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Unity between MSU campuses and stakeholders is essential for our System's success. When all our stakeholders work together in harmony, it allows the system to maximize its potential and reach the set goals. Indeed, MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno has this firm vision to make MSU campuses work together in unison, and termed it as "One MSU."

This One MSU design means Unity. It describes the concept of oneness of all MSU campuses of the system. As a design, the green is the abundance that MINSUPALA contributes to the Philippines, the yellow is the golden sun that speaks of the nobility of the hosting communities, and the deep red is for the brave spirit that all MSUans possess. The okir ferns symbolize our unceasing hunger for excellence as One MSU.

Indeed, at MSU, we believe that a sense of oneness as a University System is crucial to achieving our goal of academic excellence. We strive to create a welcoming and inclusive environment that values the unique strengths and contributions of every constituent of our system.

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From the President's Desk

In "There is no frigate like a book," Dickenson describes a book as a very precious, delicate thing that "bears a human soul". I look at the MSU Newsletter, the official publication of the Office of the President, in the same way, but in a more expansive way: it bears the anima or soul of the Mindanao State University, a Peace University, as an academic institution with a unique mission.

The MSU Newsletter is designed not only for image-building and information dissemination but also, and more importantly, for providing a vehicle or platform for various voices, thus expressive of the anima or spirit of the MSU as an emporium or marketplace of ideas, as a bastion of the pursuit of truth through discourse that appeals to critical thinking. The vibrancy of the MSU as such must be evident not only in the variety of activities highlighted on the pages of the Newsletter, but also in the babel of voices, of contending views on a welter of issues particularly those that have great resonance for Academe, provocative thought, including reasoned dissent from popular views. Intellectual ferment is inevitable in a Republic of Letters or environment that celebrates diversity. The new Newsletter does not shun discordant notes. It is committed to free and fearless expression. However, the high valuation of freedom of expression does not mean devaluation or liquidation of what are recognized as "first principles" -- responsibility, accountability, sobriety and decency, and uncompromising fealty to truth, that is, the hard ring of truth in reporting and the ring of conviction in articulating views or opinions. The effervescence that this freedom seeks to generate calls to mind the Academy of Plato or the Lyceum of Aristotle: "Let a thousand flowers bloom." It is what animates or vitalizes the University.

The new leadership in which trust is placed for breathing a new lease of life into the Newsletter, or of giving it a fresh face, raises high expectations. With the new perspective, drive, zeal and boldness of spirit that it brings to the paper, readers and subscribers can look forward to a more exciting, engaging and enriching read.

I greet this debut of the MSU Newsletter under the baton of an intrepid, free and liberal spirit, the new head of the OIPP, as a harbinger of meaningful change.


ATTY. BASARI D. MAPUPUNO
President



Milestones of the President's Policies 2022

Source: MSU BOR

Resolution No. 294 S. 2022

Creation of the Financial Planning Committee in every MSU Campus

Resolution No. 294 S. 2022

Increase of Alumni Fee from PhP200.00 to PhP500.00

Resolution No. 302 S. 2022

Creation of the University Distinction Award for Selected Multimedia Arts

Resolution No. 309 S. 2022

Adoption of BOR Resolution No. 243, S. 2008 as Amended By BOR Resolution No. 163, S. 2015 Re: Creation of the Office Of Vice Chancellor For Planning And Development (OVCPD) for MSU Marawi

Resolution No. 139 S. 2022

Approval of the Guidelines for the Evaluation of MSU Chancellors Seeking Reappointment

Resolution No. 145 S. 2022

Opening of Face-to-Face Classes for the First Semester, Academic Year 2022-2023 for All Campuses of the MSU System

Resolution No. 147 S. 2022

Formulation of Academic Regalia Design for MSU System President and Campus Chancellors

Resolution No. 9 S. 2022

Amendment of the Pledge of Loyalty of MSU System

Resolution No. 15 S. 2022

Approval of the Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan of MSU-Marawi

Resolution No. 454 S. 2022

System-wide adoption and revision of Graduate Studies Handbook (Philosophical Framework) of the Graduate School of MSU-IIT

Resolution No. 455 S. 2022

System-wide application of the proposal to comply with the Publication Requirements of Research Outputs of Graduate Students in both Master's and Doctoral Degree Graduate Programs with Academic Track

Resolution No. 456 S. 2022

System-wide application of the new honorific appointments or titles

Resolution No. 457 S. 2022

Creation of Management Committee (Cabinet) and the Research and Extension Committee in each campus

Resolution No. 458 S. 2022

Creation of MSU System Vice President for Research and Extension

Resolution No. 459 S. 2022

Implementation of the MSU System GAD Focal Point System

Resolution No. 460 S. 2022

Revision of the Qualifications and Functions of a College Department Chairperson for Under Graduate Programs

Resolution No. 461 S. 2022

Amendment to Article 1 Section 7 of BOR Resolution No. 147 S. 1987 Code of Governance of the Mindanao State University

Resolution No. 462 S. 2022

Approval of Mindanao State University System Athletic Association (MSUAA) Unity Games Manual of Operation

Resolution No. 463 S. 2022

Conduct of Research Summit and the Culture and Arts Summit for the MSU System

Resolution No. 464 S. 2022

Changing the name of Mindanao State University-Buug Campus to Mindanao State University-Zamboanga Sibugay Province pursuant to House Bill No. 6609

261st Meeting
December 22, 2022

260th Meeting
October 6, 2022

259th Meeting
June 12, 2022

258th Meeting
March 19, 2022

Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

Welcome to this first quarter issue of our MSU Newsletter 2023! This issue is packed with interesting and informative content tailored for the MSUans. This has significant sections of the President's one year of determined leadership that each reader of this issue must know and appreciate.

In this newsletter, we have subdivided its sections into four major components (The Voice, The Story, The Report and The Display) where you can read about voices, hopes and opinions that need to be heard in this time and era. Aside from the president's highlights, we celebrate here the accomplishments of everyone from faculty members to students. We hope you find something that resonates with you, and that it can be a source of inspiration for your own writing.

Under this editorial team, expect timeless stories from all MSU constituents. Unleash the writer in you by submitting articles to us anytime and be chosen for the next quarterly issues. In fact, this issue is made possible by the contributors who tirelessly submitted their articles on time.

We also want to thank our editorial team and the President's canon corp for their hard work in putting this quarter's issue together. Our team worked diligently to ensure that the content is accurate and interesting, and made sure to bring a variety of perspectives to the table.

We hope you enjoy this quarter's issue and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,


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About the Cover

The cover depicts the most stunning feeling of watching the sun unfold itself. Just like the Mindanao State University, as envisioned by the President, the sun slowly rises in the horizon as it illuminates the sky, casting a magnificent mix of oranges and yellows. Cultures converging in the University are gradually producing a special blend of colors that shall bring unity, hope and optimism. Like the sun, the MSU System shall continue to rise and bring with it the promise of a new dawn.

Sunrise Photo background by Prof. Romersita D. Dadayan
President's Photo by Mohammad Ali T. Hadji Usman and Junaid A. Manamparan of OIPP



MSU OFFICE OF VP FOR RESEARCH AND EXTENSION

The creation of the Office for VP for Research and Extension was a bold move for this administration. With the effort to have unity in Research and Extension agenda of the system, the creation of this office was a great step. Taking the BOR Approved Resolution No. 458, 2022, the said creation is explained below:

Rationale

Throughout its rich history, the Mindanao State University (MSU) System has continually found new ways to meet its mission to lead in social transformation through peace education and integration of Muslims and other cultural minority groups into the mainstream society and to ensure excellence in instruction, research development, innovation, extension, and environmental education and discovery. This commitment places a premium on focused research, active community engagement throughout the MINSUPALA region, and outstanding educational programs across all disciplines. In addition to these shared values, each MSU system campus has its own history, a distinct mission, and a set of strengths that impact the nature and scope of its activities. Hence, the unique qualities of each MSU campus must be nurtured and sustained, not only with an eye to how they complement one another but also with due consideration for what sets them unique.

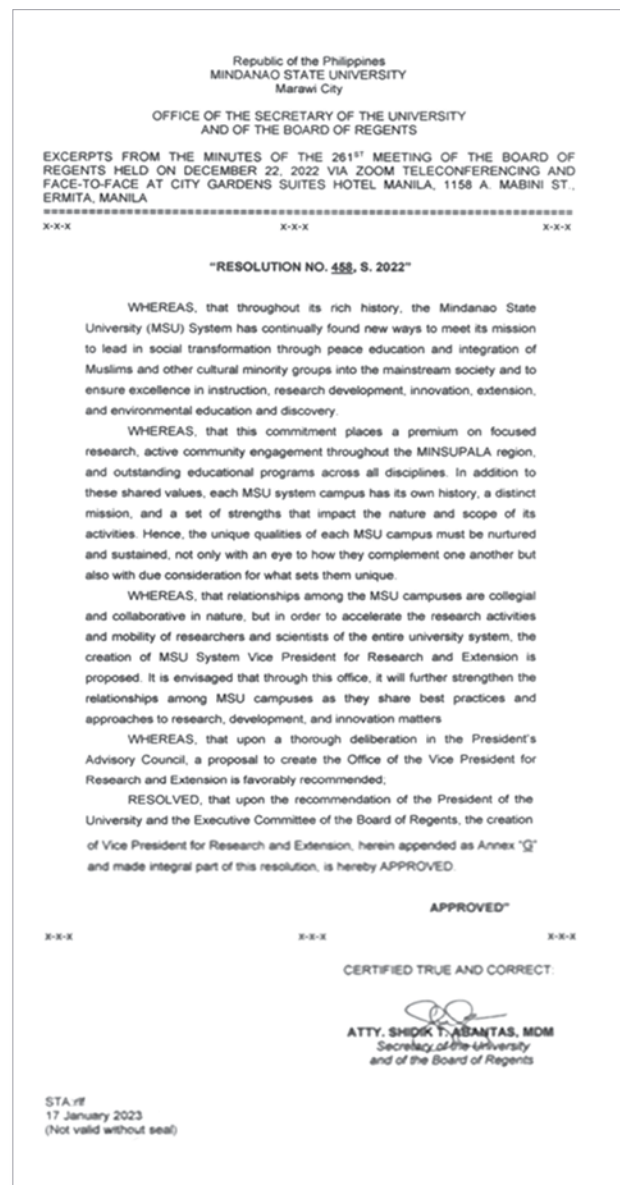
Relationships among the MSU campuses are collegial and collaborative in nature, but in order to accelerate the research activities and mobility of researchers and scientists of the entire university system, the creation of MSU System Vice President for Research and Extension is proposed. It is envisaged that through this office, it will further strengthen the relationships among MSU campuses as they share best practices and approaches to research, development, and innovation matters.

The general objectives of the OVPRE are to discuss each of the MSU campus' long-term research, development, and innovation plans; to strengthen MSU system collaboration, planning, and information sharing; and to advise the MSU President on ways to promote and ensure the continued quality and effectiveness of MSU system research, development, and innovation initiatives.

Duties and Functions

The OVPRE is responsible for reviewing and forming the research, development, and innovation policy of the entire MSU system to be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval. The OVPRE shall head the System Research and Extension Planning Council (REPC). A majority vote of the REPC will decide on policy recommendations. The REPC will follow open meeting rules when it assumes governance or policymaking responsibilities. The OVPRE shall have the following specific duties and functions:

1. To advise and assist the MSU President in formulating the research, development, and innovation plan of the University;
2. To develop and evolve financial projections based on the long-term research, development, and innovation plan of the University;
3. To review the MSU system's long-term research, development, and innovation plans annually and propose the necessary changes;
4. To provide strategic planning to maximize the research, development, and innovation productivity of the researchers and scientists of the University and to support highly innovative, transformative research; and
5. To advise and allocate regarding the allocation of flexible resources of the University



DR. GLEN A. LORENZO
1st MSU System Vice President for Research and Extension

Membership of the Research Planning Council (REPC) is composed of the following members:
Chair : MSU system Vice President for Research and Extension
Members: All MSU system Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension or its equivalent

Basari@One : An Insider's View from the SAs

Jahara A. Solaiman



A photo opportunity with MSU System President taken during the System-wide Academic Summit at MSU-IIT.

As you pass through the glass doors leading to the rooms that make up the Office of the President, the small lobby you step into will face a small glass enclosure, populated with the expected office desks and chairs. This is where we, OP special assistants, consultants, a handpicked group, along with some executive assistants, do our work, helping facilitate the day-to-day business of MSU-Marawi and on many occasions, that of the System.

While we don't exactly see the President everyday, we do deal with university matters involving either his signature or his very own presence, so it can be said that we get to have more interactions with him than the average MSU constituent. It's pretty common for us to get asked: "What's President Basari "Boss" Mapupuno like?"

It's been a year since we saw the President on his first day of office here in MSU, and we've been with him on a couple of work-related travels so we think we can venture to give a good answer to this.

Many of us have heard of him before, either as the former Dean of the College of Law or as the Provincial Prosecutor of Lanao del Sur, and before his presidency we didn't expect to run the chance to really get acquainted with him as a person. But in the afternoon of March 2022, the changing of the guard happened, and there he was, on Day One, trying to contend with a formidable crowd of well-wishers (who, in their haste and hurry to get close to the new Chief Executive, smashed the PMS Director's desk). Our small team had to timidly retreat behind the glass walls of our small office nook.

On his first flag ceremony as University president, where two of us helped facilitate the program as master of ceremonies and giver of the invocation, we all saw him become emotional as he started to speak, saying that his own father, the late Atty. Oga Mapupuno, would have been very proud to see him in that moment. He received applause for his short, simple, heartfelt speech where he expressed his commitment to bringing back MSU on the right track (he admitted that he didn't write a draft so it was clear that he spoke from the heart instead). Later, he met us at a meeting in the conference room that same day, an indication that he meant business.

And he did mean business. We didn't remember, in all our years of serving a University President, being this busy. Documents had to be written, proofread, and signed, committees created and meetings held, speeches and messages had to be written, proofread, and sometimes video recorded, among a multitude of other things. It would set the tone of how the office would be run for the whole year, and possibly the next ones. But we were always glad to serve.

To anyone meeting the Boss for the first time, he might seem imposing, even intimidating, and yes, he could be stern when the occasion demands it, but a warm pleasantness is in his demeanor. He sometimes surprised us, especially in the early months of his term, by coming to work through the usual office entrance and not the small, private one reserved just for him. And every time he passes by our small workspace, he always waves hello to anyone of us who might happen to be there.

As the highest official in the University, and as a former Provincial Prosecutor, the Boss is no stranger to long hours of hard work and as his team, that meant some of us get to stay long past working hours due to some urgent tasks requiring his authorization or signature. At times, work even follows us home. He has an amazingly photographic memory that serves him well when the occasion warrants it. Besides this, he has a gift for carefully communicating and listening, skills requisite to good leadership. However, once he decides on something, it is absolutely final. And woe betide anyone who runs the misfortune of encountering his mercurial temper.

In spite of his hectic schedule, President Mapupuno has a life outside his working hours. Like most Filipinos, he has this ability to belt out a few old songs on the videoke, one of which is "Handyman" by James Taylor. He takes time to catch up on golf every now and then. Coffee is his lifeline, and whenever he is looked for, his aides would answer more often than not, "nagka-kape". Once, at Starbucks in Cebu late one night, he joined us for a while where we were seated, and it was a treat to spend some quality time with him. He also has quite a sense of humor and we've seen his booming laughter in his lightest of moods; and being with him for almost a year, we even have a few inside jokes.

And perhaps it is also fitting to say that while the tasks associated with being special assistants and closely associated staff to him can be quite tedious, even bordering on the insane (one of us had to wake the Boss at 2 AM to report an urgent problem, and once, another one of us had to write a short speech for him--- thirty minutes before he delivered it on video), he never misses to show and tell that we are appreciated for the work that we do for him and MSU, and there's almost always a box of pasalubong waiting for us whenever he returns from some of his work-related trips. The frequent presence of the few boxes of delectable ensaymada or some other goodies from the Boss or even a few minutes from him right within our small office enclosure is a testament to this.

So there you have it our humble insider view of President Basari D. Mapupuno as a boss in the first year of his presidency. We are indeed blessed to work for Boss towards his vision of One MSU, and here's to more meaningful moments and memories with him.



The SA's with the President

Malong : A treasured Tradition

Saibah T. Hadji Usman and Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph

Malong is a traditional garment worn by Meranaws. It is typically made from solid-colored cotton or silk fabric, and is usually decorated with intricate designs and patterns like *okir* and *langkit*. The garment is usually worn by both men and women, and it is believed to have many functions.

Because of this, the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center took the effort through its School for the Living Tradition program on *Kapamalong* (the proper ways of wearing the malong for Meranaw Women). This program was inspired by the fact that Meranaws today, especially the youth have seldom used the Malong and might not have seen the proper ways and functions of its use.

The said program started on January 18 and the series of schedule is still in progress at the center. This SLT program is among the many projects implemented in the center, and is supported by the Office of MP Marjanie Macasalong, a member of the parliament of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

For this program, the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center is hoping to start preserving the traditional garments and their uses for the Meranaw people and the popularization for other cultural enthusiasts to appreciate.

Indeed, the School for the Living Tradition program on *Kapamalong* is an important effort to make sure that the proper ways of wearing malong are taught to the Meranaw youth. With MSU and its partners' continued support, we can ensure that the Meranaw people and culture remain strong for generations to come.

On the left, the photos displayed are the ways of wearing Malong.

Malong Models: Nasrimah R. Sampaco, Hasmin M. Tambidan, Moomina M. Galanto, Mailon M. Pundamudag, Jalalia B. Guro, Al-Anisah M. Hadji Ali



Kaphoyo

Almayrah : An Epitome of a Meranaw Woman on Pages

Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph

If you are a Meranaw book worm, you won't miss the books of a well-published Meranaw woman. She is **Dr. Almayrah Abbas Tiburon**. She is the newly designated director of the Sentro ng Wika at Kultura of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mindanao State University-Marawi.

As her colleague in language teaching, Almay, as I fondly call her, is a Meranaw woman of today who is worth emulating. She is an up-and-coming young accomplished writer and poet who is already making a name for herself in the literary world.

With several publications to her name, including collections of short stories, anthologies, and novels, her works had appeared in various publications such as Liwayway Magazine, REX Book Store, The University of the Philippines Press, UST Publishing House, XU Press, Far Eastern University Publications, Isang Balangay Media Productions, Cultural Center of the Philippines, and Gantala Press.

Tiburon has also been recognized for her writing with various awards and was a finalist for the "SALAMIN AT IBA PANG PANG LAW," Best Short Fiction in Filipino by National Book Development Board and Manila Critics Circle.

Tiburon's writing style is unique. She has a way of blending fantasy and reality in her stories, creating vivid and exciting worlds that draw the reader in and make them feel like a true part of the story. Like her short story entitled "Langilaw," her lines are memorable and relatable, and her plots are intricate and thought-provoking. It's easy to see why her work has been so well-received.



