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Rawaten is a Meranaw term which means "role model." In this era, we need role models who can be exemplars of values and character. This is Mindanao State University. It is the melting pot of the south because of its colorful cultures that the students and constituents have. As an academic institution, the ability to preserve cultures and traditions through arts and dances is something to be celebrated each year. After the 2022 Rawaten Cultural Gala, the university is excited to showcase the brilliance of the MSU System dance troupes through a Tour in Manila and in the Rawaten Cultural Gala 2023.

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From the President's Desk



I could not think of a more fitting and concrete image of success, of a sense of fulfillment, of optimism, and of celebration of the triumph of diversity and inclusivity over fragmentation or disunity than the light from the beaming faces of MSU graduates. Their smiles say it all: "We made it!" The embracing "we" includes Meranaw and members of other cultural communities or indigenous groups, Muslims and adherents of other Faiths as the pictures of graduates of different programs show. This diverse group comprises of avatars of advocates or champions of the ideals that the Mindanao State University has all these sixty-two years of existence lived by, and lived for: lasting peace through integration and unity in diversity; equal educational opportunities for all, especially for gifted students from the underprivileged groups; freedom of inquiry; and academic excellence and quality education.

Every year, we send off hundreds of MSUans as ambassadors spreading far and wide their Alma Mater's clarion call.

Thus, my heartfelt felicitations to Batch Sumarinaw, graduating class of 2022-2023, for making a glorious home run and adding to the ever-growing number.

For many of you it has not been a smooth passage all the way to this moment. Like the graduating classes of the past three years, at certain times it was a rough passage to your goal. You had to hurdle impediments that paved the obstacle course which the pandemic put you through. Like the earlier batches, you valiantly measured up to challenges with steely resolve, tenacity of purpose, and that indomitable MSUan spirit. Like them, you resolutely ran through the gauntlet, and reached the finish line. Now your stories, the individual as well as the collective, become part of the MSU saga of struggle against, and triumph over, adversity. This is the reason we celebrate you and send you off with a rousing shout-out: Mabuhay!

For surviving the rigors of your programs amidst a confluence of inhospitable circumstances, we see more promising prospects than disheartening portents in the big wide world that is now your stage. This, despite the host of challenges that await you in what prophets of doom describe as a dystopian future. There is undeniably an epochal difference between the world you inherit and that of your grandparents who did not have to contend with a deluge of prodigiously growing knowledge and technological advances. There was a world where technological breakthroughs like AI and robotics, more powerful telescopes than the Hubble, planned expeditions to Mars, digitalization of nearly all human activities, services, and operations, and more that amaze, astound, or stun were mere "figments of the imagination" or materials for fiction. You are entering a world that is at once interesting and exciting, and far more complex and disconcerting, a world full of uncertainties and lurking perils for the soul. We believe with Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum, that humanity is benefited by all the technological advances made in our time, but warned that man must remain in control of the technological wonders he creates, or he loses his soul. He optimistically speaks of a "human renaissance". We hope that you will be part of the kind of world envisioned by Schwab where Man still reigns supreme and ceaselessly seeks harmony, peace and good for all mankind, not one in which an impending Apocalypse constantly hangs over mankind's heads like the sword of Damocles because of powerful men's hubris that can cause a nuclear holocaust, if not because of people's apathy and lack of understanding of their sacred responsibility as "stewards", which is slowly but surely destroying Mother Nature.

I pray that as you negotiate the complexities of a world constantly in a flux or assailed by change, in living your dream, and making that victorious ascent to the summit of success, you will not forget to look homeward – your basic humanity, the very same humanity that carried mankind through the ages in the quest for purpose and meaning of Man's existence, and salvation. Wherever the pursuit of your dream leads you, you are a son or daughter to your loving parents, a friend to friends and many others who care for you, and despite the global citizen that you inevitably shall become, you remain a nationalist, a child of the community or village that raised you, an MSUan who believes in possibilities like finding beauty in diversity and lasting peace, and a child of God to Whom you refer everything.

ATTY. BASARI D. MAPUPUNO
President

Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

Salam!

We, your OIPP team, would like to take a moment to express our gratitude for your continued support. We hope that you have enjoyed the first quarter (March) issue of this year.

