Dr. Eloisa Paderangga (Region X CHED Director), Dr. Macapado A. Muslim, Hon. Anwar Marabur.

MSU. He expressed his thanks and gratitude for accepting him as a member of the MSU family, as evidenced by being called a “Daddy Pres” a title he will treasure. He also thanked the people who extended their support to his administration and called upon everybody to do the same for the new President. Likewise, he also cited the gains of his administration and the transformation that has happened in the 27 months of serving the University.

In response, Incoming President Dr. Macapado A. Muslim thanked Dr. De Leon for a job well done as MSU President. He acknowledged the physical improvements in MSU-Marawi Campus, the aggressive linkaging works,

and the external resource generation initiatives he undertook and other significant efforts for the last more than two years of his service. “You really deserve our highest commendation. And as I did in MSU General Santos when you visited us in 2006, I am saluting you for the invaluable services you have rendered to MSU.”

Dr. Muslim expressed his gratitude to Dr. De Leon “for ensuring a very smooth turnover of responsibilities and for laying a solid foundation for my presidency.”

He stated “That I will discharge my duties and responsibilities with utmost efficiency, honesty, dependability, dedication, professionalism, and transparency.”

He further assured the students to make the campus more “student-friendly and students-needs-centered.” He added that as the new MSU President, beginning today I will be a “caring, highly accessible,

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MSU confers honorary degree upon Dr. Emilio T. Yap

THE Mindanao State University System added Manila Bulletin's Chairman of the Board Dr. Emilio T. Yap in the long list of honorees conferred with a Doctor of Humanities (honoris causa) with his conferment last January 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Centennial Hall of the fabled and historic Manila Hotel in Manila. The event was attended by high ranking officials of the government with no less than the Speaker of the House Hon. Jose De Venecia, Jr. in attendance along with Mayor Alfredo Lim of Manila City, Secretary Robert Barbers, Congressman Villafuerte of Camarines Sur and other dignitaries. The MSU delegation was led by President Ricardo F. De Leon together with top ranking University officials, Board of Regents, Chancellors, Deans, Directors and MSU Alumni in attendance.

Dr. Yap's conferment is in recognition of his outstanding contribution and service to the country through his philanthropic activities that made a significant impact in the lives of the people. Specifically, his deep concern for education and the promotion of peace and unity resulted in this donation of Php5M for the construction of 4 RDL type buildings at the Mindanao State University in Marawi City. His generosity has tremendously contributed in the transformation of MSU and has given hope and inspired the generations of poor but deserving youth of Mindanao, Sulu and Palawan. President De Leon in his introduction of Dr. Yap pointed out that "the goodness of this man will forever be



etched in our hearts and in the history of Mindanao."

In response, Dr. Emilio T. Yap thanked Pres. De Leon for the honor bestowed upon him by the University and narrated his lifestory and how he rose from poverty to become one of the leading entrepreneurs and most respected leaders in the print media. He expressed his continuing commitment to support the development of education not only in Mindanao but the country as a whole.

During the conferment, Pres. De Leon was assisted by CHED Secretary Romulo Neri and Hon. Speaker De Venecia. After the program, Dr. Yap invited all the guests to a very sumptuous dinner at the Hotel. Philippine Idol quarterfinalist and MSU Alumna Ms. Suey Castrodese-Medina regaled the visitors with her beautiful voice. Dr. Yap presented all the guests with a bagful of gifts courtesy of Manila Hotel and Manila Bulletin.

After dinner, the MSU delegation was given a tour of the Manila Bulletin Publishing Office with no less than Dr. Yap as tour guide. The members of the delegation was billeted at the Manila Hotel for three days courtesy of Dr. Yap to include VP Nasroden Guro, VP Romeo Magsalos, VP Abdullah Alonto, Atty. Mustapha Dimakuta, PMS Director Larry Imam, Atty. Bert Caudang, VC Macabangkit Ati, VC Medarda Naga, AVC Malawi Panambulan, Dir. Taha Sarip. Deans present were Dr. Camar Mikunug, Prof. Cecile Mambuay, Dr. Julieta Lagmay, Dr. Mindamora Mutin, Dr. Potre Riga, Dr. Anisah Pangcatan, Dr. Zenaida Micayabas, Dr. Gerry Gavine, Prof. Hasan Maranda, Sr., Engr. Rodrigo Baid, Atty. Basari Mapupuno, Prof. Rambe Ramel with Registrar Jessie Silang, Dir. Henry Daut, Prof. Salipada Tamano, Dir. Marlene Tamano, Dr. Amina Sarip, MIO Director Zenaida Gania, Engr. Macoy Guinal, Dir. Saliha Guinal, Engr. Labimombao Macabando, Dir. Mariam Laguindab, with Mustang Naga, Prof. Bing Estoista, Ms. Lynnie Ann Deocampo, Aya Ranoco, Dr. Asangan Madale.