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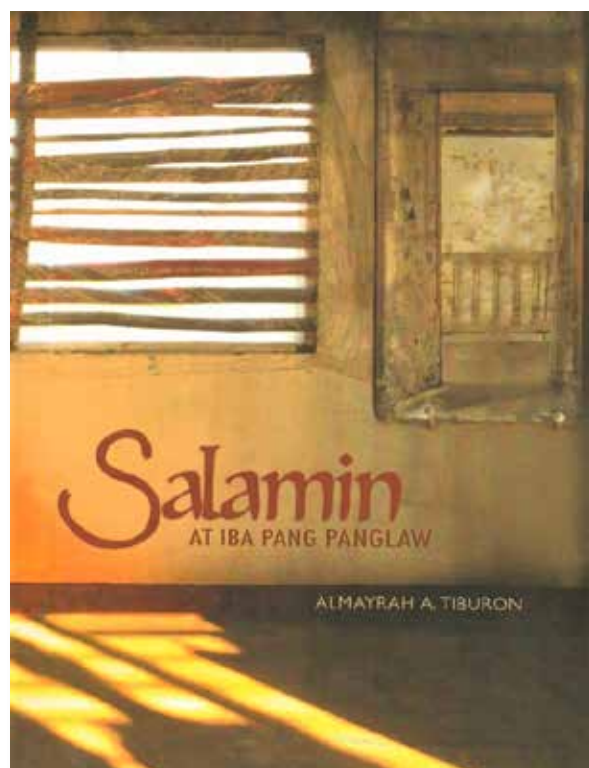
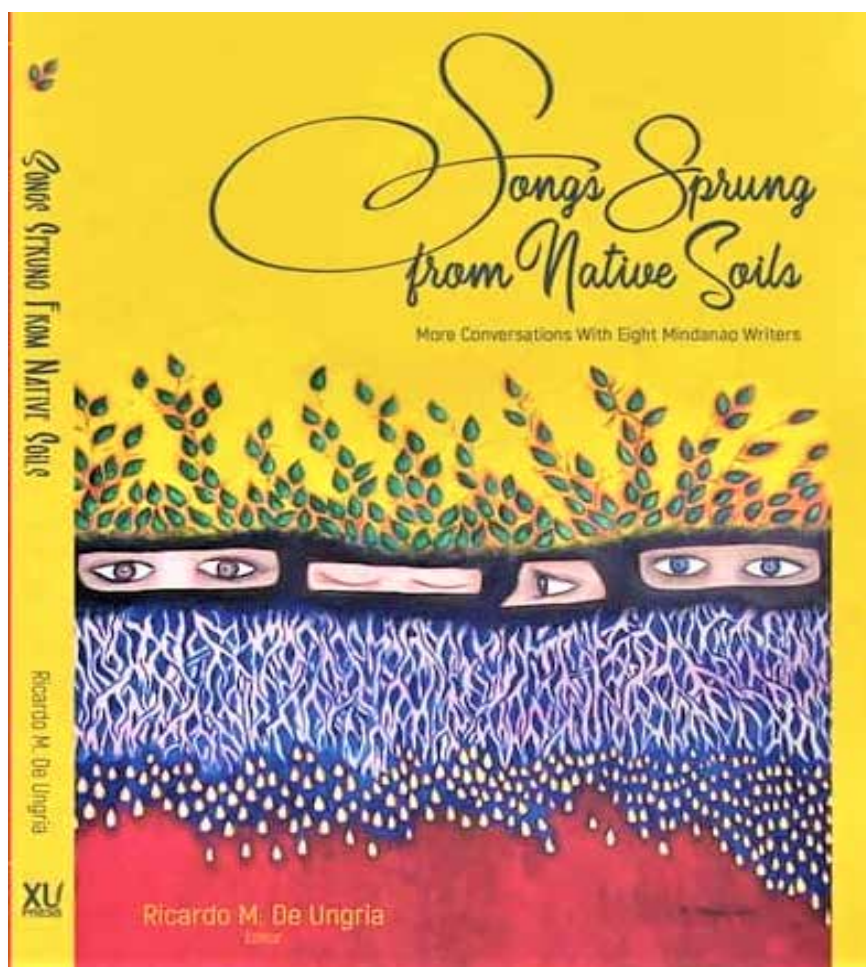
**Migraine by Almayrah Tiburon / translated by
Diandra Macarambon**

Short Story / Asian Literature Project "YOMU" (Philippines)

"Langilaw" is published by the Japan Foundation Manila and translated in three languages - English, Japanese, at Vietnamese.

Every year, her book "Salamin At Iba Pang Panglaw" is always part of the Manila International Book Fair. It has become one of the 5 Finalists for the Best Book of Short Fiction in Filipino in the National Book Awards in 2019, while it became Top 3 Finalist in the Filipino Readers' Choice Awards in 2022.

For her contribution in the book "Songs Sprung From Native Soils" where Mindanaoan writers like her were interviewed about their experiences in their families, writing and challenges as writers, it had won the "Best Book of Literary History in English" in the National Book Awards in 2022.



As an academician, Almayrah Abbas Tiburon has a strong educational background, which includes a Doctor of Philosophy in Filipino Major in Language and Literature from Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) which she completed in June 2019. Prior to this, she earned her Master in Filipino (MAFIL) from Mindanao State University (MSU) in Marawi City in December 2009. She also took some units in Master in Public Administration (MPA) in her early years in MSU. Furthermore, she completed her Bachelor of Arts Major in Filipino from MSU, Marawi City in December of 2004. She received her Secondary Diploma from Jamiatul Philippines Al-Islamia in Marawi City in March 1999 and her Elementary Diploma from Amai Pakpak Central Elementary School in Marawi City in March 1994. Tiburon has a strong commitment to education and has worked hard to achieve these impressive accomplishments.

Aside from being a successful writer, she is a mother. She is a proud Meranaw woman.

"Bilang Meranaw, malaya ko pong ipinapakilala at binubuksan ang napakadakila, napakamasining, at napakamakasaysayan nating kultura sa iba't ibang akdang tunay na magpapalawak sa isipan at pang-unawa," [As a Meranaw, I freely introduce and pave the way for our great, artistic, and historical culture in various works that will truly expand the mind and understanding of others], she said this with a strong conviction.

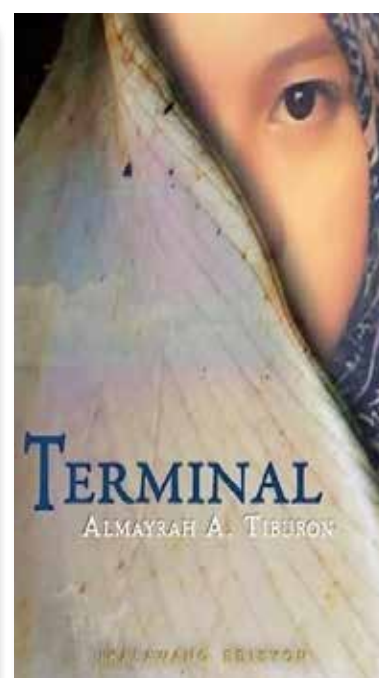
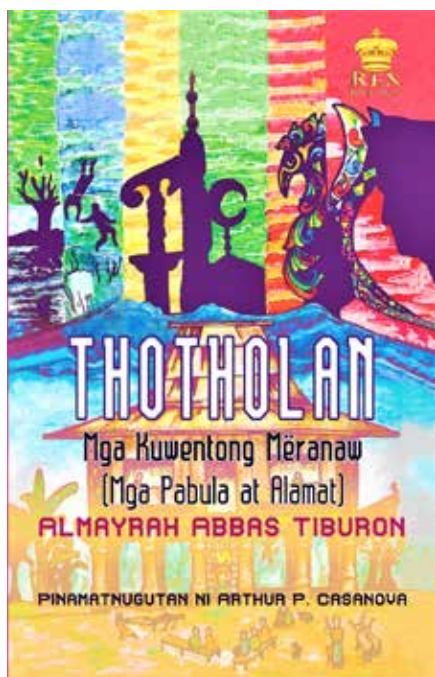
As a woman, her take on the power of language is something to ponder on. *"Naniniwala rin po akong iba ang lente at haplos ng damdamin mula sa punto de bista ng isang babae lalo na't iilan lamang sa atin ang nagagawang ilantad ang opinyon sa mga bagay-bagay sa anumang pagkakataon. Wala nang mas sasakit pa sa pagiging hindi malaya ngunit ganun naman ang ligayang dala ng damdamin kung ito ay nailalabas."* [I also believe that the lens and touch of emotion is different from a woman's point of view, especially since only a few of us are able to expose our opinion on things at any time. There is nothing more painful than not being free but so is the joy brought by feelings if they are released], she inspiringly added.

Indeed, Dr. Almayrah has a bright future ahead of her, and her colleagues in MSU look forward to seeing what else she has in store for us. With her knack for storytelling and her passion for writing, there's no telling what she will create next.

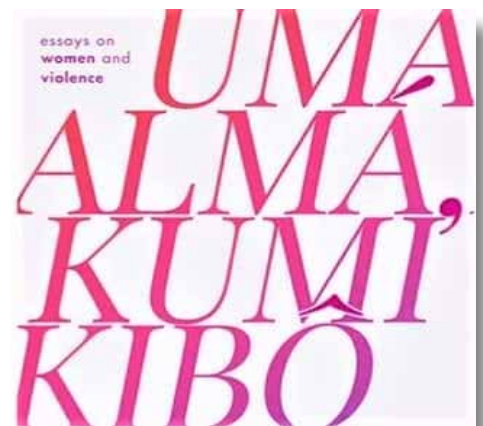
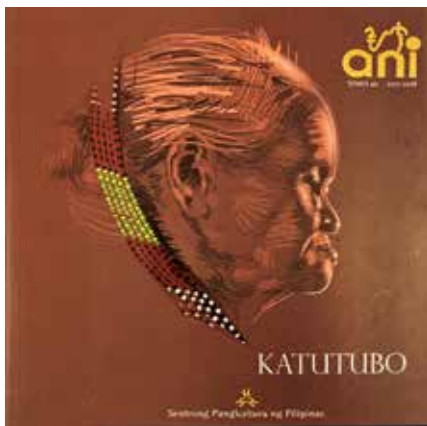


In Photo: Almayrah with Cozy (the eldest), King (second child), baby Precious (youngest) and Azis (husband).

Self-titled Books/Books as Main Author:



The book cover for 'In Certain Seasons: Mothers Write in the Time of COVID' features a central illustration. A woman's face is depicted with a long, thin neck and a dense, tangled mass of roots or hair extending upwards. A small child is perched on one of these roots. The woman's chest is covered in a pattern of red and blue flowers. A white surgical mask is shown to the left of the woman's face. The background is a deep blue with lighter blue, cloud-like patterns. The title 'In Certain Seasons' is written in a large, white, cursive font at the top. Below it, the subtitle 'MOTHERS WRITE IN THE TIME OF COVID' is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the authors' names 'JENNY ORTUOESTE & CHE SARIGUMBA' are printed in a bold, white, sans-serif font.



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Our Relentless One MSU!

Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph



Dr. Josette T. Biyo and the System President

"ONE MSU: Relentless in Advancing towards New Frontiers in the Next Normal" was MSU's apt theme for the 59th Commencement Exercises held on the 31st of January 2023. President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno made it clear in his message that this theme was a powerful testament to the resilience and determination of our MSU community of dedicated scholars and well-rounded professionals. For him, it serves as an inspiration to continually strive towards reaching new frontiers and to be relentless in our efforts to succeed in all academic and professional endeavors.

The celebration of Mindanao State University System's 59th Commencement Exercises for the first semester of 2022-2023, with different campus representations, was a success. The MSU System is proud to have awarded 778 graduates for this semester, in an array of disciplines from the natural sciences, to the humanities. Both commencement and pre-commencement ceremonies allowed the system to honor students from all walks of life, regardless of their individual circumstances.





The Graduates

The ceremonies included a Pre-Commencement Exercises held on the 30th of January with its honored guest, Dr. Josette T. Biyo, the director of the Department of Science and Technology- Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI). As a speaker, she shared her message of hope and resilience, reminding graduates that although their paths to graduation were difficult, they should be hopeful for the world that awaits them through her own life experiences. She inspired not just the graduates but most of all the faculty members in attendance when she mentioned her relentless passion for teaching and searching for the best ways of teaching science. Because of her excellence in science education, a minor planet called 13241 Biyo was named after her.

In addition to the inspiring Pre-Commencement speaker, the MSU System President himself became the commencement speaker. Atty. Bassari D. Mapupuno, a former prosecutor and erstwhile student leader of MSU, and now the president of his alma mater, is an inspiration enough for the students of MSU to dream bigger and higher. As he emphasized in his speech, this batch Gagandilan graduates have triumphed over all the challenges in the past three years, including the height of the pandemic and the global scourge.

Overall, the MSU System's 59th Commencement Exercises were a resounding success. Both ceremonies on January 30 and 31, 2023 enabled the MSU System to honor its graduates and their hard work and academic success. The MSU System is proud to have celebrated its graduates and wishes them all the best on their future endeavors.



Dr. Josette T. Biyo, DOST



Dr. Amerkhan Cabaro, OVCAA



Up-close and Personal with the Class Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Jamyla Guinal, 4th year BA Journalism

Achievers are often driven by ambition and a strong desire to make a difference. This is how the recent 59th Commencement Exercises Valedictorian and Salutatorian were described in this article.

On the 31st day of January 2023, the 59th Commencement Exercises of the Mindanao State University Main-Campus was celebrated with the class valedictorian, Ms. Nasimah B. Macadato, a graduate from the College of Agriculture; while the class salutatorian, Ms. Noraya P. Abdul is from the College of Education.

Both ladies exudes the qualities of achievers. As they say, achievers are not only committed to their own success, but they also strive to help those around them achieve their goals. They are focused on learning, growth, and development. These are learned during the up-close and personal interview with them.

From the College of Agriculture, **Ms. Nasimah B. Macadato**, who took up the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business Management, garnered a cumulative general point average of 1.22 is a native of Wao, Lanao del Sur.

She shared that her family owns a farm in Wao and she is determined to assist her parents by nurturing and expanding it. She is driven and has the ambition to make their agricultural business succeed in their farm.

She mentioned that being far away from home was the biggest struggle she faced, and it took her some time to become accustomed to the new surroundings; however, she was undaunted in pursuing her ambitions. Fortunately, her parents are able to visit her occasionally, and these visits give her the motivation to keep striving for her goals.

"To be honest, I wasn't expecting to be honored as class valedictorian and I was only studying to make my parents proud and to gain a scholarship. Faith Sullivan's words ring true to me; sometimes the best things in life come as a surprise," shared by Ms. Macadato.

Indeed, Ms. Macadato is just like any other student, striving not only to realize her own dreams, but also to fulfill the aspirations of her parents.

In the same boat, another achiever, the class salutatorian, **Ms. Noraya P. Abdul**, garnered a cumulative general point average of 1.35 with the degree in Bachelor of Technology and Livelihood Education major in Home Economics from the College of Education.

From a young age, her mother – a DepEd teacher – took her along to her classes, who motivated her to pursue an education degree. Being exposed to the classroom atmosphere enabled her to appreciate the dedication of the teachers and their passion for teaching, eventually leading her to decide to follow in their footsteps and become a teacher herself.

She has given an advise to all aspiring students to utilize pressure as a motivator to go above and beyond what they are currently capable of doing rather than letting it defeat them.

"Don't let pressure hold you back - use it to your advantage! Challenge yourself to do more than you think you can and strive to reach new heights. However, don't forget to take care of yourself - it's up to you to accomplish your goals, " a heartfelt message that Ms. Abdul shared.

As a student who normally faces difficulty, Ms. Abdul never considered giving up her studies. She was aware that abandoning her studies could adversely affect not only her future, but also the future of her family.

Truly, Nasimah and Noraya's stories are examples of what it takes to be achievers. Through their journey, we can learn the valuable qualities of perseverance, ambition, and determination that are essential in achieving our goals and making a difference in the world. Let their stories be our source of inspiration for us to reach our full potential and never give up.#



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Ongangen Ko Inged a Ranaw: Revitalizing the Meranaw Culture

Prof. Aisah Jamayesah A. Hadji Jamel



System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno



Atty. Mujahid S. Guro, Keynote Speaker

“This conference revitalizes discussions and adds hues to the already colorful Meranaw Culture.” This was a notable statement from the MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno as he welcomed the guests, presenters, and participants during the opening program of Ongangen ko Inged a Ranaw (OKIR) Conference 2023.

The Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center organized the first ever conference that captures interesting themes involving Meranaw research studies through Ongangen ko Inged a Ranaw (OKIR) Conference 2023 on February 22-23, 2023 at the Kalimudan Hall, Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center, Mindanao State University, Marawi City.

This two-day conference featured two keynote speakers and five panel discussants who talked and shared their efforts in upholding the Meranaw culture through various activities and programs that highlight the uniqueness of Meranaw identity.

Virtually present during the opening program was the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, Dr. Fema M. Abamo, who asserted that promoting cultural preservation through research is one of the ten-point agenda of the Mindanao State University and through OKIR Conference 2023, this goal was manifested.

Dr. Sorhaila Latip-Yusoph, the conference chair and the Center director, emphasized the significance of holding such event as research-based discussions are greatly needed for the preservation of the Meranaw culture and identity.

First keynote speaker, Atty. Mojahid S. Guro of the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE), emphasized the role of policy makers in shaping the cultural landscape of Ranaw. He shared his interest in highlighting the socio-economic and political dimension of the Lake Lanao.

“Policy makers and traditional leaders should work together to develop solutions,” Atty. Guro said.

Dr. Analyn Salvador-Amores, the second keynote speaker, shared through video presentation what she and her team in UP Baguio and Museo de Kordilyera were doing to preserve traditional weaving designs through their project called CordiTEX, a project which promotes the digitization of extant traditional textiles.

After the keynote speeches, there was a panel discussion with the five invited Meranaw leaders who shared their ideas and efforts to maintain the preservation of Meranaw Culture. These five discussants in the names of Board Member Jamil Faisal S. Adiong, Sultan Abdul Hamidullah T. Atar, Bai A Labi Sittie Aishah Baicon Cayongcat-Nuska, Bae A Labi Soraidah M. Sabdullah, and Forester Asmari M. Labao, highlighted their own respective projects and programs to uplift and preserve Meranaw culture and identity.

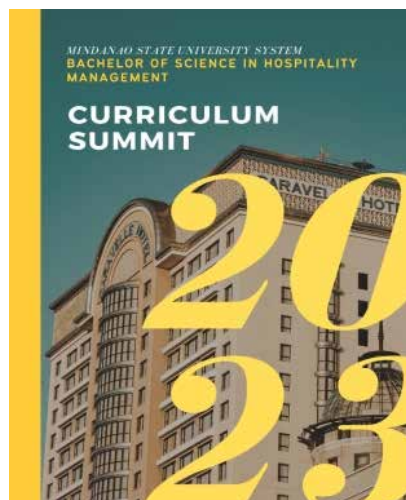
Parallel sessions were held in the afternoon and several presenters from Marawi City and Iligan City presented their research papers that tackle several intriguing issues about Meranaw culture.

Through the invaluable efforts of the active members and volunteers of the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center, the OKIR Conference was a big success and a manifestation that through collective efforts of everyone in Lanao, Meranaw culture will perpetually soar high.



Hospitality Management Program: Keeping Abreast of Trends through a Curriculum Summit

Ameenah R. Gumal, LPT



Keeping up with the trends and the current times is necessary in order to survive and excel in this progressive world that we live in. Education, a crucial aspect to every community across the globe, is one facet of human existence that needs to maintain its pace with the globalization and innovation eras in order to continue providing relevant, up-to-date, and quality learnings and standards to the students. As Nelson Mandela believed, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

The hospitality industry is a trend-based industry that has spread in all corners of the world. It now sees no color and gender, and it has started to open its doors of opportunities to people from all walks of life through its varied sectors that offer a wide range of products and services from the simplest to the most luxurious ones. Certainly, it is an industry that aims to provide its customers with

enjoyable and memorable experiences and reminiscences that they will bring with them back home. This brought forth an increasing demand for workforces who are globally competent and ready to take on every challenge in the industry has extended way beyond the borders of the country and Southeast Asian region. Such demand has compelled the academe sector to be more abreast of the current times.

In this respect, a curriculum summit for the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management program offered by the various campuses of the Mindanao State University System, such as: MSU Main Campus, MSU – Buug, MSU – Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), MSU – Maigo School of Arts and Trades (MSU-MSAT), and MSU at Naawan, respectively, was held at the College of Economics and Business Administration (CEBA) Hall of the MSU – IIT, Iligan City, on Friday, February 10, 2023, where participants and representatives from the offering department of each campuses have convened in solidarity and harmony for the successful conclusion of the event.

The curriculum summit was spearheaded by the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management (CHTM) at the MSU Main Campus, under the leadership of its dean Prof. Ainnie M. Gangco, MS HM, with the collaborative efforts of the MSU – Buug, MSU – IIT, MSU – MSAT, and MSU at Naawan, towards the realization and success of the said event. The summit was organized with the intention of reviewing and rectifying the inconsistencies and deficiencies in the curriculum of the Hospitality Management program that seemed to be unparallel with the CMO No. 62 s. 2017 of the Commission on Higher Education, stipulating the "Policies, Standards, and Guidelines for the Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management and Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management".

Furthermore, as Prof. Gangco expressed during the curriculum summit, "It is high time that we correct the lapses in our curriculum". This signifies that she is in good faith that now is the right time and avenue to parallelize and craft a proposed curriculum on Hospitality Management Program, taking into account the demands and trends of the local and global travel, and bearing in mind the guidelines specified by the memorandum of CHED. More so, it is to ensure that the Dakilang Pamantasan Mindanao is adept in equipping its BS Hospitality Management students to be industry-ready and globally competent individuals who can easily adapt to the varying standards and practices of the different sectors in the hospitality industry.

In sum, the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management takes a step forward through the curriculum summit with a dream to create a better tomorrow by way of enhancing and advancing the standards of its curricula. Are you keeping your pace with the trends? Join us! Embrace change. Maintain the quality of education. Promote global competence!



Prof. Ainnie M. Gangco, MS HM, Dean of the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Mindanao State University Main Campus, delivering her opening remarks as the Curriculum summit begins.



The representatives from the campuses of MSU-Buug, MSU-IIT, MSU-MSAT, MSU at Naawan, and MSU Main Campus in solidarity as they commence the programme proper.