In this issue, we have strived to bring you a curated selection of captivating and thought-provoking articles from a range of diverse topics especially those articles that were written by our invited contributors and opinion writers. From insightful interviews with our top-performing students and alumni, we hope that this issue can inspire once more.

Further, we always appreciate feedback from you. Your thoughts and suggestions play a vital role in shaping the future of our publication. We encourage you to reach out to us with your comments, questions, and any topics you would like to see covered in upcoming issues.

We hope you enjoy this issue and look forward to bringing you more captivating content in the future.


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About the Cover

Success is the overall theme of this issue. It showcases successful alumni, graduating class, and active offices. In the cover, the selected graduating class and the officials exemplify the great achievements that we are celebrating as we end this academic year. The faces and smiles as they look above signifies the hope that is now unfolding for MSU as a system.



MSU's Commemoration of the 125th Philippine Independence

**Independence Day Message by
Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, System President**

To our invited distinguished guests, to the University officials, staff from the Administrative and Semi-academic units, faculty and staff from the colleges, *mga kababayan, mga kapatid sa ilalim ng iisang bandila, assalamo alaykom warrahmatullahi wabarakato*ho, my wholehearted greetings of peace to all of you as we observe our country's 125th Independence Day!

Ikinatutuwa ko na nagkita-kita tayong lahat sa pagkakataon na ito, na nag flag raising tayo sa mismong Araw ng Kalayaan. In the past, we could just expect to let June 12 pass by just like any non-working holiday, or to just join in the festivities for the day that were arranged by the city or provincial government. Now, I believe that it is the university's turn. One of the reasons for having this flag raising ceremony today, even on a national holiday is that, this year's celebration is like no other, because this is our country's 125th anniversary of the declaration of independence from 300 or so years of being colonized by Spain. For this, the National Government has declared that, for the 125th, the celebration will be from this year until 2026, so as make the observance significant and meaningful for the people.

At sadyang namang napakaganda at napapanahon po ang tema para sa Araw ng Kalayaan ngayong taon! "Kalayaan, Kinabukasan, Kasaysayan". Freedom, Future, History. At sa aking payak na talumpati ngayong umaga, bigyan po natin ng kaunting panahon ang ating mga sarili upang pag-isipan kung ano ba talaga ang diwa ng mga katagang



Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, MSU System President
Photo from Office of the BOR Secretary

ito. 125 years later, let us take stock of ourselves and ask this question: What have we done with the independence that our forefathers have fought so hard for?

Kalayaan. Freedom. There is so much loaded into such a simple word. *Napakaganda ngunit napakalalim din ang kahulugan. Pero ano nga ba ang kalayaan?* Independence is not merely freedom from our colonizers and forces that threaten our freedom and sovereignty. Independence, real independence, is also the freedom from our unpatriotic, selfish, self-serving tendencies that have sadly permeated our socio-economic fabric and have adversely affected how this country is doing. *Hindi lang yung malaya na tayo sa ating mga kolonisador ang puedeng maging kahulugan ng salitang "kasarinlan"; ito rin po ay nangangahulugan na, upang tayo ay maging ganap at patuloy na malaya bilang mga mamamayang Pilipino, kailangan ay palayain din natin ang ating mga sarili sa mga makasariling gawain at pag-iisip na hindi nakabubuti sa kapakanan ng ating bansa.*

Bilang mga kawani at empleyado ng pamahalaan, ang pagiging mapagmahal sa ating bayan ay dapat likas na sa atin. Our being government employees should be a reminder to us of the patriotism that should serve as our compass that will steer us into doing what is right for our nation.

Kinabukasan. The Future. We humans have always been inclined to think and talk about the future. *Hindi iyan mawawala sa atin, sadyang hitik sa mga ideya at kuro-kuro ang talakayan tuwing pinag-uusapan ang kinabukasan. Pero, nagawa na ba natin yung pag-usapan at pag-isipan ang kinabukasan at kapakanan ng ating bayan?*

As Filipinos, it is also our patriotic duty to think about our country's future, and to take steps as citizens to realize that future, a better Philippines for us and for future generations. In simple yet significant ways, we in our daily lives collectively create our country's future. It can be as simple as throwing our garbage in the right places, to having a good work ethic, to exercising our right to vote in the elections. Hence, we must keep in mind that with every act, we are laying the foundations of our motherland's future.