Also present were Chancellors from MSU Gensan, Atty. Abdurrahman Canacan, Dr. Bai Soraya Sinsuat of Maguindanao, Chancellor Asjada Kiram of MSU-Sulu, and Faculty Regent Hon. Gil Lumasag of MSU Naawan with MSU Alumni Association Incoming President James Mante, EVP Atty. Halil Lucman, Manila South Chapter Mr. Roberto Lim and many other alumni from different batches.

Yap donated buildings inaugurated

The four buildings donated by Dr. Emilio T. Yap to MSU were inaugurated on January 16, 2008. In series of cutting of ribbons and inauguration ceremonies, the four buildings namely the CNSM Bio-Chem Research Laboratory/Classroom, Institute of Local Governance/Graduate School Accreditation Office, College of Agriculture Animal Science Department Annex and the MSU Lake Lanao Research and Development Center were

formally turned over to the respective Colleges.

The inauguration was attended by University Officials, Deans, Directors, Faculty and Staff. The buildings were constructed by the Physical Plant Division Engineers headed by Dir. Engr. Labimombao Macabando and Engr. Achmad Guinal with support from the Engineers and staff of the PPD.



CNSM Bio-Chem Research Laboratory/
Classroom



Institute of Local Governance/Graduate
School Accreditation Office



College of Agriculture Animal Science
Department Annex



MSU Lake Lanao Research and
Development Center



Turnover Message of the New MSU System President Dr. Macapado A. Muslim

words, as your new President, beginning today I will be your caring, highly accessible, responsible and effective Big Brother not only to the Muslim students of MSU, but also to the Christian and Lumad students.

To my colleagues in the faculty sector of MSU, rest assured that beginning today I will try my best to be your dependable partner in ensuring your own continuing individual growth and development, and importantly, in supporting you to be more effective in discharging your responsibilities as mentors, molders and role models of our students. I will exert my utmost efforts that your respective departments and colleges will have the resources and facilities which are indispensable in ensuring excellence in the performance of the University's triadic functions of instruction, research and extension or community service.

To the administrative staff of MSU, my commitment is to ensure that you get whatever entitlements (like personnel benefits) that you legitimately deserve, and which the administration has the capability to give or deliver, as I did in MSU-General Santos for more than 11 years. This commitment is anchored on the assumption that each one of us in the MSU bureaucracy delivers the expected deliverables, in terms of prompt and good quality services to the operating units of the university, particularly the departments, colleges, research and community service units of MSU.

To the external campuses of MSU, rest assured that I will strive to be good and strong MSU President not only for the Marawi Campus but also for the whole MSU System.

To the various local government units within the service-area of MSU—especially Marawi City and the Province of Lanao del Sur and the ARMM—you can rest assured of the availability of MSU as an active partner in your respective development efforts. I wish to stress that MSU is here, not only to teach our youth and do research, but also to be your sturdy partner in making your respective LGUs grow and develop. Importantly, rest assured that I will make MSU and all its campuses accessible to your constituents, especially those from the sordidly disadvantaged sectors of our society.

To the national leadership under Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, I am reiterating the commitment I made when I met her on August 7, 2007 to make the whole MSU System contribute significantly to her administration's development and peace building thrusts for Mindanao and the whole country.

In conclusion, I am appealing to the leaders and members of the various sectors

of the whole MSU System, the neighboring local government units, national government agencies, non-government organizations, the business/private sectors and other stakeholders of MSU to help me realize my vision-mission for MSU, with the following elements:

1. MSU that is more vibrant not only in instruction, but also in research and extension/community service;

2. MSU that is stronger not only in terms of the value of academic excellence but also in terms of societal relevance and affirmative action for the Muslims and other ethnic minorities in MINSUPALA;

3. MSU that operates and grows synergistically, with its component campuses growing in their respective region-specific concerns and areas of comparative strength and advantage, and sharing with each other their capabilities and strengths;

4. MSU that is more self-sustaining and globally competitive in the 21st century; and

5. MSU under a leadership enjoying high levels of respectability and credibility.

Again, on behalf of the huge MSU System family, thank you all very much for helping grace this historic occasion.

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To the faculty sector, he made an assurance to be "a dependable partner in ensuring their continuing individual growth and development, and importantly, in supporting them to be more effective in discharging their responsibilities as mentors, molders and role models of our students."