The representatives from the various campuses pose for OneMSU to show unity among the various campuses of the Mindanao State University System. From left to right, from the back to front: Prof. Loreluz L. Estoloso, Prof. Stephen Jhon V. Magoncia, Prof. Angel Ivy A. Gamo, Ms. Vera Vanessa N. Lastimoso, Prof. Chai C. Encabo, Prof. Clesan R. Calbe-Naga, Prof. Donnavic A. Dumapias, Ms. Ameenah R. Gumal, Prof. Beatriz Fina A. Cañedo, Prof. Lilagre R. Sevilla, Prof. Gilceline L. Dingding, Prof. Lei May A. Dalaten, Ms. Anne Fatimah Latip-Mangondato, Prof. Ainnie M. Gangco, Prof. Brigida Q. Alas, Prof. Felipe V. Lula, Jr., and Prof. Ruthcell A. Tan.

Photo by: Prof. Ruthcell A. Tan

Chancellor Roa's SUA 2023: A Celebration of Triumphs and Continuing of Legacies

Glebrose Giame Mercado-Solde



Photo opportunity of Chancellor Roa together with the MSU System officials.



With her dashing smile, Chancellor Roa walks towards the Training and Students Activity Center stage during her processional march.

Attended by the MSU System officials, MSU Board of Regents, university officials and constituents, students, and guests, Mindanao State University at Naawan Chancellor, Dr. Elnor C. Roa, delivered her State of the University Address on February 2, 2023 at the Training and Students Activity Center of MSU at Naawan.

Chancellor Roa started her reign as the Chancellor in July 2018. Recollecting how she started, Chancellor Roa recalled her promise to anchor her leadership to the qualities of transparency, accountability, participatory, and predictability. In her speech, she enumerated three strategies that she used to realize what she has promised: 1) empower the people, 2) streamline the services and processes, and 3) change the landscape.



In his message, President Mapupuno expresses his support and congratulations to Chancellor Roa's administration.

When the administration changed as she became the Chancellor, she expressed her gratitude to the university constituents who embraced the change with her. In the past, there was only 1 Vice Chancellor. To date, 4 Vice Chancellors are rallying with her: the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, and the Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development.

Of the many things that Chancellor Roa mentioned during her SUA, she emphasized that over the last five years, the university has a total of 43 staff and 73 faculty that are appointed and promoted resulting to the increase

of the university's NBC 308 from 2 million to 3.265 million pesos.

Chancellor Roa also mentioned the digitization processes that the university is undertaking. Because the university was granted 1B for its Digital Transformation and Literacy Systems Development this year, the university is starting its transformation of becoming a smart and digitized campus. Part of the university's overall Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP) is to establish a Modular Data Center, Fiber Optic Routing and Installations, 4 story Digital Hub, smart classrooms, and e-laboratories that all the university constituents can make use of.

As the university envisions to become and internationally recognized university in research and education in the Philippines, Chancellor Roa happily announced that the internationalization efforts of the university have led MSU at Naawan to have international partners in Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Russia, Japan, Australia, United States of America, and Turkey.

With all her achievements, she acknowledged the former Chancellors, Vice Chancellors, and other university officials who led MSU at Naawan before her, for without them and without their efforts, she cannot be the Chancellor that she is today. She ended her speech by quoting what she has said in her campaign back in April 2018, "I believe in change. I always believe in the goodness of people."



Chancellor Roa delivers her State of the University Address 2023.

Knowing MSU Shari'ah Center's Program and Its Mandates

Anwar M. Radiamoda, Ph.D., Sh.L

The Shari'ah Center abides and advocates the wisdom behind the principles of leadership in the holy Qur'an, as Allah said;

﴿قَبِيْماً رَّحِيْمَةً مِنَ اللّٰهِ اِنَّكَ لَنْ تَكُوْنْتَ فُقَطًا غَلِيْظَ الْقَلْبِ لَنْفَضُّوْا مِنْ خَوْلِكَ فَاعْفُ عَنْهُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ وَشَاوِرْهُمْ فِى الْاَمْرِ فَاِذَا عَزَمْتَ فَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللّٰهِ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَوَكِّلِيْنَ﴾

In English translation: "It is part of Mercy of Allah that you do deal gently with them. Were you severe harsh-hearted, they would have broken away from about you: so pass over their faults and ask for Allah's forgiveness for them and consult them in affairs. Then when you have taken a decision, put your trust in Allah. For Allah loves those who put their trust in him." (Holy Qur'an, 3:159)

With the above guidance, the MSU Shari'ah Center under the stewardship of acting Director Aleem Anwar M. Radiamoda, Ph.D., Sh.L. aims to perform its function with excellence as it is guided by its thrust and mandate.

In the center, Education and Tarbiyyah are important major activities in understanding aspects of Islamic life. One great way to learn more about the Shari'ah center is to take part in a Shari'ah Bar Review Program, offered in both Arabic and English. Similarly, seminars on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) can be helpful for learning how to resolve conflicts in an Islamic way, while peace education from an Islamic perspective can help foster understanding and respect.

Additionally, in the center, Gender Equity and Gender Based Violence in Islamic Perspective is a vital topic for understanding and upholding Islamic values. Islamic Microfinance and Islamic Finance are also important lectures delivered to ensure that economic transactions are conducted according to Islamic principles. Lectures on Islam and Islamic Law, on the other hand, can provide valuable insight into the core tenets of the religion.

Finally, in the center national and international linkages are forwarded to help build bridges between communities here and

outside the University.

Further, for our Community Extension Services, activities are designed to help create a healthier and more peaceful community. The center provides a regular radio program for peace, development, and Shari'ah advocacy. We also offer a Shari'ah Legal Clinic, to help provide legal advice and services in accordance with Islamic law.

Every Friday, the center provides Khutbah, or sermon, to help spread knowledge of Islam. We also provide mediation and conflict resolution services in Islam, as well as support BARM in their mission of moral governance.

Furthermore, we offer peace advocacy through seminars and training. All of these services combine to help create a peaceful, safe, and prosperous community.

These above mentioned activities are backed up by related researches in Islam and Islamic Law before any activity implementation.



On going Shari'ah Bar Review Training at Shari'ah Center Assembly Hall

Ahmad and Abdul in National Film Competition

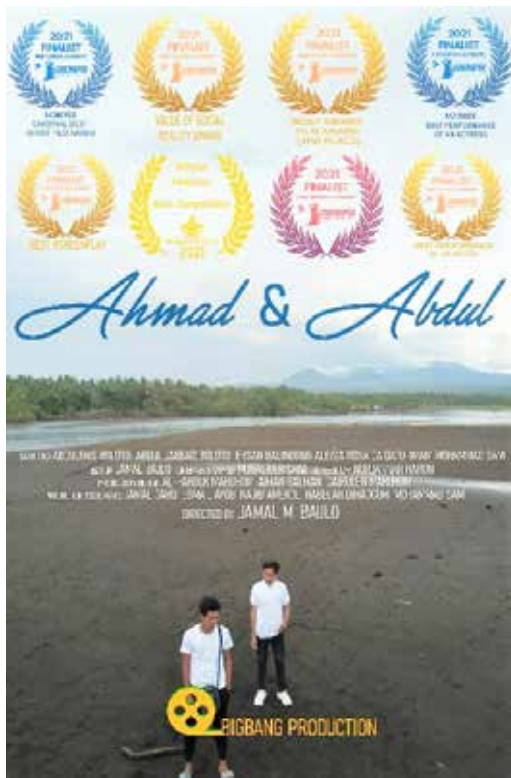
Juhanna O. Balindong

The short film "Ahmad and Abdul" has captured the attention of the film industry, making waves as it has been selected as one of the finalists in the 19th CinéMapua Student Film Festival and the 19th Mindanao Film Festival. This film has garnered recognition and nominations in various categories, directed by Mr. Jamal M. Baulo, a faculty member of MSU-Malabang Community High School. It features students from the same school as members of the cast.

The film's story follows two young men who are best friends, Ahmad (played by Abdul Fais Boloto) and Abdul (played by Abdul Jabbar Boloto), and their dreams of having a more peaceful and safer community. However, their friendship and principles are tested when their individual families go against each other due to *rido*, a clan feud. The film tackles themes of sincerity, patience, and true friendship amidst the challenges face by the two friends.

One of the film's standout performances was given by Abdul Fais Boloto, who won the "Best Performance of an Actor" award in CinéMapua 2021. Additionally, "Ahmad and Abdul" has received the "Value and Social Reality Award" and "Best Screenplay," and was nominated for "Best Performance of an Actress" and "Cardinal Best Short Film Award." The short film also won the "Most Viewed Film Award," placing third in the competition.

Dr. Conaida G. Camama, the principal of MSU-Malabang Community High School, expressed her pride in the film and the talented students and faculty member behind it. The recognition that "Ahmad and Abdul" has garnered from national film competitions is a testament to the talent and creativity of the students and faculty of MSU-Malabang Community High School. The short film provides a platform for artistic production, inspiring creativity among the youth of Malabang. The film's message



The poster of the movie, "Ahmad and Abdul"

resonates with the current situation in Mindanao, where *rido* has been a prevalent problem for communities, causing conflicts, and putting the lives of people at risk. "Ahmad and Abdul" emphasizes the value of friendship, patience, and the importance of finding peaceful solutions to conflicts.

"Ahmad and Abdul" is an outstanding example of the kind of creative and artistic production that can come from the youth of Malabang and Mindanao. It is a remarkable opportunity to showcase the talents of the students and faculty of MSU-Malabang CHS and inspire others to follow. The film's message is relevant and essential, bringing attention to the issues that communities in Mindanao face and delivering a message of hope and understanding.

Capturing Hearts through the Meranaw Word of the Day

Johara D. Alangca-Azis, Ph.D.

The birth of the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center (MCHC) in Mindanao State University Main Campus in June 2020 through BOR Resolution No. 18, series of 2020 has brought light and gratification to the lives of the Meranaw people as it has given us the opportunity to learn, unlearn, relearn, and understand better our language, culture and arts, traditions, and our society in general. Under the headship of the active and empowered Meranaw woman, Director Sorhaila Latip-Yusoph, we were able to come up with several relevant programs to fulfill the mandates of the Office even though that was during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic that caused delays and disruptions to our day-to-day activities and forced us to be confined at our respective homes. Among the first programs that the Center initiated was the Meranaw Word of the Day under the Meranaw Language Program (MLP) which was spearheaded by yours truly, together with my team, Prof. Rocaira R. Gumal, Dr. Sharifa K. Masorong, and Prof. Suhainah Tamano.

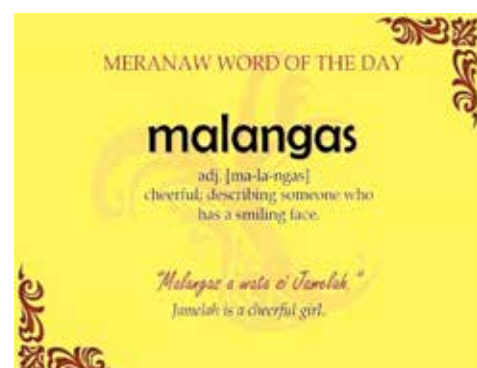
The Meranaw Word of the Day, which started in July 2020 was first published through the Facebook Page of the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center, and it has primarily been designed to provide a

convenient platform to our friends, relatives, family members, and the Meranaw community in general, to be reminded of how beautiful our language is and be introduced of some Meranaw words and their meanings. It has also been intended for our non-Meranaw friends and colleagues especially those who dwell in Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte in order that they may learn and understand our language, which can somehow facilitate effective communication thereby preventing misunderstandings and miscommunications. Most importantly, the program has been a meaningful response to the profound need to educate our Meranaw youngsters about their own language as some of them do not even know how to speak their native language. Besides, although the Meranaw language has already been taught in schools under the Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE), there is a dearth of materials that teachers and learners can use; hence, the materials used in this program can also serve as supplemental resources for the learners, parents, teachers, material developers, and even researchers, especially that the standardized orthography of the language has not yet been fully completed and presented to the public.

It is noteworthy to mention that during the onset of the program, the netizens- both Meranaw and non-Meranaw, were altogether amazed and gratified upon seeing such exceptional post on social media that promotes understanding and appreciation of the Meranaw language. In fact, the first Meranaw word posted on Facebook on July 4, 2020, which is 'Malangas,' a Meranaw adjective that means having a smiling face, friendly, or cheerful, gained innumerable likes, comments, and appreciation online, and was shared almost a hundred times during its first day! Affirmative comments included the netizens' expressions of thankfulness, agreement, and felicitations to the MCHC team for coming up with such a wonderful program; other comments were wishes and aspirations for its sustainability, while few suggested things that can improve the program. The MLP team responded positively to all the comments and suggestions provided. To provide the public with a hard copy of the summary of the Meranaw words used, the first three hundred sixty-five (365) words posted on FB were featured in the RinaRinaw 1: Book of Daily Words and Poems, published by MCHC in 2021.

Moreover, with our desire to provide our audience with a more enhanced and better presentation of the Daily Words posted online, our MLP team presented the Meranaw Word of the Day in a multimodal presentation, that is, we added a voice over so that learners can hear how the words are pronounced. Such innovation generated positive responses from the netizens, particularly the non-Meranaw learners as they can already figure out how the Meranaw language is pronounced and spoken. Thanks to my team, Prof. Jamayesha Hadji Jamil, Mohammad Ryan Diamla, Prof. Anifa Alonto, Prof. Norjannah Hadji Socor, and other MLP members for the continuous support to the program. Hopefully, other Meranaw words already posted will also be published in other books that will be produced by the MCHC.

Indeed, the Meranaw Word of the Day has captured the hearts of the netizens and it has become a fascinating and noteworthy pastime for everyone! We therefore made a solemn promise to continue such a wonderful and meaningful program! Sanggibo Salamat, manga pagariya!



Empowering MSU Units through News and Feature Writing

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez



A photo opportunity of the participants of the first series of Seminar-Workshop on News Writing and Information Literacy together with the organizers headed by OIPP Director, Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD.

The swift access to information has been an integral part of human nature especially today with the presence of technologies and the social media. Happenings in various parts of the world can be easily known. In addition, almost everyone can quickly create opinions and express notions in just a second through the help of World Wide Web that disclosed the internet. This just shows how information travels faster than anything else. This is also why the twenty-first century has been called as information age. But the manner of delivering information is also significant and crucial since it influences and shapes the viewpoints, decisions, and even the attitudes of the majority. In fact, it becomes noxious in most of the time. Just like what Edward R. Murrow said, "The speed of communications is wondrous to behold. It is also true that speed can multiply the distribution of information that we know to be untrue."

As the leading arm of the Mindanao State University-Marawi in information gathering, processing, and dissemination, the Office of Information, Press and Publication (OIPP) is mandated to systematize and strengthen the advocacy programs of the University by developing information and multimedia strategies. The office also aims to secure transparency and accountability in the University by providing accurate, reliable, and up-to-date information in a form of good stories to its constituents.

In connection with this, the OIPP collaborated with the MSU-Web Team and the Department of Communication and Media Studies for an empowerment program on information delivery among the different units of MSU. This program seeks to empower the academic, semi-academic, administrative, and basic education units of the University by creating dependable stories about their initiatives and services. With the support of the Office of the President (OP) under the stewardship of MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, who issued the Memorandum No. 115-OP, Series of 2023, the program was realized through the conduct of the First Seminar-Workshop on News Writing and Information Literacy on January 10, 12, and 16, 2023 at the Kalimudan Hall, Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center. The event commenced with the interesting stories shared by the participants about their shoes as a way to know each other.

OIPP Director, Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD, who is the brain and initiator of the program, was the sole resource person. She discussed the fundamentals of news writing including its ABCs (Accuracy, Brevity, and Clarity) and the 5Ws and H (What, Who, When, Where, Why, and How). She also gave some important tips and techniques on news development especially in identifying the right story angle. At the same time, she inspired everyone to be responsible information users by knowing the importance of determining fake information that lead to information disorders such as misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation. These were then put in to practice by the participants by formulating their own news articles that were presented and evaluated during the plenary session in the afternoon.

The program continued with the Feature Writing Empowerment Seminar-Workshop held on February 9 and 10, 2023. One of the resource persons was Jahara A. Solaiman, a faculty member from the English Department of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities in MSU-Marawi and Special Assistant to the MSU-OP. Her discussion that focused on the characteristics and structure of feature articles urged the participants to craft creative and compelling stories. In the afternoon, Prof. Latip-Yusoph gave some inputs on proper way of constructing feature articles. She also boosted the confidence of the participants by encouraging them to cease fearing writing and let their imagination emerge, which also resulted to the innovative and informative feature articles they produced during the workshop. One of the articles produced was entitled "The Aesthetic Wearing of Hijab."

Participants who thrived and completed the activities were named as Information Officers of their respective offices. Furthermore, a OneMSU link was formulated to ensure that there is a clear and concise communication among the diverse units of MSU and that only factual information are being conveyed to the public.

This empowerment program is just among the efforts and initiatives of OIPP in supporting the University to fulfill its vision of being the center of excellence in its three key areas such as Instruction, Research, and Extension. With its new pilot, OIPP will continue to serve MSU as its voice and one of its wings in its quest of soaring high and maintaining it to the rostrum of top-notch universities that provide holistic quality education and services.

Aesthetic Wearing of Hijab

**Sittie Adaweyah Macabago, Shahria Mautante,
Ahlam Usodan, Roeve Mazo, Hussein Melino, Oliver Limato**

Aesthetic matters in fashion. This is the trend in this generation. Being presentable is a click to the younger generation. Wearing hijab represents a woman's modesty but as generation changes, the new norm arises.

Hijab is worn for different reasons and intentions. For instance, in religious aspect, hijab is used to cover the hair and neck of women which would represent their simplicity, privacy and identity as women of Islam from all walks of life. It impliedly gives instinct to the opposite gender to respect them. This can be observed in Mindanao State University (MSU) campus where diverse culture is found. The various ways of wearing hijab can be appreciated that their common denominator is to be modest and earn respect from people especially from men regardless of religious differences.

As time goes by, the innovation of wearing it has significantly evolved. The variant colors of hijabs, accessorized with style



Participants of the Feature Writing Empowerment Seminar-Workshop from administrative units of MSU

using pins, charms, beads, and glitters make them fashionable. To some beliefs, this manner of wearing it deviated from the Islamic teachings which emphasizes that women in their outward appearance should not draw attention. But to some, wearing hijab in a creative way is for Muslim women to be more presentable. Until now, this issue is one of the sensitive concerns among Muslim communities whether to adhere in the Islamic traditional way or not. To note, the conservative way of wearing hijab is aiming to cover the chest of women and to avoid tight clothing in general.

To conclude, wearing of hijab is not just about a religious practice but also a fashion identity or statement. However, wearing it must serve its purpose.#



MSU students who are wearing their Hijabs.

Harnessing Systemness: MSU Academic Summit

Michelle Jeanne C. Caracut, MSU-IIT OPI
with reports from the Proceedings Committee



During the panel discussion

Chancellor Alizedney Ditucalan opened the first MSU system-wide Academic Summit with a message that set the stage for the three-day event.

"This is the first time that such an assembly is dedicated to the review and revision of our academic policies. This is the first time that all thirteen campuses of the Mindanao State University articulate in both vision and action, One MSU," said Chancellor Ditucalan.

The summit, which was held at the gymnasium on November 28-30, 2022, brought together the members of the MSU Board of Regents, MSU System officials, and academic heads of the various MSU campuses to share insights and experiences that relate to academic concerns of the university.

"This summit provides us an opportunity to find the most effective ways to collaborate in finding solutions to the issues and challenges currently facing the System and its thirteen component campuses," the Chancellor remarked.

"Within these three days, we shall be furthering a consultative agenda. The proposals that emanate from our discussions shall be the basis for the drafting of more responsive policies. They shall constitute the framework from which we build stronger academic programs in the next five years," he added.

MSU President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, in his inspirational message, emphasized the need for systemness to strengthen public higher education in Mindanao.

"The time is ripe for a revisit or review of our policies. This revisit is rendered compelling and urgent by the new leadership's watchword or catchphrase: ONE MSU. We move in our desired direction, toward the same goal, as ONE MSU," said President Mapupuno.

The concept afforded the various MSU campuses the opportunity to emphasize their power as a unit while also adapting to fully utilize the different specializations in conjunction with each other.

President Basari also urged the campus leaders and participants to see the value of systemness.

"We operate as a System governed by the same Code or Charter. Fragmentation of the System is a possibility we shall never contemplate nor countenance. But I hasten to add, with enough elbow room for the individual aspirations or growth plans of the other members of the System," he said.

The lawyer-president said that "issues or problems of academe are legion." He said he has doubts that everything can be tackled in the said Academic Summit.