To the students who may be here with us today or who are nearby right now, let us be reminded of Jose Rizal's exhortation to you, the youth: *"Ang kabataan ang pag-asa ng bayan."* Ang tanging hiling ko lang sa inyo ay, *sikapin din ninyo na kayo rin ay maaasahan ng Pilipinas sa darating na panahon, dahil kayo ang magpapatuloy sa mga tamang sinimulan at itatama din niyo ang mga maling nakasanayan, alang-alang sa bayan.* YOU are this country's future, and you have the obligation to serve this country to the best of your ability.

Kasaysayan. Many people would consider history as just a record of events that happened in the past and nothing more, which would just be set aside. But history is more than that. Our history is not merely confined to the unfurling of the first Filipino flag, nor did with the KKK's tearing up of the cedula to declare the country's break from Spain. Most certainly, and closer to home, it is not confined to the retelling of the Battle of Bayang, or the Jabitah Massacre. It is more than that.

It cannot be denied that history is being made every day, and it is being made right now as we gather here. We also cannot deny that our history as a people, as a nation, has been turbulent for the most part, from our colonial past to the struggle for the right to self-determination here in Mindanao to the political, societal, and economic turmoil of the present that seems to have no sign of slowing down. Yet, it is part of our identity, our story. We must not only come to terms with our past, when necessary, we must help change the narrative, because even with our existing histories, there will always be those who will be left out of it. We must make sure that they are heard as well. Certainly, we are also reminded that we must learn from the past in order to efficiently and peacefully navigate towards the future.

Mindanao State University itself is a piece of our country's history. Seen as a solution to the so-called "Mindanao Problem" in the 1960s, MSU has been instrumental not only in giving disadvantaged youths the education they would not otherwise have gotten, but also in helping the island in its struggle to find a long-lasting peace. In its 60 or so years of existence, MSU has also been witness to the darkest parts of our country's history--- the Martial Law Years, the Moro struggle, the Marawi Siege, and most recently, the global Covid-19 pandemic. But because of our long-standing tradition of resilience and survival, MSU was able to deal with these quite well. Nothing beats the MSUan spirit!

We have also made history by aspiring to make peace one of every MSU student's required subjects. Our trailblazing Foundations of Peace Education course has made waves in many academic circles and our aspiration to become a National Peace University, the presence of the Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao and our efforts to preserve local culture, local history through researches and through entities like the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center are proof of how MSU values history and peace. *Binibigyan po natin ng halaga ang kasaysayan at kapayapaan dahil ito ay mga susi sa magandang kinabukasan ng Mindanao at ng buong bansa. Marami na po tayong nagawa para dito, at marami pa rin po tayong magagawa at gagawin upang ipagpatuloy ang ating mga adhikain para sa kasaysayan, para sa kapayapaan.*

I hope that my points to ponder have resonated among you,



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MSU DSS raises the Philippine Flag as tribute to the 125th Philippine Independence and Nationhood.

and have given you food for thought on this day. *Hindi madaling maging malaya, hindi madaling talakayin, mag-plano at kumilos para sa magandang kinabukasan, hindi rin madali ang harapin at balikan ang mga mapapait na bahagi ng ating kasaysayan, ngunit kailangan nating gawin.* Our country deserves this. We owe it all to our motherland. We must rise to the challenge and prove ourselves worthy of being called Filipinos. *Ipagpalaganap natin ang pagiging Pilipino sa isip, salita at sa gawa. Bigyan natin ng halaga ang ating pinagmulan at ang ating kasaysayan. Ipagpatuloy natin ang mga sinimulan ng ating mga magiging na mga ninuno at mga bayani. Dahil, kung hindi tayo, sino? Kung hindi ngayon, kailan?*

Let this year's Independence Day celebration go beyond the pageantry and fleeting expressions of patriotism. Let our country's freedom, future, and history guide us all in collectively helping our country to truly move forward and be taken to where she deserves to be, that is, an honored place among the world's most respected and progressive nations. In closing, let me inspire you further by ending with the last lines of a perhaps not so well-known, but no less patriotic song from Gary Granada:

*Pilipinas, Pilipinas
Sa ilalim ng iyong watawat
Pilipinas, Pilipinas
Ang panata ko't sumpa'y tapat
Ang dugo nitong kayumangging balat
Laan sa kahuli-huling patak!
Pilipinas, Pilipinas
Panuntunan kong gagampanan
Ang ika'y aking paglingkuran
Kahit kailan, kahit saan!*

Maraming salamat po! Mabuhay ang Pilipinas!