He also expressed support for the administrative personnel and external units of his commitment to work for the good of the University.

He thanked all the people who gave their support in realizing this momentous event and reiterated his commitment to serve the University. He also outlined the elements of his vision and mission for the MSU System.

During the turnover, Dr. Ricardo F. De Leon hug and raised the arm of Dr. Muslim in a show of recognition and expression of support amid the deafening chant of "Daddy" from the overflowing crowd who witnessed the historic event. A signing of turnover documents followed to herald a new era of leadership at the Mindanao State University System.

BEFORE anything else, I would like to take this opportunity to fully recognize and thank President Dr. Ricardo F. De Leon for a job well done as MSU President. For the several physical improvements in MSU-Marawi Campus, the aggressive linking works, and the external resource generation initiatives he undertook and other significant efforts for the last more than two years, you really deserve our highest commendation. And as I did in MSU General Santos when you visited us in 2006, I am saluting you for the invaluable services you have rendered to MSU.

Equally important, for ensuring a very smooth turnover of responsibilities and for laying a solid foundation for my presidency, thank you very much sir for helping ensure my success as new MSU President.

I must admit that leading the MSU-Marawi Campus and the whole MSU System is indeed a gargantuan task, which is laden with several serious challenges and problems, which I have committed to address with much vigor and dedication. With the support of all sectors of the university (our faculty, studentry and administrative staff) and the significant components of the larger environment of MSU, especially the local governments of Marawi City and Lanao del Sur and the barangays within and surrounding the MSU-Marawi Campus whose incumbent and former officials are all my close relatives, there is every reason for me to be optimistic that I can and will measure up to your expectations of a good, capable and strong MSU President.

As your new President, you can rest assured that I will discharge my duties and responsibilities with utmost efficiency, honesty, dependability, dedication, professionalism, and transparency.

To our students here in the Main Campus, rest assured that I will try my best in making the campus more student-friendly and students-needs-centered. Ensuring that you get the best quality education from MSU and all its campuses will be the defining feature of my presidency. In other

MSU athletes make waves at MASCUF meet



MSU Athletes pose in front of Admin. Building where they were introduced and recognized during the flag ceremony.

PRDL inaugurates CSSH Library and ISED Office

The New two-storey CSSH Library and ISED Office was formally inaugurated last January 21, 2008. The said building stands out from among the old buildings that surround it. It is one of the newest landmarks at the University as a symbol of Pres. Ricardo F. De Leon's commitment to improve the quality of

education at MSU during his term and to address the need for additional library and office facilities in the two units of the University. The inauguration is the last activity of Pres. De Leon prior to the turnover ceremony in the afternoon and serves as farewell program of two units.



MSU athletes improved on their previous performance in the 2008 edition of the Mindanao Association of State Colleges and Universities Foundation meet by winning the championship trophies in men's Badminton team and individual events, men's Basketball, while men's and women's track ran away with 4 golds courtesy of Manasawi Lala (10,000m & 5,000m), Nancy Papaya (100mH & 400m), and 3 bronzes garnered by Ammar Abdullah (200m) and Jamaloding Oti (5,000m). Women's Tennis, settled for silver with men's Volleyball and women's Basketball placing third respectively. The men's Badminton dominated the competition by winning all its games stamping their supremacy in badminton in Mindanao. Basketball likewise, recorded a first by winning its first-ever championship in this competition without losing a game to much taller and bigger teams. Playing against 29 state colleges and universities in Mindanao, the MSU delegation showed dominance in the said sports even as they are joining the MASCUF meet for only the second time. The games was hosted by Bukidnon State University in Malaybalay City from January 28-February 2, 2008.

The delegation is composed of Prof. Hasan Maranda, Sr. (Head of Delegation), Prof. Mila Gallardo (Asst. Head of Delegation), Prof. Gil Ebarido (Athletics men/women), Mr. Marc Henri Ele (Badminton men), Mr. Joseph Gieward Layao (Basketball men), Mr. Mikail Atreju Gallardo (Table Tennis women), Prof. Johnny Jim Ouano (Chess), Mr. Duma Boloto (Tennis women), Mr. Joel Limpahan (Volleyball men), Ms. Michele Layao (Volleyball women), Engr. Julian Cacho (Basketball women), Prof. Vivencia Garsula (DanceSports), Dr. Ramli Usman (Team Physician).

The University's participation was made possible with the all out support of the new President, Dr. Macapado Muslim who is also a sportsman. Indeed, it will not take longer for MSU to re-assert its status as the leading University in terms of sports in Mindanao. Congratulations and more power to the athletes and coaches.

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