"We might need a sequel to this. Or even a series – whatever it takes to achieve our objectives. But by gathering here, today, at this Summit, and rolling up our sleeves, and getting down to serious work, as ONE MSU, there is no reason we cannot accomplish what we set out to accomplish."

With more than 300 people who registered for the summit, the summit's objectives were reached as the participants contributed collectively to benefit students, faculty and stakeholders that they serve.

The theme of systemness permeated throughout the three-day summit. In addition to the academic heads, MSU-IIT, host campus of the summit, invited the following experts to deliver plenary talks on each of the six pillars: Dr. Dennis Alonzo (University of New South Wales, Australia) on Faculty Recruitment and Development; Dr. Arnel Onesimo Uy (De La Salle University, Philippines) on Learning Outcomes and Assessments; Mr. Johnson Ong Chee Bin (Education Quality International, Singapore) on Teaching and Learning; Dr. Edizon Fermin (National Teachers College, Philippines) on Undergraduate and Graduate Programs; Dr. Satria Bijaksana (Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia) on Student Support Services; and MSU-IIT's Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development, Dr. Pamela Resurreccion, on Quality Assurance.



The presentations at the Plenary Hall



The officials from different campuses

Day 2 of the summit featured workshops on the six pillars. The workshop venues were buzzing as participants worked together. The workshop design provided by the facilitators allowed participants to discover and identify problems, prioritize which problems need to be addressed, and design solutions to identified problems. Each workshop session produced the following proposals crafted by the participants:

Pillar 1: Learning Outcomes and Assessments

- a. Development of MSU System Educational Philosophy Framework

Pillar 2: Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

- a. Revision of Graduate Program Policy, Standard, and Guidelines for System-wide Implementation
- b. Integration of Extension Program in the Curriculum
- c. Just and Reasonable Faculty Loading and Class Size
- d. Enhancement and System-Wide Adoption of FPE 101 Instructional Materials: Inclusive, Responsive and Relevant Teaching of Peace Education in MSU
- e. Creation of System-wide Policies, Standards, and Guidelines on International/Foreign Students and Faculty
- f. MSU Programs Integration in the PRC List of Courses
- g. Upgrading of Graduate Program Policy, Standard, and Guidelines for System-Wide Implementation
- h. Revisiting the Guidelines to the Adoption of the Curriculum

Pillar 3: Faculty Recruitment and Development

- a. Increase Budget Allocation for Hiring of Faculty Member
- b. Revision of the 2005 MSU Integrated Scheme for Ranking and Promotion (ISRP)
- c. Enhancement and Sustainability Plan for the MSUS Faculty and Staff Development Program

Pillar 4: Teaching and Learning

- a. MSU System Teaching-Learning NetconNEXT
- b. MSUONE: Pedagogical Framework for Technological Future-Oriented Education
- c. Revisit the Existing Policies and Implement Monitoring Scheme on Faculty Workload and Overload Payment
- d. Responsive to Licensure Examination and Industry (Reli) Teaching and Learning

Pillar 5: Student Support Services

- a. MSU System Comprehensive Policies and Guidelines for Students
- b. One MSU, One SAS

Pillar 6: Quality Assurance

- a. Creation and Institutionalization of the Campus Quality Assurance Office
- b. Creation of Mindanao State University System Quality Assurance Center
- c. Creation Of MSU System Quality Assurance Manual

While participants were in the breakout sessions, the Presidential Advisory Council, composed of the System Officials and Campus Heads, met to discuss pertinent MSU concerns.

Highlights of the third day of the event included the summit marketplace, presentation of the best proposal drafted for each pillar, and a panel discussion by the Vice Chancellors and Deans of Instruction. During the evenings, summit participants were entertained by song and dance performances by MSU-IIT's resident cultural groups.

After each of the plenary talks was an open forum that allowed participants to be more engaged in the summit. The summit featured an expert on digital learning environments as its keynote speaker, Dr. Hanna Teräs, a Principal Lecturer at the School of Professional Teacher Education at Tampere University of Applied Sciences in Finland. Her talk touched on navigating the post-pandemic world of education.

Dr. Teräs shared thoughts about the ways forward from the unprecedented situation that education is facing, especially because of the pandemic. She said that it is the best time to gather, like the summit, "to reassess where we have come from, and establish some targets where it is that we want to go with education. How can we improve and what is the desired future for us?"



Workshop sessions

MSU-Maguindanao Serving Humanity through R&E

Aljannah S. Macalandong

True to the University's commitment to providing relevant research and extension (R&E) services, the Department of Science and Technology allocated PHP 19.945 million to MSU-Maguindanao's R&E services. This is in line with MSU-Maguindanao's mandate to help improve the living conditions of the Bangsamoro through innovation and rural development.

As implementing agency of the DOST-PCAARRD funded projects, the Adoption of Improved Commercial-Scale Mangrove Crab Hatchery-Nursery System that is situated in Parang, Maguindanao led by Dr. Ramjie Y. Odin. This is in response to revitalize the crab industry in Mindanao and to promote sustainable development for the fisheries sector.

A training on Mangrove Crab Nursery and Grow-out Operations was conducted last October 21-28, 2022. The attendees were sixty-two (62) who are former combatants, those who own or lease ponds, willing to invest in the operations, and with interest in mangrove crab farming from different parts of Maguindanao chosen by the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Parang Municipality and Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform – Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (MAFAR-BARMM). The said training aimed to capacitate the stakeholders and adopters on the mangrove crab commercial-scale refined technologies.

On the other hand, the Implementation of S&T-based Climate Smart Soil and Water Management in the Highlands of Maguindanao in collaboration with Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Thailand headed by Dr. Raquel D. Santiago-Arenas aims to build and strengthen the resiliency of upland farming systems to adapt to climate change and develop strategies in mainstreaming soil and water technologies.



L-R: Dr. Ramjie Y. Odin (Project Leader), Dr. Emilia Quinitio (RD Leader), Romeo Diocolano (Provincial Director, Ministry of Trade, Investments, and Tourism), Adnan C. Biruar (Vice Mayor, LGU-Parang), Virna G. Salac (DOST-PCAARRD), Dr. Bai Hejira Nefertiti M. Limbona (Chancellor, MSU-Maguindanao), Cahar P. Ibay (Mayor, LGU-Parang), Dickson Hermoso (former Minister, Ministry of Transportation and Communication), Ali Alonso (Consultant, Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education), Ms. Norhaine A. Pendulut-Abdulrahman (Chief, Fisheries Production, MAFAR-BARMM), and Asnawi S. Limbona



Site inspection of the Mangrove Crab Hatchery Facility on June 23, 2022

Recent trainings include a capacity building to twenty-five (25) active highland farmers from South Upi, Maguindanao to share and deploy S&T-based highland conservation and management practices to transform Maguindanao highlands into a climate smart highland agriculture. Another training workshop was on Basic Hydroponics for Growing High-value Crops and Soil and Water Management and Technologies for Highland Agriculture was pioneered to train and equip the mentioned key players. These training workshops took place on October 19-23, 2022 at Organi Kian Urban Farm, Koronadal City, and Sunrise Garden Lake Resort, Lake Sebu, South Cotabato.

Further, both projects have secured Certificate of Copyright Registrations issued by Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPPHL)/National Library Office of the Philippines (NLO) on September 13, 2022 to ensure the legal protection of the University on the ownership of the project's output such as booklets, pamphlets, manuals, and other form of writings. This registration is in line with the Intellectual Property Policy of the Philippines and IP Policy of MSU-Maguindanao with BOR Resolution No.116 s. 2022.

In addition, the research project on Population Assessment, Initial Reproductive Performance and Offspring Quality of Giant Freshwater Prawn (*Macrobrachium rosenbergii*) Broodstock from Ligawasan Marsh, Philippines led by Mr. Ryan V. Fabay will be the basis of the broodstock for hatchery operations of *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* which could be the source of breeders in the future. Presently, the project team is gathering data from its designated project sites, namely, Dalican, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao; Lala, Lanao del Norte; and Naawan, Misamis Oriental. This is also in collaboration with MSU at Naawan.

The outcomes of these R&E have led MSU-Maguindanao in crafting its Farmers' Academy. The mission of the Farmers' Academy is to develop local innovative farmers through enhanced entrepreneurial skills thereby sustaining food security and economic self-sufficiency and resiliency.

A Third Sider Series

Aliah P. Cali-Pascan, JD, MPA, ShL

Study shows that youth as categorical concept is treated as “othered” in the discourse of conflict. This has inspired the partnership of the Institute of Peace and Development in Mindanao (IPDM) and the National Commission for Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) in Lanao to inspire and engage the youth in the discussion of peace building.

This gave birth to the **Third Sider** as a project. This introduces the new role of the youth in the community. As a project, this was conceptualized by Rahana Ganda of NCMF specifically to address the concerns of the youth. She introduced this concept in several youth activities and got good impression. When this said project was presented to Dr. Acram Latiph, the Executive Director of IPDM, he immediately embraced the challenge of implementing this project in the campus in collaboration with the MSU community high schools and laboratory schools of in the university. This is considered part of the vision of the University in becoming a National Peace University. This said project opened opportunities for the University in its preparation for integrating the concept of peace and development in the curriculum of the basic education in congruence with the upcoming national policy.

The first series of this partnership was held last December 12, 2022 at the Kalimudan Hall, Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center with student leaders from University Training Center, MSU Senior High School, and MSU Balindong Community High School as participants.

“The youth must shine like a diamond,” said Dr. Latiph in his welcome remarks. This is a way to inspire the youth of today.

Other NCMF representatives and facilitators were Amoran Batara Jr. and Dr. Anisa Mapupuno-Laguindab. From the IPDM were Mohammad Sharief and Dir. Aliah P. Cali-Pascan who helped in facilitating activities and peace reminders for the role of the youth in the society, respectively.

This pilot program was made possible by the support of the MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno and the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos in Lanao del Sur.



Kick off ceremony of the Mindanao Week of Peace in MSU by releasing doves



MSU-CWTS students and some line agencies walk for peace



IPDM staff with NCMF and Guests at the Third Sider Project

Writing Our Own Story

Anifa G. Alonto

It was an opportunity that presented itself which I was quick to say yes to. I was invited last year to take part in a folk story writing workshop for English teachers which ran from September 9 to 10, 2022. It was a joint project between Mindanao State University-Marawi and Universitas Tanjung Pura in Indonesia. Two things drew me to take part in the event, learning the skill of folk story writing and the expected final output of the workshop—an original composition of a folk story.

The workshop was a delightful awakening of sorts of listening to memories of the participants of folk stories they grew up listening to and the realization that this particular genre of story writing is slowly becoming lost in the current generation inclined to entertainment dependent on technology. In the discussions during the workshop, focus was given on how folk stories are a great vehicle for imparting and preserving many elements of culture. The talk drove home the importance of sustaining the craft of folk story writing as this is also the means of ensuring that the norms and traditions of a culture are continually being passed down to succeeding generations.

We were most fortunate to have professors from the two sponsoring universities to enlighten us about different aspects of writing, of culture, and even of the usage of folk stories as instructional material in our English classes. From MSU, we had Dr. Rebekka Alawi, Dr. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, Dr. Godiva Eviota, and Prof. Pearle Jun Franco to give us the talks, and from Universitas Tanjung Pura, we had Dr. Ikhsan Ikhsanuddin. It was a pool of experts that provided the cerebral impetus for us to fully grasp what folk story writing is and be inspired to become potential writers of the genre. But the event would not have come to fruition without the efforts of Dr. Grace Rafal who was the point person of MSU for this joint project with Universitas Tanjung Pura.

All twelve participants, who were members of different ethnic groups within Mindanao, were encouraged to write and submit a folk story that would exhibit elements of their respective cultures. The task was to be completed exactly two weeks from the day of the conclusion of the workshop. The folk story had to be written in both English and Filipino, and must be an original composition. Five stories from among the entries would be selected and a cash prize to be awarded to each. As an additional incentive, the five winning entries would be published in the journal of the Universitas Tanjung Pura in Indonesia.

It took a little over a month for the results of the folk story writing contest to be announced. As my story was one of the entries, you can just imagine the anxiety experienced from waiting for the reveal. The final results honestly took me by surprise. I did not expect that my story would be unanimously chosen by the judges as the top entry. It was a moment of pride not only for what I had accomplished personally, but moreover for the idea that a story that I have written that wonderfully reflects my Meranaw culture will be read by Indonesians who may know little or nothing at all about the Meranaw people and our ways.



From LR: Dr. Grace Rafal, Anifa G. Alonto, and Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph.



In the photo are the winners of the Workshop on English Teachers Professional Development through Folk Story Writing together with some professors from MSU-Marawi who helped in realizing the event. From LR: Lindsay Ozaraga, Sittie Ainah Pandapatan, Dr. Grace Rafal, Anifa Alonto, Dr. Rebekah Alawi, Lovelle Lauzon, and Norhan Kudarat.

It may be a minute achievement but I perceive it as one that can be potentially impactful if it will encourage others to also begin writing stories about their own identity, creating a literary tapestry of their own story.

Below is my winning entry. I hope that you will find delight in reading it as much as it gave me joy in penning it.

In a faraway land, in one of the *Pat a Phangampong a Ranao*¹, lived a *bai a labi*² who was known throughout the land for her exceptional character and peerless beauty. As she was the only daughter of the *Sulutan*³ of Mala a *Bayabaw*⁴, not just anyone could ask for her hand in marriage. The *Sulutan* wanted the finest partner for his precious daughter who had come of age, so he gathered the local *datus*⁵ and elders in the land for the best possible way to find a suitable husband.

The meeting took days with various suggestions from those present. On the third day they were finally able to reach a consensus. All eligible sons of other *sultans* in the *Pat a Phangampong a Ranao* would be invited to Mala a *Bayabaw* so that the *Sulutan* and the local *datus* could personally engage with the potential contenders for the hand of the *bai a labi*.

An announcement was handed to all the royal houses in *Ranao*. Interested sons of *sultans* must arrive at Mala a *Bayabaw* within ten days where they would be met at the entry road to Mala a *Bayabaw* by a special entourage of local warriors to accompany them to the *torogan*⁶ of the *Sulutan*. The other conditions were, they had to travel without a companion and they had to bring one precious gift for the *bai a labi*.

The day came and four charming *datus*, sons of *sultans*, from the different royal houses of the *Pat a Phangampong a Ranao* and distinguished by their unique *kopiya*⁷ and resplendent attires, arrived successfully. News came that ten other *datus* had returned to their respective lands, not being able to survive the grueling travel unattended by servants.

The small entourage of esteemed local warriors welcomed the four *datus* and requested them to take a short rest before continuing to the *torogan* of the *Sulutan*, which was still half a day away by foot. The local warriors prepared a simple meal and the *datus* were asked by the head warrior to be seated with them. Three of the *datus* refused to take any food in the company of the warriors. They insisted on being served separately and only among their fellow *datus*. Without hesitation their request was granted.

When noon came, the head warrior asked if the *datus* would like to make a stop for *dhuhr*⁸ before proceeding with their travel. Most responded in the affirmative. But after learning that the stream where they would make ablution was quite distant, suddenly there were complaints of weariness from the *datus*. Only one of them went with the warriors for cleansing and joined them in prayer after.

Following *dhuhr*, the *datus* proceeded by horse on their journey. Small talk between and among the *datus* could be heard. They shared how awed they were by the immense land of Mala a *Bayabaw*, its abundant plantation, herds of animals, and its majestic view of the lake and surrounding mountains. They all could hardly contain their excitement at the prospect of living in this vast land of plenty.

As the entourage neared the *torogan*, they saw a lady dressed shabbily, carrying a sack of rice on her back with difficulty. At once one of the *datus* got off his horse and agilely transferred the sack onto the back of his stallion. Despite the lady's insistence that she could manage without help, the *datu* was adamant. He asked the lady, who kept her eyes averted and not meeting the gaze of the *datu*, where she was heading. The lady, momentarily disconcerted, said that she was going to the *torogan* of the *Sulutan*. The *datu* was pleased to hear this and told her that it was to both their convenience as they had a common destination.

When the majestic *torogan* was at last in sight, and the entourage of warriors and the *datus* could be seen from the window of the *torogan*, sudden sounds of the *kolintang*⁹ and the *debaka*¹⁰ melodically filled the air. For the *datus*, it was the biggest *torogan* they had ever seen and the most intricately carved *panolong*¹¹ they have laid eyes on. They were impressed by the magnificence of the *Sulutan's* *torogan*.

As the *datus* were escorted by the warriors into a beautiful canopy with lovely decorated *talam*¹² laid on matted floors, they could not help but feel immediate hunger from the aromatic scent of food that filled each *talam*. They were asked to be seated while waiting for the arrival of the *Sulutan*. Music continued to be played in the background but this time accompanied by the traditional dance of *kapagapir*¹³ by graceful female dancers.

As they were being entertained, their eyes became riveted on the arrival of the most captivating *bai a labi* they have ever laid sight on. The latter was accompanied by someone who looked oddly familiar. They all soon realized that it was the head warrior of the entourage that received them, but this time looking very regal. To their utter bewilderment, he was introduced as the *Sulutan* of Mala a *Bayabaw*.

He welcomed the four *datus* with such eloquence befitting only a *sulutan*. He expressed his appreciation and gratitude for their presence and acceptance of his invitation. The *Sulutan* emphasized that their lineage and wealth alone made them all suitable partners for his daughter. He continued to say that although these qualities may suffice for other fathers, it is not for his beloved princess.

The *Sulutan* disclosed that he purposefully wanted the *datus* to travel without servants from their land of origin to see how self-sufficient they were. Next, he wanted to see who among them displayed humility, thus asking them to share a meal with the warriors. As a Muslim he had to observe the *dhuhr* prayer, which gave him an opportunity to see who among them were steadfast in observing their prayers. The last observation came with the lady carrying a sack of rice. Then right at that moment, the breathtaking *bai a labi* stood up.

She introduced herself using the most gentle of words and softest of tones while covering her mouth as tradition dictates. She expressed her gratitude to the *datu* who assisted her in carrying the sack of rice and revealed that she is actually the daughter of the *Sulutan*, the one to be married to the *datu* that will be chosen. This and the other revelations stunned the *datus* even more.

The *Sulutan* spoke again. He asked for each of the *datus* to bring forth what he requested from each of them to bring, a precious gift for the *bai a labi*.

The first *datu* brought forth a bedazzling gold bracelet. He explained that it was from the jewelry collection of his mother and that if he is chosen, he would have more to give to her among other riches.

The second *datu* said he himself is the precious gift to the *bai a labi*, as he is the most handsome man in all of the *Pat a Phangampong a Ranao*, and that together, they can have beautiful and handsome offspring.

The third *datu* presented a *salsila*¹⁴ as his gift. He said that among all the eligible sons of *sultans* in the *Pat a Phangampong a Ranao*, he comes from the most powerful and well-known lineage. If chosen, he asserts that he can bring more stability to Mala a *Bayabaw*.

The fourth and last *datu* had in hand something covered in a gorgeous *landap*¹⁵. He said it is the oldest and most precious possession of his family. Inside was a *Qur'an*¹⁶ that has surely seen many centuries. He said that it is his wish and that of his ancestors to continue a lineage of God-fearing servants of Allah and that he hopes his gift will be accepted by a lady whose values are the same.

The *Sulutan* rose from his seat and said, "By the gifts that you have brought, it has been made vividly clear to me who is the most deserving of my beloved princess. I have chosen the *datu* who exemplified best the qualities of a Muslim: self-sufficient; humble; pious; and helpful."

The *Sulutan* further explained that Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) states that if a man whose religion and character satisfies you and proposes marriage, he should be accepted (Sunan Al-Tirmidhi, 1084). It is for this reason, with the consent of the *bai a labi*, that he will accept the offer of marriage of the only *datu* who passed all the five tests.

The *bai a labi* and the *datu* were married in the simplest of ceremonies but enjoyed the grandeur of governing vast lands in peace and prosperity, guided by the most precious gift given to the *bai a labi* by the *datu* many odd years ago: the *Qur'an*.

End note:

The writer, Anifa Alonto, took inspiration from the *Meranaw folk stories* which always gave voice and significance to women in their narratives. With this story she also wanted to pay homage to her ancestors from her paternal side who come from Mala a *Bayabaw* and bring to the forefront as well the influence Islam had on the perception, attitude, and ways of *Meranaws*.

¹ Four States of *Ranao*

² Princess

³ A *Meranaw* sovereign

⁴ A locality found in the State of *Bayabaw*

⁵ Traditional leaders

⁶ Traditional *Meranaw* house

⁷ Traditional hat

⁸ Noon prayer

⁹ Traditional gong instrument

¹⁰ Traditional drums

¹¹ End beams found in a *torogan*

¹² Low table used for serving food

¹³ Traditional *Meranaw* dance using a fan

¹⁴ Genealogy

¹⁵ *Meranaw* garment used in special occasions

¹⁶ The central religious text of Muslims

MSU UBO in Carrying Out its Mission

Sittie Sonaya Datu Malik, MPA

The University Business Office (UBO) is committed to providing outstanding financial services to both our students and the university. Its goals are to enable all university revenue-generating departments to collect tuition and other university income. Its goal is to manage student accounts, accurately and efficiently collect university fees. The office aims to provide first-rate constituent care, as it adheres to all university policies. The office gives all revenue-generating divisions of the university the ability to collect fees and other university revenues and to help the MSU system get back on the right track.

Upon taking the helm of the UBO Director position on August 19, 2022, Director Muhammad Zuhair L. Gani, CPA has prioritized carrying out the duties assigned to him by MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno. Since then, the MSU UBO's collections have seen a considerable increase, especially compared to the year prior.

The office has achieved a number of impressive accomplishments



UBO Director, Muhammad Zuhair L. Gani, CPA visited the MSU-New Zealand where one of the proposed Income Generating Projects of UBO will be located.

in the past few months. It has requested full lists from collecting colleges, offices, external units, and extensions with their outstanding invoices in the CITC Office, as well as providing a proposed format for said lists. They have also communicated with the Budget Office and CITC to ready for the COST Center. Furthermore, the office has facilitated the request of the complete lists of MSU External Units for the 2022–2023 academic year from the Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OAVCAA). Furthermore, the office monitors and provides monthly billing statements for MSU renters, such as the Amanah Bank, Land Bank, PNB, and other tenants.

On concerns of having better Income Generating Projects (IGPs), the office along with Former UBO Director Potre A. Macarambon has visited the MSU College of Agriculture to assess the proposals for their IGPs which comprise vegetable farming, broiler chicken production, a dairy goat project, a banana farm plantation (Lakatan), and corn tissue culture.

Further, the UBO leadership strengthen the assigning and instructing employees in checking the IGPs in several colleges including the MSU College of Fisheries, College of Forestry, College of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation, College of Agriculture, and the MSU VIP Lounge.

Recently, the office recommended six proposals for its workplace and services to serve better:

- More effective/modest stand/stall for street vendors/sellers;
- MSU UBO BOR Resolution to amend and improve a fast and better transaction;
- LED SCREEN TVs to educate the campus about the programs and services offered by the MSU System;
- A focus on synchronizing campus efforts to improve access, manage expenses, and boost system-wide productivity;
- Create a professional workforce that is competent and efficient.

As we look ahead, it is important to keep an eye on MSU enrollment and make sure of adequate preparations to accommodate students. Additionally, we need to ensure that our MSU dormitories are in good condition and up to standards. Finally, the office is pleased to announce that a COST CENTER for each of the college and other IGP units will soon be implemented, providing a more efficient and organized approach to budgeting.



Visit to MSU-IIT

OVCAA of MSU-Main Campus Gears Towards Academic Excellence

Johara D. Alangca-Azis, PhD



Vice Chancellor Cabaro and Dr. Robert Go, Associate Dean, CSSP, UP Diliman

The OVCAA family, participants and the System President during the 2022 Campus-wide Academic Summit

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA) of the MSU-Main Campus, the leading academic office of the University that is responsible for supporting and fostering new programs, academic transformations and improvements, and for keeping management and guidance in all the academic programs in the University, has spearheaded various relevant academic activities gearing towards the realization of the mandates of the institution to achieve academic excellence not only in Instruction but also in Research and Extension. Since he sat in his Office as Vice Chancellor in June 2022, Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro, the former dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and former Special Assistant at the OVCAA, vowed to help the University continue its goal for all its academic programs to be accredited and become Centers of Excellence and Development. He utilized and shared his experiences and expertise being an active member of the Committee on Quality Assurance Board (CQUAB), the body that guides the different colleges in terms of accreditation matters, to encourage and assist the various colleges not only to meet and advance their standards as well as promote excellence, but also continuously seek ways to enhance the quality of education and training provided. He then started working harmoniously with the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE), Bangsamoro Autonomous in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) for the application of the various programs of the different colleges for the Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) for recognition that the specific degree programs being offered by the University are fully compliant with the policies, standards and guidelines of CHED. In fact, on March 13-17, 2023, the Director General of the Higher Education and his team together with esteemed evaluators from different Universities will be visiting MSU-Main Campus to conduct an evaluation on the first twenty-one (21) degree programs that have already passed the Level 1 accreditation conducted by the AACUP in the previous year. Another twenty-one (21) degree programs that are Level 1 Accredited by AACUP will also undergo the same evaluation process in April 2023. Dr. Cabaro pledged to help the various colleges to turn most if not all of their degree programs into certified and accredited ones.

Further, like the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chairman and Chairman of the MSU-Board of Regents, Popoy De Vera, VC Cabaro believes that the faculty members are the soul of the University; hence, they should always be heard and be given premium recognition and importance so they can work more effectively and efficiently in maintaining the standards of excellence in the University. This is an advocacy that he has pursued even before becoming the Vice Chancellor and Dean as he was also the former Vice President of the MSU-Marawi Faculty Union. To do this, he made sure that faculty members that deserve to be promoted and be granted permanent tenure will be properly evaluated by the Committees in charge of them. In fact, since he sat at the Office in June, he has already recommended numerous faculty members for Promotion and Grant of Permanent Tenure to the Board of Regents during the October 2022 and December 2022 BOR meetings, and he is determined to help more faculty members be evaluated competently.

Moreover, in effectively performing its functions as the arm of the President in academic matters in the MSU-Main Campus, the OVCAA actively participated in various campus activities such as the Campus-Wide and System-Wide Strategic Planning Activities conducted in July 2022 to articulate its plans for the academic units of the University and the System-Wide Finance Committee in August 2022. It spearheaded the conduct of the Campus-Wide Academic Summit in October 2022 in preparation for the System Wide Academic Summit conducted in November 2022. The Office has also organized the conduct of traditional activities for the faculty and students like the General Convocation and Orientation 2022 and the Crème de la Crème 2022 for the students achievers in the University, not to mention the Pre Commencement and Commencement Exercises which the Office fully supported.

Finally, the OVCAA has submitted several academic proposals to the Academic Planning Committee (APC) and were approved by the Board of Regents. These are the Proposal to set the Qualifications and Functions of a College Department Chairperson, and the Proposal to Comply with the publication requirements of Research Outputs of Graduate Students in both Master's and Doctoral Degree Graduate Programs with Academic Track. Indeed, Vice Chancellor Cabaro affirmed to the University President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno that he will give his full support in achieving his Ten Point Agenda as far as Academic Affairs are concerned.

Shine Bright MSU-LNCAT



Ribbon cutting ceremony for the launch of Sining Kanggiginawae Cultural Ensemble



Signing of MOA between the Provincial/City Manpower Development Center and MSU-LNCAT

MSU-LNCAT, as a provider of quality training or education in the arts and trades, has been shining bright on its own. Like a torch being lit, it slowly shines as the blazes brighten. It was on the 21st of April 2022 when the MOA Signing Ceremony between MBHTE-TESD, Provincial/City Manpower Development Center (PCMDC) and MSU-LNCAT was held. The Memorandum of Agreement was inked by PCMDC Chief Insanoray Amerol-Macapaar representing MBHTE-TESD and Superintendent Cairany Dia-Gandamra of MSU-LNCAT. The agreement is aimed to foster collaboration for skills development and technical education to the Bangsamoro Constituents province-wide.

Another torch being lit was following one of the MSU mandates. The campus keeps on shining when it continues to maximize the utilization of human and material resources through upgrading infrastructures like the Welcome ARC and the I love LNCAT Landmark which promotes a better environment for the service of the LNCATizens. It was on the 18th of August when the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of these 2 landmarks was held. The ceremony was graced by the beloved MSU System President Atty. Basari Dimakuta Mapupuno. The LNCATizens were equally elated and honored to have Pres. Mapupuno for the first time since his assume of office as University System President.

MSU-LNCAT keeps the fire burning when in great joy, it celebrated its 102nd Founding Anniversary. It was on the week of October 24 – 28, 2022 when the LNCATizens rejoiced and celebrated the significant age of MSU-LNCAT. To have reached 102 is a blessing indeed. The celebration was graced by many significant personalities including the MSU Officials headed by beloved System President Atty. Mapupuno. It was a full force. The LNCATizens' hearts are full. Another special guest, MSUS Alumni Regent Hon. Rhodora N. Englis, spent her precious time to personally greet MSU-LNCAT on its 102nd birthday. She encouraged the alumni, who joyously joined the celebration, to continue be connected for the school's progress. It was also during this time that the MSU-LNCAT's very own Sining Kanggiginawae Cultural Ensemble was officially launched. The 5-day event featured various engaging and fun activities such as Intramurals, Friendship Games played by the Alumni and some members of AFP, 2nd Color Fun Run which was assisted by BFP Marawi, Search for Mr. & Ms. MSU-LNCAT 2022, Dance Extravaganza (Modern Dance & Cultural Show), Literary & Musical Competitions, and many more.

Finally, keeping the light shine bright, the yearbook of the campus entitled Paduman has been revived. It is very apt to have recharged this yearbook for decades have passed since the last publication. The Paduman yearbook was finally reborn when the copies were released on November 2022.

Despite numerous predicaments and challenges, MSU-LNCAT remains steadfast and has survived through these years. Slowly, the campus is trying to shine on its own bringing back its vibrancy. Shine bright MSU-LNCAT!

MSU-Marawi Delegates Attend System Culture, Arts Summit

Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph



System-wide participants

Mindanao State University-Marawi Representatives attended MSU System Culture and Arts Summit 2023 at the MSU General Santos on February 25, 2023. Delegates are from the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center and MSU Marawi Cultural Affairs Office. The said event was graced by Mr. Oscar G. Casaysay, Executive Director of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and all the delegates from every campus of the system.

MSU Marawi delegates were Dr. Sorhaila Latip-Yusoph (MSU-MCHC and OIPP Director), Prof. Mohammad Ryan Diamla (MCHC), Aisah Jamayesah H. Jamel (MCHC), Jalaludin Casnor (CAO) and Nadzmie Alihasan (CAO).

The said convergence was held during the Kalilangan Festival of the City of General Santos. The whole summit was held from February 22-27, 2023.

The rationale of the Summit states that the Mindanao State University was created in 1961 as a solution to the "Mindanao problem." True to its mission, the MSU System has set the standards of excellence in science, arts, technology, and other fields; accelerate the economic, cultural, socio-political, and agro-industrial development of the Muslim and other cultural groups, thereby facilitating their integration into the national community, preserve and promote the cultural heritage of the region and conserve its natural resources.

Hence, this summit is envisioned to forward recommendations, policies and proposals that shall promote the need of the system to become The National Peace University of the country. The summit was composed of lectures, productions and workshops that allowed every participant to make these necessary recommendations and proposals.

CED Team Visits CNU, CTU

Manar H. Macapodi

To continuously enhance its service deliverables and update on educational trends and innovations, members of the executive committee and selected college-based coordinators of the College of Education visited Cebu Normal University and Cebu Technological University on February 21, 2022, for benchmarking and collaborative engagements. Moreover, the team was also in attendance at the 3-day research training workshop hosted by the Asian Society of Teachers for Research (ASTR) which talked about Trends and Best Practices in Research Teaching and Thesis Advising on February 22-24, 2022, at Mezzo Hotel, Cebu City.

The CTU and CNU have shed light on their education programs and enlightened the committee about their student internship practices, Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) Review and Coaching Program, collaboration linkages and alumni engagements, leadership and management practices, thesis and dissertation policies, research and evaluation guidelines, instructional media and materials production and technology management practices.

As the College annually conducts a college-based training workshop on thesis paneling and advising as its primary step in producing quality research, the team took this opportunity to attend the research training workshop by ASTR on the same topics. It is expected for the team to re-echo their learnings and gathered information to the rest of the faculty members of the College on their return.



CED Team at the research training workshop on Trends and Best Practices in Research Teaching and Thesis Advising hosted by the Asian Society of Teachers for Research (ASTR) on February 22-24, 2022, at Mezzo Hotel, Cebu City.

MSU – Taraka CHS Celebrates New Stage

Juhanisah T. Ambor, LPT and Reham T. Punginaguina, LPT



From left Abdulrashid Dimakuta, Abdulmohaimen Hadji Yassin, Omar Ombao, H. Nasser Sultan, H. Solaiman Marsangca, Mrs. Monaisa C. Cali – Saripada, MP Ali Montaha Datu Haron Babao, Dr. Samsia M. Paitao – Dumrang, Engr. Abdulrahman P. Paunte, Ms. Baisalam S. Mamayo, Malano Usudan, Aisah Ambor, Nafisah Taliong, Sohra Macalaba, Noroniah Guro, Asniah Guro and Rasmiah Pangandag

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for new stage building was held at the MSU – Taraka Community High School (CHS), Mangayao, Taraka, Lanao del Sur Sunday, February 12, 2023 to unveil a 108.7 square meters new stage building that will serve as the centerpiece for the school's performing arts program. The event was attended by special guest speaker MP Ali Montaha Datu Haron Babao, Dr. Samsia M. Paitao – Dumrang accompanied by her team from the Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OAVCAA), Sultan a Romapunut H. Nasser Abdul, Parents, Teachers and Community Association (PTCA) President H. Solaiman Marsangca, students and MSU – Taraka CHS's Faculty and Staff led by Principal Monaisa C. Cali – Saripada who gathered to celebrate the completion of the project of Alumni of MSU – Taraka Community High School, Batch 1994 "Forbearance" headed by Engr. Abdulrahman P. Paunte, also, the President of Alumni Association of MSU – Taraka CHS. The event not only celebrated a new stage building but symbolized progress for a district with mounting facility's needs.

The new stage, located in the school campus, will be designed with the latest technology and equipment to provide a high-quality performance experience for students and the community. The stage features a sound system, lighting, and a spacious performance area.

Mapupuno, Mitmug Inscribe MOA

Source: OIPP and Ms. Queenie Comadug

On the 21st of January, 2023, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno (MSU System President) and Atty. Rasol Y. Mitmug (Member of the Parliament, BARMM) signed a Memorandum of Agreement for the creation of the District Office of MP Ras Mitmug in the MSU-Marawi Campus to serve as Lanao hub for BARMM and BTA concerns. The MOA signing was followed by a ribbon cutting of the District Office located at the ground floor of MSU Dimaporo Gymnasium. The said affair was attended by the invited MSU officials, Lanao and Marawi stakeholders, and representatives from different line agencies.

The said district office is full of amenities that students and other BARMM constituents can enjoy. Anyone can visit the office and savor some native coffee sessions, quiet study time, or listen to live sessions of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority that is monitored and live streamed in the office. The amenities include WiFi and free conference room for reservation for anyone or group that would need such amenities.

In this office, anyone can visit from Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 5pm. The office is located at the G/F of VIP Lounge, Right Wing Dimaporo Gymnasium, MSU Main Campus, Marawi City.



Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno (MSU System President) and Atty. Rasol Y. Mitmug (Member of the Parliament, BARMM)

MSU-Marawi Partakes in PH-TW Fellowship Meeting and STEAM Matching

Dr. Fema M. Abamo and Sittie Aina T. Pandapatan

The Mindanao State University-Marawi Campus participated in the Philippines-Taiwan Fellowship Meeting and Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Mathematics (STEAM) Matching held at Technological University of the Philippines (TUP), Manila on February 11, 2023. Dr. Fema M. Abamo, CBO, the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development had represented MSU President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno in the event to take part in establishing linkages and talks with the Edu-Connect Southeast Asia Association Kaohsiung (ECKSAK), Taiwan which was led by Dr. Ching-Yu Yang, the President of Edu-Connect and the President of National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (NKUST). As the host institution, the event was graced by TUP President Dr. Reynaldo Perez-Ramos and equally supported by Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo and Philippine American Academy of Science and Engineering (PAASE) President Dr. Mario Sto. Domingo.

The said fellowship meeting aims to establish innovative and effective STEAM research and human capital development collaborations through academic networking and matching with universities. With the participation of the presidents, deans, and professors from Higher Education Institution (HEIs), State, College, and Universities (SUCs) and different related organizations, representatives from each institution have collaborated with the



Dr. Fema Abamo with other Asian delegates

hope of contributing more to the socio-economic development in Philippine Higher Education.

Moreover, the event was jointly hosted by ECKSAK in collaboration with PAASE, PASUC, and TUP. With the bayanihan spirit of the Philippines and Taiwan, ECKSAK, a civil society and non-profit organization, aspires to build inclusive "Industry-City-University-Entrepreneurship" linkage with the academic community between Taiwan and the Philippines. Also, with the strong academic orientation, Edu-Connect aims to share higher education resources and enhance human capital development through linkage in Southeast Asia.

During the event, the participating HEIs, SUCs, and other organizations were encouraged to identify their respective niches that can match with the Edu-Connect delegation's goals which are establishing STEAM research collaborations, matching advanced, postgraduate degrees offered by Southern Taiwan universities to Philippine higher programs offered in the Philippines, offering inter-university programs between the two countries, and cultivating and pushing for the realization of International University Social Responsibility (IUSR) programs.

The Edu-Connect delegation consists of more than 40 participants who are mostly professors from different prestigious universities from Taiwan. They greatly emphasized that their purpose is not just to establish partnerships and collaborations but also to build friendship and fellowship among the Philippine government and academic institutions.

MSU Conducts First Medical Mission of 2023

Shahanie R. Gampong

Last February 8, 2023, a medical mission was held at MSU-Gymnasium. This medical mission is a collaborative effort between the Office of MP Maisara Dandamun-Latiph under her Medical Outreach Program 2022, the Mindanao State University spearheaded by its President Atty. Basari Mapupuno and the College of Health Sciences headed by its dean Dr. Athena Jalaliyah D. Lawi, the Ministry of Health- BARMM, the City Health Office and the Integrated Provincial Health Office.

The official program was attended by Atty. MP Maisara Dandamun-Latiph who gave the welcome address of the short program, the MSU President Atty. Basari Mapupuno who delivered his message of acceptance and appreciation, and Dr. Athena Jalaliyah Lawi for her message of support to the said program. The registration started at around 7 o'clock in the morning and the program officially closed at around 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It successfully catered to 1,350 individuals.

The Medical Mission is a part of the VMGO of the university under the community and extension program which aims to reach communities to provide aid and services. It is one of the ways of giving back to the community with the help of the volunteer doctors from the different partner organizations, the aid of the



Medical Mission Volunteers

faculty of MSU-CHS and the student nurses who volunteered for the said program. The mission provided free medical check-up with medicine, free eyeglasses, and giving of free dental kits to the students, faculty, and residents of Mindanao State University who are the primary recipients of the said medical mission.

The successful mission gave the recipients a chance for free healthcare access. It is a great reminder that in every round of successful medical mission, a chance of becoming a healthy individual is given equally. The mission does not end with this one, the volunteer doctors and the team are looking forward for more series of medical missions. Indeed, health is wealth and it should be something that can be given and taken well. For health, for life.

MSU Officials Meet with SEAMEO BIOTROP Director

Dr. Fema M. Abamo, Evelyn V. Bigcas & Glen A. Lorenzo

Representing the Mindanao State University System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, the Vice President for Research and Extension (VPRE) Dr. Glen Lorenzo, MSU Marawi Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension & Development (VCRED) Dr. Fema Abamo and former SEAMEO Deputy Director for Program Dr. Evelyn Bigcas from the College of Forestry & Environmental Studies (CFES), link up with the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Center for Tropical Biology (SEAMEO-BIOTROP) Director Dr. Zulhamsyah Imran (Indonesian), for a meet and greet dinner and brief discussion on the continuance and strengthening of collaborative partnership between the two institutions, last 9 February 2023.

VPRE Dr. Lorenzo and VCRED Dr. Abamo presented the tokens to BIOTROP Director Dr. Imran, the plaque and the "ceramics medal" both containing the logos of MSU. The dinner in Davao City was also joined by the Davao del Sur State College (DSSC) Director of Research, Development and Innovation, Dr Mark Jude Trondillo who also expressed his desire to collaborate soon with MSU.

Some of the collaborative efforts between SEAMEO BIOTROP and MSU are as follows (i.e. joining as speakers & participants and hosting/co-hosting of webinars and workshops):

1. Webinar on "Strengthening Collaborative Ties Between BIOTROP and MSU and Increasing Regional Visibility: What BIOTROP and MSU Can Both Do Together" on Tuesday 19 October 2021
2. Regional Workshop on the Development of Agro-Eco-Edu- Tourism Model in Supporting Biodiversity Conservation Education for Southeast Asia, 13-14 July 2022 (72 participants from the Philippines).



Presentation of Token to BIOTROP Director

3. Regional workshop on "Potential Use of Essential Oils Therapy against Covid-19 Infection Using Indigenous Knowledge", 7 October 2022 (5 participants)
4. CRC 990-EFForTS, SEAMEO BIOTROP Conduct the 2nd Training Workshop on Tropical Plant Identification, 31 October-5 November 2022 (2 participants)
5. Mini -Workshop on Sustainable Use of Ecosystem Services in Coastal and Terrestrial Area, 15 July 2022 (6 participants)
6. Workshop on Development of Biodiversity Database Framework at SEAMEO BIOTROP, 27 June 2022 (1 participant/Dr. Bigcas)
7. BIOTROP with MSU and other partners (Multipartite involvement): International Conference on Environment and Forest Conservation (ICEFC), Turkey, 21-23 February 2022

MSU – Main Campus Commences the Visiting Professor Program

Farouk B. Macalayo

On February 6, 2023, the Department of Marketing of the College of Business Administration and Accountancy of the Mindanao State University – Main Campus commenced the Visiting Professor Program in collaboration with UNDP Innovation for Social Impact Partnership (ISIP) at the CHARM Pavilion.

The said event was intended to be the opening and introductory phase of the Visiting Professor Program as the MSU – Main Campus was selected among the numerous universities in the Philippines to be graced with this 10-day program of the UNDP Innovation for Social Impact Partnership (ISIP). The said program was attended by no less than the MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, together with other Campus Officials, the CBAA's College Dean, Prof. Sahraman D. Hadji Latif, faculty members and students.

The Chairperson of the Department of Marketing, Prof. Abdul Jabbar D. Lucman, introduced the visiting professor program to the attending participants. Further, Dr. Meike Siegner, the visiting professor from Canada, expressed her great interest in teaching and sharing her accumulated experiences and knowledge through her lectures which would be held at the CBAA Library as she also expects mutual exchange to learn about the participants' own experiences, knowledge, and perspectives as constituents of the MSU – Main Campus.



MSU Alumni Participation Committee Holds Job Placement Seminar 2023

Azneyah M. Dalidig

To provide our MSU graduates and alumni jobseekers with essential information and useful tips on employment, the Alumni Participation Committee as chaired by Office of Alumni Relations and Career Center Director Hanimah Salic- Lao, RN, DPA(CAR) in collaboration with the MSU Alumni Association MSU Marawi Campus Chapter held its Job Placement Seminar on January 26, 2023, at the International Convention Center, MSU, Marawi City. The theme of the seminar was "One MSU: Relentless in Advancing towards New Frontiers in the Next Normal."

The goal of the seminar was not only to help MSU graduates land their dream jobs but also to make them globally competitive among graduates from even outside the campus. Among the resource speakers in the morning session was Dr. Rebekah M. Alawi, consultant to the MSU System President and CSSH Department of Graduate studies lecturer, who gave a talk on "How to gear up for an interview". This lecture was followed by "An Introduction to Career and Development" by Dir. Sandrah Arnica M. Usman, the Director II of the Civil Service Commission-Lanao del Sur Field Office. The "BARMM Vacancies and Requirements" as well as how to navigate the online job portal were discussed by the Chief of Human Resource Management Division of BARMM, Lady Hanifah R. Mindalano – Alonto.

The afternoon session of the seminar included a lecture on "Job Hunting Strategies" by Prof. Nasroden B. Guro, a Senior Lecturer from the College of Public Affairs, followed by a discussion on "Transformational Entrepreneurship Across Disciplines" by Prof. Melba M. Angni, the Special Assistant of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. A video presentation by Jahara



MSU Alumni Regent, Dr. Renato D. Boniao delivers his inspirational message to the participants.

OARCC Director Hanima S. Lao welcomes the participants to the Job Placement Seminar 2023.

A. Solaiman with the topic "How to Make an Application Letter and Resume" was also shown.

An open forum was held at the end of each of the morning and afternoon sessions where attendees were given an opportunity to raise questions or clarifications. The lecturers then proceeded to answer them. Certificates were given to the participants as assisted by the MSU Alumni Regent Dr. Renato D. Boniao, OARCC Director/ Alumni Participation Committee Chairperson Director Hanimah S. Lao, MSU Alumni Association- Marawi Campus Chapter President Engr. Labimombao A.D. Macabando, Ph.D. and other MSUAA Board of Directors. A photo op with the speakers and members of the Office of the Alumni Relations concluded the seminar.

Guro Transfers AC Marawi Leadership to Edres

Ahlam Rohaima A. Usodan

On January 20, 2023, a significant milestone was marked in the history of the American Corner (AC) Marawi as the outgoing AC Director and (former) Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development, Elin Anisha C. Guro bid farewell. During her leadership, the AC Marawi underwent a transformation, becoming a modern and innovative space that served the community well.

The farewell to Vice Chancellor Guro was coupled with the welcome of the incoming Director, Zaalica B. Edres, the University Library Acting Director. The community was confident that under her leadership, the AC Marawi would continue to grow and evolve, providing valuable resources and programs for the university. The contributions of Vice Chancellor Guro were celebrated and the bright future of the AC Marawi under the leadership of Director Edres was looked forward to during the turnover ceremony.



Former University Library Director and Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development, Elin Anisha C. Guro transfers the key of responsibility for the American Corner to the recent University Library Director, Zaalica B. Edres.

OAVCAA Conducts Senior High School Admission Test (SHSAT)

Jasmin C. Tawantawan, LPT, MSciEd

The Mindanao State University - Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs [External Units] (MSU-OAVCAA) successfully administered its First Senior High School Admission Test (SHSAT) from February 2-21, 2023, to the incoming Grade 11 students of the 13 MSU-External Units and neighboring junior high schools. Led by Assistant Vice Chancellor (AVC) Dr. Samsia M. Paitao-Dumrang, the OAVCAA aimed to gauge the preparedness of prospective students in English, Mathematics, Science, and Aptitude.

The test was chaired by Prof. Saliah H. A. Masnar, a Special Assistant to the OAVCAA, and was assisted by other Special Assistants and staff to ensure fairness and accuracy of the said test. Through this test, the OAVCAA aims to identify students' strengths and weaknesses to provide targeted and effective instruction, ensuring the highest possible education and equipping students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in their future endeavors. "The heart of the mission of MSU-External Units is to provide high-quality education to students. The SHSAT will be a key tool in assessing and identifying students' readiness and attracting qualified students who wish to enroll in the different external units," stated AVC Dr. Paitao-Dumrang, emphasizing the significance of the SHSAT in assessing and identifying the students' performance who aim to be part of the MSU-External Units.

Moreover, the results of the SHSAT will help the OAVCAA identify the most qualified and excellent students for senior high school programs, uplifting the quality and excellence of the academic offerings. The results will also help trim the number of enrollees



During the conduct of SHSAT at MSU-Baloi CHS on Feb 20, 2023

since the number of students has rapidly increased in the past two years, and MSU-External Units lack facilities and teachers to handle senior high school.

The SHSAT is a significant step towards the institution's commitment to providing the highest possible education, ensuring that students receive the best education possible to succeed in their academic and future pursuits.

MSU Marawi JPIA Bags Overall Champion at RMYC

SALSILA-CBAA Student Publication

MSU Marawi Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPIA) was hailed as the Overall Champion of the 21st Regional Mid-Year Convention last January 14-15, 2023 at Liceo De Cagayan University, Cagayan de Oro with the theme, "Marahuyo: Enthralling the Depth of Comradery Through Enchanted Love".

The RMYC was hosted by the National Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants led by the Regional Officers of Region 10 and Caraga with Mr. Jamil Macabudtos, 4th year Accountancy student of MSU Marawi, as the Regional President.

MSU Main JPIA has the most participants in all categories. The local chapter directed by the local officers with Ms. Hannan Datu-Imam as local president successfully raised the flag of our beloved university with its various awards. In general, MSU Marawi placed 2nd runner-up in Non-academic events; 1st runner-up in Academic events; 3rd runner-up for Ambassador of Goodwill (Mr. Isham Macaraya); and 1st runner-up for Ambassadors of Goodwill (Ms. Dayyanah Merhama Lamping).



MSU-Main Accountancy students, all smiles when hailed as the Overall Champion of the 21st Regional Mid-Year Convention. Photo credits to: Xandryll Lou Saycon

MIO Conducts SASE and SHSEE in Manila

Hannah G. Marquez



Examinees taking the SASE at the Manila Testing Center came from different parts of NCR and Luzon hoping to qualify for entry into their preferred MSU campus.

The MSU Manila Information Office (MIO), under the authority and direction of Vice President Dr. Alma E. Berowa of the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs (OVPA), conducted the Senior High School Entrance Examination (SHSEE) and System Admission and Scholarship Examination (SASE) last January 14 and 15, 2023, respectively, along with the other testing centers in the Philippines.

The MIO Director Hannah Marquez and Supervising Administrative Officer Engr. Raymer Marl Tan led the MIO Staff in administering the examinations in the Manila Office and at the Jade Vine Inn at J. Bocobo Street, Ermita, Manila.

With other hopeful applicants across the country, examinees based in Manila were able to take their chances to take the examinations and apply for admission into their MSU System campus of choice. The Manila Testing Center is unique from other testing centers because it can cater to a diverse spectrum of applicants and the venue other than an educational institution is rented out for the examination, as schools in Manila cannot be used yet.

It is the University's fervent hope that all the examinees will be welcomed into the academic portals of MSU to prepare to be successful citizens and great leaders someday!

MSU-BUUG Celebrates 51st Foundation Day

Rovy M. Banguis, PhD

The campus celebrated its 51st Foundation Day last December 9, 2022 with the theme, "MSU-Buug: Sustaining the Hallmarks of Peace, Resilience, and Excellence for 51 years and beyond". The event was graced by Atty. Wilter Yap Palma, Congressman of the 1st District of Zamboanga Sibugay who gave commendable message and expressed his strong commitment to help MSU-Buug to attain its autonomous status. He said, "I will support MSU-Buug because MSU is not only for Buug but also for Sibugay; I will give financial assistance for the bleachers of your gymnasium and of course I will file a bill to change the name MSU-Buug to MSU- Zamboanga Sibugay to have its fiscal autonomy so that it will have its own appropriation funds". Chancellor Magolama and the rest of the faculty members and staff had a teary-eye hearing all these promises with high hopes that these will be fulfilled in due time. After the congressman's message, series of intermission numbers followed such as vocal solo, contemporary dance and street dance and ended with gaiety and positivity.

Prior to the Foundation Day, series of activities were conducted such as : the IPM's Opening of "Peace-ta-sa- MSU-Buug" on November 24, where the opening salvo occurred along with the initial judging of the Booth featuring the different cultures in Mindanao and the fireworks display; followed by the "Employees' Night: An Evening of Recognition and Inspiration" on November 25, wherein only those faculty members who had reached 10 years were awarded with loyalty service; Students' Organizations Night on November 28; Music Festival on November 29; Literary-Musical and Dance Extravaganza which were divided into two: Junior High School Category on December 5 and the Senior-High School-College Category on December 6; and the Search for Miss MSU-Buug 2022 on December 8, 2022.

Truly, Mindanao State University-Buug has been scaling great heights of development for five decades and a year and relentlessly overcoming challenges such as the academic and economic hurdles for inclusive and quality education among different cultures in Western Mindanao. The MSU-Buug constituents remained dauntless and are confident that towards the end of the fifth decade, the university will continue to demonstrate the key accomplishments and appropriate innovations responsive to the needs of its stakeholders.



From L-R: VCAF Empalmado, VCAA Magolama and Chancellor Magolama and the rest of the officials gave the token of appreciation to Atty. Wilter Y. Palma, Congressman of the 1st District of Zamboanga Sibugay



The Officials of MSU-Buug headed by Chancellor Magolama, VCAA Magolama, VCAF Empalmado, VCRE Banguis, VCPD Sumpo, University Cashier Lucman, deans, principals, directors together with the candidates for Ms. MSU-Buug 2022

MSU Law Students Take Oath as Law Student Practitioners

Nurul-Izza A. Sangcopan



Sambatan Law Clinic render free legal consultation and notarial services at the Municipality of Wato Balindong, Lanao del Sur

On 25 June 2020, the Supreme Court en banc promulgated Rule 138-A, otherwise known as the Revised Law Student Practice Rule, allowing law students from the Philippines to engage in the limited practice of law through a Clinical Legal Education Program (CLEP). Accordingly, the purpose of this law is to provide law students with opportunities for practical learning that will make them practice-ready even before taking the Bar exam. Before taking the Bar Examinations, it is now required that the Transcript of Records (TOR) must reflect the CLEP courses completed, as a stand-alone course or otherwise.

From the aforementioned Rule itself, CLEP is an experiential, interactive and reflective credit-earning teaching course with the objective of providing law students with practical knowledge, skills and values necessary for the application of the law, delivery of legal services and promotion of social justice and public interest, especially to the marginalized, while inculcating in the students the values of ethical lawyering and public service. In the MSU College of Law, Prof. Atty. Joanah C. Alinog-Disocor serves as the Assistant Dean for CLEP.

To comply with the requirements of this new rule, the first batch of students from the MSU College of Law – Marawi Campus took their oath on 06 September 2022 as Level 1 Law Student Practitioners (LSPs) before Hon. Judge Wenida B. M. Papandayan at the Regional Trial Court of Lanao del Sur. The said students, Ms. Omelkhair G. Basher, Mr. Nurhalim S. Carim, Mr. Abdul Hatta B. Derico, Ms. Aniah D. Dumpa, Ms. Amanah U. Kurangking, Ms. Dayamon P. Macalnas, Ms. Princess Nhahra R. Macapeges, Mr. Norodden A. Macapodi, Ms. Sittie Asheya G. Macasundig, Mr. Abdulcahar S. Mamangconi, Mr. Mahid B. Mangondaya, Ms.

Rohanisa Z. Pangcoga, Ms. Zairene A. Salic, and Ms. Nurul-Izza A. Sangcopan, also served as the pioneering members of the Sambatan Law Clinic which was established in compliance with the objectives of the CLEP.

The second batch of students took their oath on 2022 October 05 while the third batch took oath on 12 January 2023. Pursuant to Section 5, Rule 138-A of the Rules of Court, the Level 1 LSPs are now allowed to interview prospective clients, give legal advice to the client, negotiate for and on behalf of the client, draft legal documents, represent eligible parties before quasi-judicial or administrative bodies, provide public legal orientation, and assist in public interest advocacies for policy formulation and implementation. To date, there are yet to be any applicants for the Level 2 Certification from the College.

As LSPs, the students rendered free legal consultation and notarial services at the Municipality of Balindong on 2022 October 13. In collaboration with Lanao del Sur Provincial Legal Services Office, they also organized a Legal Aid Mission and rendered free legal consultation services for the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) at the Provincial Jail in Brgy. Tampilong, Marawi City on 10 November 2022.

With the members of the two legal aid clinics of the College of Law, the Sambatan Law Clinic and the MSU Legal Aid Clinic (MSULAC), being fully comprised of duly sworn law student practitioners, the College of Law continues to prosper in the furtherance of its goals of seeking to provide free legal services in the MINSUPALA region for the promotion of social justice and public interest.



Free legal consultation services were given by the LSPs of the MSU College of Law for the inmates at the Provincial Jail.

President Mapupuno Receives Banyuhay Awards for Resiliency

Hannah G. Marquez



Accepting the Gawad Banyuhay Resiliency Award for the MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno is MSU Manila Information Office Director Hannah G. Marquez, shown here with presenter Dr. Carl E. Balita and other members of the Dr. Carl E. Balita Foundation, Inc.

The MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno was chosen to receive the GAWAD BANYUHAY NG KATATAGAN (Banyuhay Awards for Resiliency). The recognition is given to University Presidents for their resilient response to the pandemic. On behalf of the MSU President, MSU Manila Information Office (MIO) Director Hannah Marquez accepted the award from President and CEO Dr. Carl Balita last December 12, 2022 at the Maynila Ballroom of the Manila Hotel.

The Gawad Banyuhay ng Katatagan is an award granted by the Dr. Carl E. Balita Foundation, Inc. The foundation is committed in enhancing a transformative leadership and working to ignite a spirit of service to the community. Notable individuals and celebrities are awarded in different categories on given the recognition on how their significant contributions have impacted society.

Congratulations to MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno!

MSU Basic Ed Attends the 1st BARMM Education Summit

Intesar T. Aba-Condong

The Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE) of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) conducted its First BARMM Education Summit at the SMX Convention Center, SM Lanang, Davao City last December 5-6, 2022 to strengthen education collaboration and partnerships among different governance mechanisms in BARMM.

MSU-External Units Assistant Vice Chancellor Dr. Samsia Paitao-Dumrang and MSU-Integrated Laboratory School Assistant Dean Prof. Intesar T. Aba-Condong were invited on the said event. This is a manifestation of the continued partnership and good relationship among delegates for sustainable peace in Mindanao, particularly through advancing education. Present in the summit were the LGUs and Schools' Divisions officials of five Provinces of BARMM.

The summit was indeed an occasion to reflect and propose for the strengthening of support mechanism for education including the Local School Boards, School Governing Council, Parents and Teachers' associations, Special Education Funds, and other programs that may help schools in BARMM.



AD Aba-Condong with AVC Paitao-Dumrang and other BARMM delegates including Minister Iqbal

MSU Launches Malano UPHub, Seminar on Librarians' Wellness

Ahlam Rohaima A. Usodan



MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno leads the ribbon cutting ceremony for the launching of Malano UPHub.

The University Library, in collaboration with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development, the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc.-BARMM, and the Department of Library and Information Science, successfully concluded the launching of the Malano UPHub and Seminar on Librarians' Wellness: Raising Awareness in Rebuilding Libraries and Communities on December 1, 2022 at the University Library.

The University Library was a beneficiary of the UP Diliman College of Engineering Library campaign, "I need. I value. I love my Library". This campaign promotes shared responsibility among library users for the care, upkeep, and maintenance of library materials, facilities, and equipment. The University Library is grateful for this in-kind donation, which will be of great use to the library.

The seminar focused on librarians' wellness and was one of the University Library's post-activities celebrating the 88th National Book Week. Thirty librarians and library personnel from other parts of the region participated in the seminar.

The Mindanao State University System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Amerkhan Cabaro, and other MSU officials were also present during the event.

CHS Awards Its Tindos Rabaw Students

Sittie Adaweyah L. Macabago

On January 17, 2023, the College of Health Sciences (CHS) hosted an event at the Dimaporo Gymnasium with the theme "Tindos Rabaw: Kapembantogi Ko manga Ladiyawan a Rawaten sii sa College of Health Sciences Okit ko Kapelawlad ago Kathagompiya." The celebration was designed to honor the students of all levels, with their parents invited to join in the awarding.

The MSU-Marawi Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Amerkhan Cabaro, was the guest of honor in the event. During the awarding, the top students in each year level, based on their cumulative grade percentage average (CGPA) shown on the monitor, were called to the stage and given the opportunity to give a three-minute speech, inspiring their peers to work hard and achieve similar success.

The half-day event was concluded with photo opportunities with students, parents, and professors.



The Tindos Rabaw Awardees posing their certificates.

New BOR and System Officials



DR. ALHISAN U. JEMSY

New Faculty Regent

Dr. Alhisan U. Jemsy was elected as the new President of the Faculty Union Federation of the Mindanao State University System. Regent Jemsy is a faculty member of the College of Education of MSU Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography.



DR. RENATO D. BONIAO

New Alumni Regent

The new President of the MSU Alumni Association assumed office last January 1, 2023. Regent Boniao was a faculty member of the College of Agriculture at MSU-Marawi and later on transferred to MSU Naawan until his retirement.



ENGR. GLEN A. LORENZO, PhD

*Vice President for
Research and Extension*

Engr. Lorenzo earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree in 1996 at MSU-Marawi as Magna Cum Laude and a recipient of Academic Excellence Award. As a consistent scholar of the Japanese Government, he finished both his Master and Doctor of Engineering major in Geotechnical Engineering at the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand. He also served MSU-Marawi as an Assistant Vice President for Planning and Development on November 2018 to June 2019 and as Assistant Vice President for Administration and Finance on January 2016 to November 2018.

New Campus Officials and Designations



COL ABDULBASHER D BONGCARAWAN MI(PA), MPA

Chief of the OP Special Concerns

Colonel Abdulbasher D. Bongcarawan, MPA, Military Intelligence of the Philippine Army, is a graduate of the Officer Candidate School, Armed Forces of the Philippines (OCS-AFP) and graduated valedictorian. After his graduation from the said military school in 1998, he was called to Active Duty in the Philippine Army. He is an exemplar in his military career as he was deployed in different areas in the country, undergone different trainings, and occupied different key positions and other special duties in the military service including Operations and Intelligence Officer, Intelligence Commander, and Infantry Company Commander of different Army units.

New Campus Officials and Designations



ENGR. KARLA M. MADRID-KHALID

*Acting Dean of the College of Engineering
Per Special Order No. 363-OP, S. 2022*

Engr. Karla M. Madrid-Khalid finished her Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at MSU-Marawi and her Master of Science in Electrical Engineering at the University of the Philippines-Diliman. Previously, she was also designated into other administrative positions including Special Assistant to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chairman of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, and Assistant Dean of the College of Engineering. Moreover, she was a member of the Committee on Web Management, Committee on Information and Communications Technology, and Committee on Community Interlinkages and Global Interconnections.



BASHIER D. MAPUPUNO, JD

*Director of the University Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office
Per Special Order No. 710-OP, S. 2022*

The first Director of the newly created University Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office was the former Chief of Internal Fiscal Review. Coming from the bloodline of prominent lawyers, he graduated Juris Doctor at MSU-Marawi in 2003. He was also an alumni of MSU-Integrated Laboratory School. He took his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at Manuel L. Quezon University in Metro Manila in 1992.



SAPHIA D. GANI

*Chief of the Internal Fiscal Review Office
Per Special Order No. 711-OP, S. 2022*

Saphia D. Gani is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in the University of the East. She has been serving MSU-Marawi for 29 years where she began as Budgeting Assistant in 1993 at the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance. She is also a member of the Association of Government Internal Auditors. Chief Gani is also a licensed professional teacher.



ENGR. PRECIOSA A. DIMAPORO, CESE

*Acting Director of the Physical Plant Division (on Concurrent Capacity)
Per Special Order No. 772-OP, S. 2022*

Engr. Preciosa A. Dimaporo, CESE is also designated as the University Engineer. She is a licensed Civil Engineer, Jr. Geodetic Engineer, and Materials Engineer. After finishing her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at MSU-Marawi, she directly took Master of Public Administration at the same University. She earned her Doctor in Management (CAR) in Liceo de Cagayan University.

New Campus Officials and Designations



AISAH D. MUNDER, MAEd

*Director of the Division of Student Affairs
Per Special Order No. 774-OP, S. 2022*

As an educator who specializes in students' academic, social, emotional, and mental development, the newly designated director of the Division of Student Affairs first served MSU-Marawi as Guidance Services Officer III from 1986 to 2007 before she became a Master Teacher II in 2020. She finished her Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Management at St. Paul College, Quezon City in 1984. She then took Master of Arts in Education major in Guidance and Counselling and graduated in 1997. She is now currently taking her Doctor of Philosophy major in Educational Management at MSU-Marawi. As a public servant, she has served as provincial board member from 2007 to 2010.



JUHARY B. PANGANDAMAN, PhD

*Director of the Property Division
Per Special Order No. 775-OP, S. 2022*

The newly designated Director of the Property Division, Juhary B. Pangandaman, PhD, was the former Director of the Division of Student Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Office. He finished his Bachelor of Science in Public Administration at MSU-Marawi. He graduated his Master of Public Administration in the same University where he chose Fiscal Administration or Organizational and Management as his specialization. He then finished Doctor of Philosophy in Philippine Studies in the same university.



PROF. SORHAILA L. LATIP-YUSOPH, PhD

*Director of the Office of Information, Press and Publication (on Concurrent Capacity)
Per Special Order No. 839-OP, S. 2022*

Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD is currently a multi-media practitioner and educator from the Departments of Communication and Media Studies and the Graduate Department of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Mindanao State University in Marawi City. With her academic background, she finished her Bachelor of Arts in English in 1998 from the Department of English, CSSH, MSU-Marawi. She graduated her Master of Science in Development Communication at the University of the Philippines-Los Baños in 2006; and her Master of Arts in Language and Communication Research at the University of Cardiff in the United Kingdom of Great Britain in 2011. She finished her Doctor of Philosophy in Language Studies from the Mindanao State University- Marawi City in 2022.



SAIDAMEN O. LIMGAS, MPA

*Liason Officer to the Congress
Per Special Order No. 841-OP, S. 2022*

Saidamen O. Limgas, MPA finished his Bachelor of Arts in English and Master of Public Administration at MSU-Marawi. He was the former Director of the Office of Information, Press and Publication. He had also worked as an Executive Assistant II at the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos and with different national officials.

New Campus Officials and Designations



MANGAYAO R. OLAY

*Director of the Auxiliary Services Division
Per Special Order No. 034-OP, S. 2023*

Mangayao R. Olay is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Accounting at Jamiatul Philippine Al-Islamia in 1981. He has served the university for decades and was the former Director of the University Business Office.



FEMA M. ABAMO, PhD

*Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development (on Concurrent Capacity)
Per Special Order No. 043-OP, S. 2023*

Fema M. Abamo, PhD is a Bachelor of Science in Biology graduate of MSU-Marawi in 1991 as Cum Laude. She obtained her Master of Science in Biology at the University of the Philippines-Diliman, Quezon City in 2000 as a DOST-PCASTRD scholar and her Doctor of Philosophy in Biology at Yamaguchi University, Yoshida Campus, Japan in 2008 as Monbukagakusho scholar. She has been serving MSU as faculty member of the Department of Biology in the College of Natural Science and Mathematics since 1991 and the director of Mamitua Saber Research Center starting in 2016 on concurrent capacity.



PROF. MELENCIO C. JALOVA, JR.

*Director of the University Extension
Per Special Order No. 143-OP, S. 2023*

Prof. Melencio C. Jalova, Jr. has been serving MSU since 2003 where he started as a faculty member of the College of Forestry and Environmental Studies. He was designated as the Chairperson of the Forestry Technology Department from 2007 to 2010. He also became the College Extension Coordinator from 2018 to 2022 and the Assistant Dean from 2022 to 2023 of the said college. Being a Bachelor of Science in Forestry graduate at the University of the Philippines-Los Banos in 1989 and a Master of Science in Sustainable Development Studies scholar at MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology, Prof. Jalova has conducted several scientific research projects to date.



DR. ALMAYRAH A. TIBURON

*Director of the Sentro ng Wika at Kultura
Per Special Order No. 0148-OP, S. 2023*

Dr. Almayrah Abbas Tiburon, the new Director of the Sentro ng Wika at Kultura, is a faculty member of the Filipino Department, College of Social Science and Humanities. As an academican, she has a strong educational background, which includes a Doctor of Philosophy in Filipino Major in Language and Literature from Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) which she completed in June 2019. Prior to this, she earned her Master in Filipino (MAFIL) from MSU-Marawi in December 2009. She also took some units in Master in Public Administration (MPA) in her early years in MSU. Furthermore, she completed her Bachelor of Arts Major in Filipino from MSU, Marawi City in December of 2004.

New Campus Officials and Designations



ATTY. NORSARY S. MAMAD

*Officer-in-Charge of Presidential Management Staff
Per Special Order No. 205-OP, S. 2023*

Atty. Norsary S. Mamad is the Legal Special Assistant of the Office of the President. He is currently the Assistant Dean for the College of Law in Marawi and Iligan Institute of Technology COL Extension. He is a graduate of Juris Doctor from the Mindanao State University-Marawi City. He then passed the Bar Examinations in 2010.

Meranaw Section



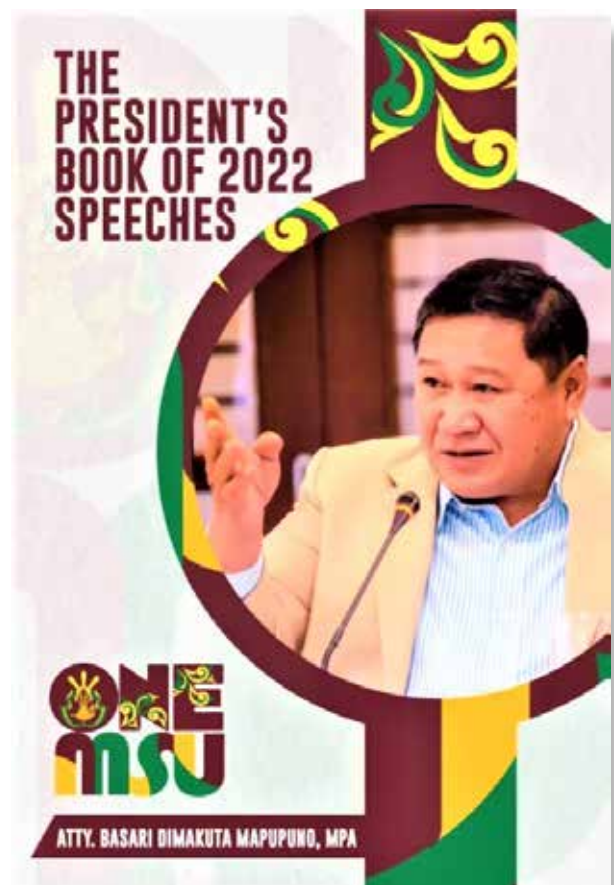
What is the Meranaw word for the following colors?

1. Violet
2. Pink
3. Brown

Submit your answer to the question by scanning this QR code:



Read Me!



Launching on March 21, 2023!

PHYSICIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION PASSERS 2022

October 2022

1. ADLAON, Christine Dimpna R.
2. ALI, Abdul Jabbar D.
3. ALI, Norjamela M.
4. BANTUAS, Ahmad B.
5. BAQUIANO, Paolo Miguel L.
6. BAUNTO, Noor-Hafsah U.
7. BENEGRADO, Duane Emmanuel V.
8. BETONIO, Jan Rare R.
9. BRASILEÑO, Angela Thea A.
10. CALIMPONG, Donna Mariel T.
11. CHUA, Catherine Grace M.
12. CORVERA, Loudith A.
13. DELA TORRE, Patricia A.
14. DIACATRA, Hanifah P.
15. ESMail, Norjanah A.
16. GERALI, Rhaden Troy C.
17. GOMONID, Deni Marie D.
18. GULTIA, Alan Napoleon R.
19. H. NASIF, Dalal E.
20. HADJI ZAMAN, Monaimah A.
21. IBRAHIM, Fatma A.

22. ICALINA, Edwin Jophet D.
23. IDRIS, Naeem M.
24. IMPANG, Danica Gale A.
25. LLACUNA, Niño Louielito G.
26. LLUPAR, Roann Faye M.
27. MACADADAYA, Hafsah M.
28. MACARAMBON, Ammar L.
29. MAMBUAY, Fatmah Harisa P.
30. MONTEJO, Jelly Mae M.
31. MUSOR, Sittie Johara S.
32. MUTI, Abdulhata M.
33. NADORRA, Larry C.
34. OPENIANO, Roshe Ana Vina L.
35. PAPIRO, Aisha V.
36. PINTO, Norhanah P.
37. PIOS, Shaira Grace B.
38. PRINCIPE, Stacey Marianne A.
39. RANGIRIS, Amal L.
40. ROA, Aaron Paolo C.
41. SAGA, June Marie E.
42. SATAR, Shalman B.

1. SEVILLA, Esther Grace M.
2. SIALANA, Sean Clyde D.
3. SOLATORIO, Nilfred Christian O.
4. TABAO, Taheema Najmus Sahar T.
5. TANGIAN, Leira Jim V.
6. TUAZON, Dan Crispolo O.
7. YAHYA, Abdul Latiph L.

March 2022

1. ARRIZA, Rolland Merch M
2. AVILA, Chyrlaine Jessica Ymmile
3. BASCO, Philippe Ceasar C.
4. CABANAYAN, Georzenn Mae B.
5. DELIGERO, Janette A.
6. LINDAGAN, Ramjie M.
7. MOCSIR, Hidjarah M.
8. SERATE, Kyla Gwyn T.



Congratulations!

Our MSU Officials and Professors having additional laurels as inspiration to all MSUans...



Atty. Norhabib Bin Suod S. Barodi, LLM

Master of Laws
San Beda University
Graduate School of Law
Class of 2022

Atty. Norhabib Bin Suod S. Barodi is the Dean of Mindanao State University's College of Law and an Associate Professor of Law. He is also a Member of the Corps of Professors at the Philippine Judicial Academy, a Fellow of the Philippine College of Jurisconsults, the Examiner for the 2020 Special Shari'ah Bar Examinations, the Vice President of the IBP Lanao del Sur Chapter, a Member of the Board of Directors at the ISBP, and a Regular and Special Lecturer for the NCMF Shari'ah Training Seminar. He is both an Attorney-at-Law and a Shari'ah Counselor-at-Law, a combination of experience and expertise that is truly invaluable.

Atty. Shidik T. Abantas, MDM

Master in Development Management
Asian Institute of Management (AIM)

Atty. Shidik T. Abantas is the Secretary of the University and the Board of Regents of the Mindanao State University. He is a lecturing Professor of the MSU College of Law, a member of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the founder of the MSU-Legal Aid and Human Rights Center (LAHRC). He is also the president of the largest youth organization in the BARMM region, the Coalition of Moro Youth Movement (CMYM).



Prof. Tirmizy E. Abdullah, PhD

Master of Arts in Islamic Studies (Muslim Law)
Class Valedictorian (KFCIAAS Grad Studies)
Mindanao State University
Class of 2022

Tirmizy Esmail Abdullah is a peace activist and educator. He is a faculty of the Department of History, College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH) of Mindanao State University-Marawi. He is a true son of the Ranaw motherland and a native of Ranaw. Dr. Abdullah sees his work as an educator at MSU as a genuine act of service to his community and people. Additionally, he is an academic who has a strong commitment to community and development works in Ranaw communities. Abdullah holds a doctoral degree in Philippine Studies.

Highlights in the President's Timeline in 2022

Photos by Mohammad Ali T. H. Usman



First day at MIO

March 8, 2022



Turnover

March 10, 2022



First Flag Ceremony

March 14, 2022



Oath Taking with CHED Chairman

March 17, 2022



First BOR Meeting

March 21, 2022



Thanksgiving KANDORI

March 29, 2022



Investiture Ceremony

June 8, 2022



MSU Tawi-Tawi's 50th Commencement Exercises

July 24, 2022

March 10 Symbolic Turn-Over Ceremony for the MSU System Presidency by Dr. Habib W. Macaayong, Outgoing MSUS President to Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, Incoming MSUS President

March 14 First Flag Ceremony and Program to welcome Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno as new MSUS President

March 17 Formulation of University Peace Education Themes and Outcomes cum Workshop on Integrating Peace Lens in Higher Education Curriculum

March 20 Campus-wide Cleanliness Drive

March 23 Seminar on "Women in Public Service and the Safe Space Act" and the "Women in Education: Academic and Leadership Challenges"

April 6 Webinar on Data Privacy Awareness and Cybercrime Prevention Act

April 21 APC Meeting

April 25 IP 101 Lecture Series on Intellectual Property Rights

May 13 SUCs Meeting

May 15 Opening Program of the Vaccination Drive during the Flag Ceremony

June 8 Investiture Ceremony of Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno as 7th Regular President of the Mindanao State University System

June 10-12 MSU Seventh Day Adventist Family and Associates Grand Reunion

June 28 Committee on Trade, Investment and Tourism Public Consultation

July 5 MSU- Lanao National College of Arts and Trades Commencement Exercises

July 6 MSU MSAT Commencement Exercises

July 7 MSU LNAC Commencement Exercises

July 8 MSU Marawi Senior High School Commencement Exercises

July 10 College of Medicine Pre-Commencement Exercises

July 10 MSU Maguindanao Commencement Exercises



Visit to Congress

August 24, 2022



MSUs in Metro Manila for the 61st MSU Foundation Day

August 28, 2022



Fish Stock Enhancement in Lake Lanao

August 30, 2022



61st MSU Foundation Day

September 1, 2022



Rawaten Gala Night

September 1, 2022



Signing MOU with Turkish Universities

September 19-26, 2022



- July 12 Investiture of Atty. Alizedney M. Ditucalan as Chancellor of MSU-IIT
- July 14 MSU General Santos Commencement Exercises
- July 14 Ceremonial Signing of the 40M CHED Donation for the College of Medicine, MSU General Santos
- July 16 MSU Main Campus Strategic Planning

- July 18 MSU Naawan Commencement Exercises
- July 19 MSU-Buug Commencement Exercises
- July 21 MSU Sulu Commencement Exercises
- July 24 MSU TCTO Commencement Exercises
- July 26 Alumni Fellowship
- July 28 58th MSU-Marawi Pre-Commencement Exercises
- July 39 58th MSU-Marawi Commencement Exercises
- August 3 Financial Literacy Funds 2022
- August 6 to 8 MSU System PE Summit and Workshop
- August 9 Opening Program of the 55th ASEAN Celebration Activities
- August 10-13 MSU System Finance Summit 2022
- August 15 Re-opening of Face-to-face classes for AY 2022-2023
- August 17 Open Dialogue with Selected Faculty Union Officers
- August 20 Testimonial Dinner and Celebration of 61st Foundation of MSU by Alumni Community in Manila
- August 23 Final Meeting of the Committee on Higher Education and Technical Education (CHTE)
- August 25 Declaration of August 25 as MSU System Peace Day
- August 26 Beautification Contest of Offices
- August 29 Grand Peace Rally by the 12th Civil Operations Battalion
- August 30 University's General Convocation for the AY 2022-2023
- August 30 Project Launching of the MSU Online and Campus Bazaars
- August 31 A Day with the Basic Education
- August 31 Alumni Day 2022
- September 1 Parade and Program for the MSU 61st Foundation Day Celebration
- September 1 Luncheon Kandori for the 61st MSU Foundation Day Celebration
- September 1 Rawaten: A Cultural Extravaganza, one of the highlights of the MSU 61st Foundation Day Celebration
- September 3 1st MSU MSAT President's Tennis Cup
- September 5 35th Capping, Badging Investiture and Candle Lighting Ceremony
- September 6-7 Seminar-Workshop on Basic Customer Service Skills

- September 7 Awarding of Barsite Historical Markers by the Supreme Court
- September 13 1st Founding Anniversary of MSU-Main Campus Bataraza Extension
- September 15 International Peace Day Celebration
- September 16 MSU 61st Founding Anniversary Exhibit
- September 16 Launching of the MSU Campus Bazaar
- September 22 MSU Dance Festival
- September 25 Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Establishment of Bangsamoro Peace Center
- September 26 Opening Ceremonies of the 2022 University Intramural Games
- September 26 Conduct of the Intellectual Property (IP) Caravan
- September 26 MSU Kulintang Inter-Office/College Competition
- September 28-30 Training on Republic Act 9184 (Government Procurement Reform Act)
- October 24-28 MSU-LNCAT 102nd Founding Anniversary and Intramurals
- November 3 MSU Marawi Campus Council En Banc Meeting
- November 21 2022 Seminar on Procurement and Workshop on PPMP for MSU-Marawi End-users
- November 22 Opening Program of the 2022 Mindanao Week of Peace
- November 22 Meeting with the Web Team of MSU Main Campus
- November 28-30 MSU System-wide Academic Summit
- November 29 Closing Program of the Mindanao Week of Peace
- December 5-13 Conduct of Quality Management System Internal Quality Audit

Source: Office of the President

Panagontaman: The MSU President's Mileposts in 2022

Source: MSU Board of Regents / University Secretary

CONDUCT OF 1ST SYSTEMWIDE ACADEMIC SUMMIT

November 28-30, 2022 @ MSU-IIT Gym, Iligan City



CONDUCT OF SYSTEMWIDE FINANCE SUMMIT

August 10-12, 2022, Waterfront, Lahug, Cebu City



REACTIVATION OF PRESIDENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

The PAC was created to advise the President on matters of system-wide concerns and shall brief him on the status of campus-oriented activities. It is composed of Vice-Presidents, the University Secretary, and the Chancellors of various campuses. (Section 46, Code of Governance).



Panamar: The MSU President's Linkages in 2022

Source: MSU Board of Regents / University Secretary



Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the **Ministry of Bangsamoro Higher and Technical Education-Technical Education** and Skills Development Provincial/City Manpower Development Center (MBHTE-TESD PCMDC) and Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City for the use of school facility;

Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City and the **Ankara University, Republic of Turkey**

Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City and the **Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Republic of Turkey**

Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City and the **Isparta University of Applied Sciences - Isparta City, Republic of Turkey**

Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City and the **Karadeniz Technical University, Republic of Turkey**

Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City and the **Kastamonu University, Republic of Turkey**

Memorandum of Understanding entered into by and between the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and the Mindanao State University (MSU) to conduct various collaborative engagements focusing on peace education, peace and development research and peace advocacy focusing on Mindanao

Memorandum of Understanding entered into by and between the the Mindanao State University (MSU) and the **University of the Philippines - Diliman** to have academic cooperation and develop mutual understanding in the fields of research, cultural exchange, faculty development, among others.



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Pangoyat: The MSU President's MOU/MOA for Project Implimentation in 2022

Source: MSU Board of Regents / University Secretary

Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the **Commission on Higher Education (CHED)** and the Mindanao State University (MSU) to implement the project titled: ENHANCING TEACHING AND LEARNING OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN COMMUNITY MEDICINE AT MSU COLLEGE OF MEDICINE



Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the **Commission on Higher Education (CHED)** and the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City to implement the CHED MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP AND RETURN SERVICE (MSRS) PROGRAM

Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the **Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)** and the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City to implement the project entitled: "BIOFLOC TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION IN NURSERY CULTURE OF GIANT FRESHWATER PRAWN, MACROBRACHIUM ROSENBERGII"



Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between **National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP)** and the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City to implement the project entitled: "ASSESSMENT OF BACTERIAL MICROBIOTA OF COMMONLY CONSUMED FISH IN LAKE LANAO"



Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between **National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP)**, the **Department of Science and Technology Regional Office no. IX (DOST IX)** and the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City to implement the project entitled: "DEVELOPMENT OF DOPED POLYANILINE/CELLULOSE ACETATE FROM TROPICAL WATER HYACINTH"



Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between **National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP)**, the **Department of Science and Technology Regional Office no. IX (DOST IX)** and the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City to implement the project entitled: "FLORISTIC ASSESMENT AND CARBON DENSITY ESTIMATES OF THE MUNAI-TAMBO KEY BIODIVERSITY AREA IN THE LAKE LANAO WATERSHED"



Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the **Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI)** and Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City to implement the project entitled: "ELECTRON BEAM PROCESSING TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF INSECT-BASED FOOD PRODUCTS AND TO PROMOTE EARTH-FRIENDLY AND NUTRITIOUS NON-MEAT SUBSTITUTE"



Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City and the **Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS)** to allow to use a portion of the MSU property for the construction of its proposed Multi-Purpose Training Hall



Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the **City Government of Iligan** and Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City to implement the program titled: "Climate Change Vegetation-fix Solution and Essential Oils Research Center" under the community-based forestry project (appropriated approved annual budget 2022) of the City Environment Management Office (CEMO)



Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City and **Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage** to implement the programs on Bangsamoro History and Cultural Heritage

Linkage with Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Office IX (DA-RFOIX); Philippine Rubber Institute (PRRI); and Department of Trade and Industry-Zamboanga Sibugay for Research collaboration on the project proposed and prepared by the Philippine Rubber Research Institute (PRRI) with the title Zamboanga Sibugay Industry Profiling and Data Banking to be funded through Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) I-Plan Subcomponent 1.2 supporting the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Planning (AFMP) process implementation through the design of coordinated systems of technical support for the implementation of Provincial Commodity Investment Plans (PCIPs)



Collaboration with Department of Science and Technology (DOST); and Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) on the research and development (R & D) program to establish inter-regional network to combat Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) in One-Health framework in the country, to determine the magnitude of AMR contamination in various settings



Linkage with Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARD) to implement the project titled Facility Upgrading of the Hatchery Complex of College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, MSU-Marawi.



Linkage of MSU Division of Engineering Technology with Provincial/City Manpower Development Center (PCMD) of the Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to allow MBHTE-TESD PCMD on the use of its school facilities but not limited to technical and vocational education and training subject to the registered programs and accredited qualifications on competency assessment and certification while the MSU-DET graduates are allowed to take the competency assessment for free.



Deed of Usufruct between MSU and Sultan Condong Elementary School in Brgy. Lomidong, MSU Campus, Marawi City for the Construction of a Multi-purpose Building at the Sultan Condong Elementary School grounds.



Siyap ko MSU: The President's Infra Projects

Source: Office of the President and the Physical Plant Division

CONSTRUCTIONS IN THE CAMPUS

- Construction of Faculty Housing, Phase II
- Construction of Medical Hospital and Training Center, Phase II
- Construction of Perimeter Fence, Phase II
- Construction of MSU IT HUB
- Construction of International Livelihood Center and Dormitory, Phase I

REPAIRS, RENOVATIONS and REHABILITATIONS



- Renovation of new College of Medicine Building
- Improvement of lounge area at office of the President
- Repair and renovation of existing OP kitchen & Pantry
- Office extension of Office of the president
- Roofing of ICTC building
- Renovation of OVCRD Comfort Rooms
- Replacement of busted lights at Isidro Hall
- Replacement of busted lights at Alonto Hall
- Installation of street lights at Approach road to College of Forestry
- Streetlights of College of Forestry to 1st street
- Streetlights of 2nd street
- Presidential exit stair at Office of the President
- Repair & Renovation of Bolawan Hall Building
- Generator System at Convention Center
- Installation of 2x37.5k VA transformer for Pump #3 at Motor Pool
- Installation of 1x50k VA Transformer at CHARM

The Valour of MSU-Security Department

Mohammad Faizal P. Barazar

The Security Department has a program in place that involves taking part in community services to gain the support of constituents to help maintain peace and order on the university campus. The University President is the one who makes the final decision in settling disputes between civilians and preventing potential threats to the university in the future. The President's orders are always the highest priority.



Settling land disputes (photo above and on the right)



Media and Community relations of the Security Department

Indeed, the Security Department of MSU-Marawi has a program to gain support from constituents for the campus to strengthen the peace and order.

As they say, cooperation and collaboration among campus constituents can make major changes. Cooperation between the security department and other departments in an organization including the civilians living in the campus is essential for creating a safe and secure work environment. Cooperation allows the security department to share information, coordinate efforts, and work together to prevent and address any security-related issues that may arise.



Campus Cleaning Drive



Settling issues with vendors inside the campus (photo above)

For inquiries, you may visit the Security Department of the University at 4th Street, MSU Campus or you may email **security@msumain.edu.ph**

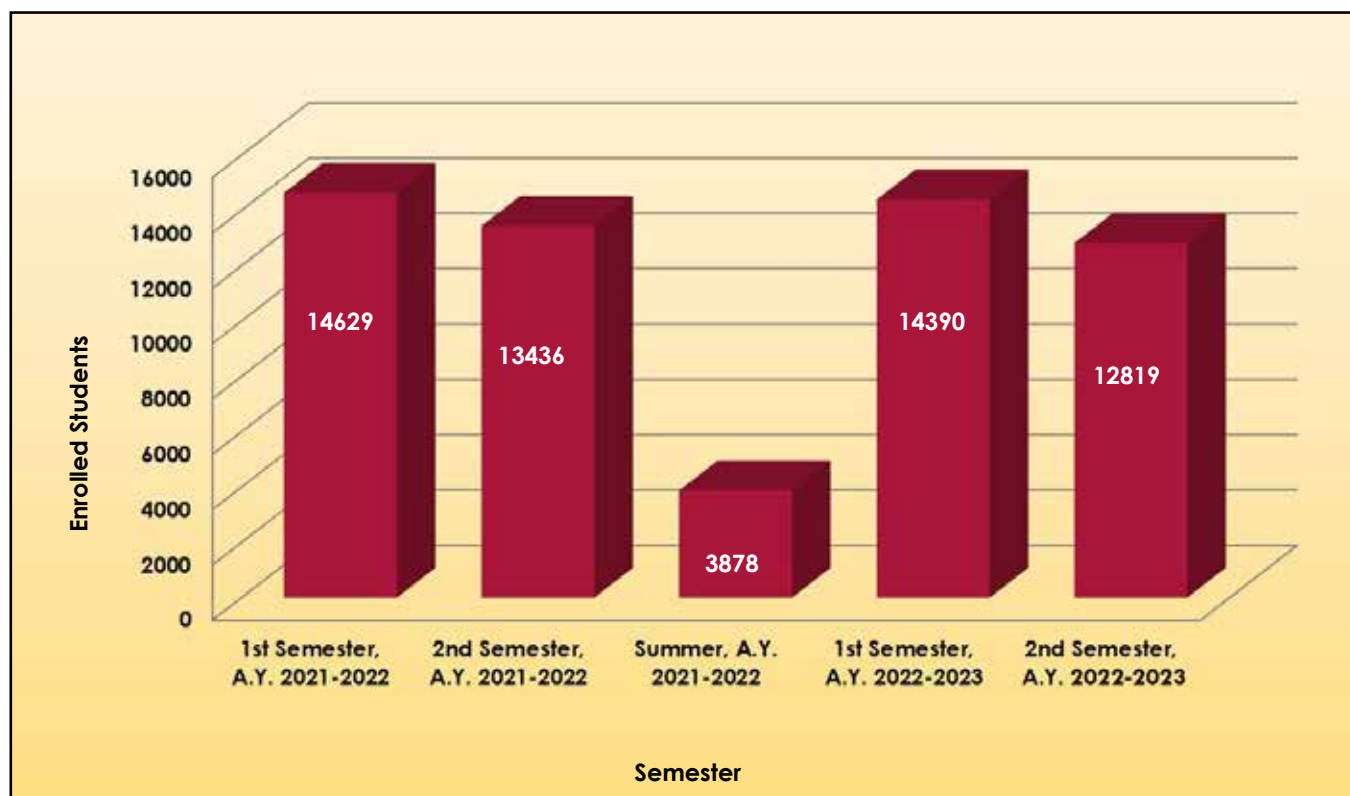
Students Updates

Number of MSU-Marawi Scholars

TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP	A.Y. 2021-2022		A.Y. 2022-2023	
	1st Semester	2nd Semester	1st Semester	2nd Semester
Academic Personnel Development Program (APDP)	19	15	9	11
College Bound Program (CBP)	63	52	25	
Department of Science and Technology (DOST)	76	64	48	50
Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP-RISE)	102			
Employee	321	267	273	203
Full	333	284	151	125
Indigenous Program Grant (IPG)	45	42	1	
National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP)	11	10	19	
Partial	291	238	226	147
Special Muslim Study (SPL) Grant	64	56	100	
Special Case ID	7		17	2
Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES)	1396	1296	887	
Tuition Privilege	68	75	48	43
Tulong Dunong Pogram (TDP)	403	386	213	

Sources: MSU-ICTC and MSU-Scholarship Center

Number of Enrolled MSU-Marawi Students



Sources: MSU-ICTC and MSU-MIO

Approved BOR Resolutions during the 261st Meeting on December 22, 2022

A. MSU-Marawi

Resolution No. 471, S. 2022

- Approval of PhP35,305,103.10 budget utilization under the fund 05 of MSU Marawi for the period of September 13, 2022 to November 23, 2022 to cover the budgetary allotment for the planned programs and activities of the CY 2022

Resolution No. 472, S. 2022

- Approval of the promotion of seven (7) faculty members with collegiate rank of MSU-Marawi.

Resolution No. 473, S. 2022

- Approval of the promotion of six (6) faculty members of MSU-Marawi External Units (High School)

Resolution No. 474, S. 2022

- Approval of the grant of tenure of twenty (20) faculty members of MSU-Marawi

Resolution No. 475, S. 2022

- Amendment of BOR Resolution No. 118, S. 2017 to add ENGR. RAYMER S. TAN as new authorized maker and DIR. HANNAH G. MARQUEZ as authorizer re: LandBank WeAccess Online Registration

Resolution No. 476, S. 2022

- Confirmation of 76 Special Orders (Academic)

Resolution No. 477, S. 2022

- Confirmation of Special Orders (Administrative)

Resolution No. 478, S. 2022

- Confirmation of Agreements entered into by and between the Mindanao State University-Marawi City as represented by its President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, and partner agencies

Resolution No. 479, S. 2022

- Approval of the appointment of thirty-three (33) administrative personnel of MSU-Marawi after being evaluated by the Human Resource Merit Promotion and Selection Board (HRMPSB)

B. MSU System

Resolution No. 450, S. 2022

- Approval of the rank promotion/initial rank of thirty-five (35) faculty members from various campuses of MSU System (13 from MSU-Marawi, 12 from MSU-IIT, 4 from MSU-Naawan, 4 from MSU-General Santos, and 2 from MSU-Maguindanao)

Resolution No. 451, S. 2022

- Approval of the appointment of two (2) faculty members of MSU-IIT as a new recruit

Resolution No. 452, S. 2022

- Approval of the list of three hundred thirty-nine (2,339) candidates for graduation from various campuses of the University for the First Semester AY 2022-2023 and Summer Term of AY 2021-2022

Resolution No. 453, S. 2022

- Approval of the revised curricular program of the Master of Science in Statistics as endorsed by the System University Council (SUC)

Resolution No. 454, S. 2022

- Approval of the system-wide adoption of the Graduate Studies Handbook (Philosophical Framework) of MSU-IIT after its revision

Resolution No. 455, S. 2022

- Approval of the system-wide application of the proposal to comply with the Publication requirements of Research Outputs of Graduate Students in both Master's and Doctoral Degree Programs with academic track

Resolution No. 456, S. 2022

- Approval of the system-wide application of the proposed new honorific appointments or titles for entice experts who are not employed in full-time basis but still willing to support MSU in its teaching and research mandates

Resolution No. 457, S. 2022

- Approval of the creation of Management Committee (Cabinet) and a Research and Extension Committee in each campus in addition to the already existing Academic Planning and Finance Planning Committees

Resolution No. 458, S. 2022

- Approval of the creation of MSU System Vice President for Research and Extension to accelerate the research activities and mobility of researchers and scientists of the entire university system and to strengthen the relationships among MSU campuses in research, development, and innovation

Resolution No. 459, S. 2022

- Approval of the implementation of MSU System GAD Focal Point System in order to mainstream gender in MSU policies and programs in addressing gender and development issues

Resolution No. 460, S. 2022

- Approval of the revised Qualifications and Functions of a College Department Chairperson for Undergraduate Programs

Resolution No. 461, S. 2022

- Approval of the proposed amendments to Article 1, Section 7 of the BOR Res. No. 147, Series of 1987, the Code of Governance

Resolution No. 462, S. 2022

- Approval of the creation of Mindanao State University System Athletic Association (MSUSAA) Unity Games Manual of Operation

Resolution No. 463, S. 2022

- Approval of the conduct of Research Summit and the Culture and Arts Summit on February 23-28, 2023 for the MSU System

Resolution No. 464, S. 2022

- Approval of changing the name of Mindanao State University – Buug (MSU-Buug) Campus in the Municipality of Buug, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay to Mindanao State University – Zamboanga Sibugay Province pursuant to House Bill No. 6609

Resolution No. 465, S. 2022

- Approval of the inclusion of REGENT GRACITA J. ALI on the Finance Committee of the Board of Regents

Resolution No. 466, S. 2022

- Confirmation of the implementation of the project entitled: "Enhancing Teaching and Learning of Primary Health Care in Community Medicine at MSU College of Medicine" as part of the MOU entered by and between CHED and MSU

Resolution No. 467, S. 2022

- Confirmation of Resolution No. 6-R, S. 2022

Resolution No. 468, S. 2022

- Confirmation of Special Order No. 642-OP, S. 2022

Note: Specific details about the resolutions can be accessed from the BOR Office.



**MSU Main Campus Academic Calendar
School Year 2022-2023**

	1st Semester 2022-2023	2nd Semester 2022-2023	Summer 2022
1. SASE Examination/(CET Exam)	CET - June 2022	SASE - March 5, 2023	
2. Enrollment for Freshmen/New Students	Mo, July 25 - Fr, 29 July	Mo, 2 January - Fr, 6 January	Mo, 29 May – Fr, 2 June
3. Enrollment for Old Students	Mo, 1 August - Fr, 5 August	Mo, 2 January - Fr, 6 January	
4. Last Day for Validation of Enrollment and Billing Forms (EBF)	Th, 4 August	Fr, 6 January	Fr, 2 June
5. Last Day for Changing Academic Status	Fr, 5 August	Fr, 6 January	
6. Last Day for Submission of Completion Grades for INC Grades Incurred:			
a) 2nd Sem 2020-2021	Mo, 8 August	Mo, 9 January	
b) Summer 2020/1st Sem 2021-2022	Mo, 8 August	Mo, 9 January	
7. Late Registration with Fines	Mo, 8 August	Mo, 9 January	Mo, 5 June
8. START OF CLASSES	Mo, 8 August	Mo, 9 January	Mo, 5 June
9. Change/Add Matriculation and Validation Period	Mo, 8 August - Fr, 12 August	Mo, 9 January - Fr, 13 January	
10. Last Day for Submission of Tentative List of Candidates for Graduation (With Evaluation Sheets)	We, 21 September	We, 18 January (included Summer 2021-2022)	
11. General Convocation & College Orientation Program	Mo, 24 August		
12. MSU 61st Foundation Day	Th, 1 September		
13. LAST DAY FOR SUBMISSION OF ANY APPEAL FROM ANY GRADUATING STUDENTS RE: GRADUATION MATTERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS	Mo, 21 September	Fr, 27 January	
14. First Preliminary Departmental Examinations:			
a) Mathematics	Mo, 12 September (whole day)	Mo, 20 February (whole day)	
b) Physics	Tu, 13 September P.M.	Tu, 21 February P.M.	
15. First Preliminary Examinations (All Others)	We, 14 September - Fr, 16 Sept	We, 22 February - Fr, 24 February	
16. Period of Dropping Subjects	Mo, 19 September - Fr, 7 Oct	Mo, 27 February - Fr, 17 March	
17. Special Committee of MSU Main Campus Council Meeting	We, 21 September	We, 15 February	
18. Removal/Completion Period of Previous INC grades of Graduating Students	Mo, 24 October	Mo, 6 March – Fr, 11 March	
19. MSU Main Campus Council Meeting	We, 12 October	We, 8 March	
20. MSU System Council Meeting	We, 2 November	We, 29 March	
21. Second Preliminary Departmental Examinations:			
a) Mathematics	Mo, 24 October (whole day)	Mo, 3 April (whole day)	
b) Physics	Tu, 25 October P.M.	Tu, 4 April P.M.	
22. Second Preliminary Examinations (All Other Subjects)	We, 26 October - Fr, 28 October	Mo, 10 April - We, 12 April	
23. Last Day for Graduating Students to Clear their Deficiencies Other than the Currently Taken Courses	Mo, 28 November	Mo, 27 March	Tu, 13 June
24. Submission by Department Chairpersons of Course Offering to ICTC	Mo, 28 November - Fr, 2 December	Tu, 28 March - Th, 30 March	
25. Pre-enrollment for Incoming Semester	Mo, 28 November - Fr, 2 December	Mo, 10 April - We, 12 April	
26. Last Day for Filing Leave of Absence	We, 22 November	Fr, 28 April	
27. Last Day of Filing Application for Graduation/ Submission of All Other Graduation Requirements	Mo, 12 December	Mo, 24 April	Mo, 17 July
28. BOR's Approval of Candidates for Graduation	January 2023	June 2023	
29. Senior High School Entrance Examination K-12 New		March 4, 2023	
30. Dissemination of Application for SASE		March 4, 2023	
31. END OF CLASSES	Fr, 9 December	We, 12 May	Mo, 10 July
32. FINAL DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS:			
a) English	Mo, 12 December A.M.	Mo, 15 May A.M.	
b) Philo 2	Mo, 12 December P.M.	Mo, 15 May P.M.	
c) Mathematics	Tu, 13 December (whole day)	Tu, 16 May (whole day)	
d) Physics	We, 14 December P.M.	We, 17 May P.M.	
33. FINAL EXAMINATIONS PERIOD (for all other subjects)	Th, 15 December - Fr, 16 December	Th, 18 May - Fr, 19 May	Mo, 17 July - Fr, 21 July
34. CHRISTMAS VACATION/SEMESTRAL BREAK	Mo, 19 December - Th, 29 December		
35. Last Day for Submission of Grades:			
a) Graduating	We, 21 December	We, 24 May	We, 26 July
Service PE Courses, English , Philo 2, Math , & Other Subjects with Departmentalized Exams Held Prior to Regular Final Exam Period			
b) Non-Graduating	Fr, 23 December	Fr, 26 May	Fr, 28 July
36. Pre-Commencement Exercises	We, 18 January	We, 21 June	
37. Commencement Proper	Th, 19 January	Th, 22 June	

Mo, 18 July 2022 - First Day of Service of Faculty Members (SY 2022-2023)
 Fr, 26 May 2023 - Long Vacation of Faculty Members Begins
 Mo, 29 May 2023 - First Day of Service of Faculty Members (SY 2022-2023)


APC Approved: May 24, 2022
 BOR Approved: June 13, 2022

National Holidays

Su, 1 January	- New Year's Day	Fr, 7 April	- Good Friday	Mo, 12 June	- Independence Day
Su, 22 January	- Chinese Lunar New Year's Day	Mo, 1 May	- Labor Day	We, 28 June	- Eid Al-Adha
Su, 9 April	- The Day of Valor	Sa, 18 February	- Lailatul Isra Wal Mi Raj		
Th, 6 April	- Maundy Thursday	Fr, 21 April	- Eid-ul-Fitr		

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