MSU Executive Officials headed by Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno lead the Exit Parade.



MENTAL HEALTH: Be Aware!

Raijana T. Esmail-Fayez

Mental health is a state of well-being in which the individual realizes one's own abilities and potentials, copes adequately with the normal stresses of life, displays resilience in the face of extreme life events, works productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a positive contribution to the community.

On the other hand, mental health condition refers to a neurologic or psychiatric condition characterized by the existence of a recognizable, clinically-significant disturbance in an individual's cognition, emotional regulation, or behavior that reflects a genetic or acquired dysfunction in the neurobiological, psychosocial, or developmental processes underlying mental functioning.

The determination of neurologic and psychiatric conditions shall be based on scientifically-accepted medical nomenclature and best available scientific and medical evidence. These two have to be understood and differentiated appropriately in the sense that many, if not all would define mental health as mental illness.

It is very significant that we put weight on recognizing and responding to the mental health needs of every individual, be it a family member, a friend, co-worker, student and the like. Primarily, these unmet and not properly addressed mental health needs can be an impediment to the emotional, social, career and academic development of every student. Not to mention the hurdles and struggles of every parent in facing the daily challenges along their way, each and every single day.

We have to strengthen our awareness on this matter particularly in attending to our students' mental health needs to counter the early warning signs of depression, anxiety and suicide. With equal measure, this applies to every individual, both employee and non-employee who negotiate the high and low tides of life.

Thus, the Guidance Services Specialists from the Guidance and Counseling Section of the Division of Student Affairs are always available to provide essential mental health services as means of intervention for both students and staff who are experiencing and/or displaying career, social, emotional, and academic setbacks. This includes psychosocial education to enhance awareness of mental health and counseling interventions intended to ensure optimistic mental health and to remove the stigma associated with mental health issues.

IZN CORNER



ASEAN Flags fly for the first time in MSU

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Under the mandate of the International Affairs and Linkages Office and in coordination with the Office of the Campus Protocol, the flag of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) with the respective flags of its 10 member countries were raised simultaneously in a solemn and brief flag raising ceremony held in the MSU Campus for the first time in its 60 years history before the constituency of MSU headed by its officials and personnel.

The event was conducted in the MSU-Main Campus ground on August 19, 2022 after the Flag Ceremony of all MSU personnel. With the ASEAN Song playing in the background, 22 personnel of the Peace Keeping Force (PKF), who trained for a day prior to the event, raised the flags in sync with the song in precise near flawless unison making the occasion truly officious and a landmark moment as all watched the flags splay out in synchrony as each proudly fly high above its polls before the awed audience. The event was capped with all those present performing the ASEAN handshake in a large circle that encompassed the area between the Antonio Isidro Hall and the International Convention Center.

The ASEAN Flags Raising Ceremony heralded the call of MSU System President Basari Dimakuta Mapupuno for a more invigorated internationalization (IZN) program in all MSU campuses in line with his pursuit of making all MSU campuses as a prime research center in the country. IZN is part of the 10-point Agenda of the Mapupuno Administration. It must be understood that IZN is a process that has begun long before in the previous administrations of MSU but it is in this current Administration that IZN is concretized as a mandated Agenda. The activity was a commemoration of the creation of ASEAN, an organization that most campuses of MSU is in close collaboration with through many of its member nations.

The ASEAN Flags now fly high and proud in the Main Campus of Mindanao State University, a reminder of the kind of unity and cooperation System President Basari D. Mapupuno is championing for all campuses of MSU to be under the slogan, "One MSU: No One Gets Left Behind."



The ASEAN Flags in MSU-Marawi with lady officials.



TikTok as a Learning Tool: Valuable or Not?

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The number of social media users has grown over time. Social media refers to digital channels that allow its users to create, share, or exchange information across the globe. It has completely redefined the way we live our lives. As of March 2023, Global Social Media Statistics – Data Report estimates that there are 4.9 billion social media users in the world, and the most downloaded application of social media platforms in the first quarter of 2023 is TikTok surpassing Instagram (Data.ai Intelligence, 2023).

TikTok is an immersive application that carries a wide range of information. In fact, the research I conducted, "TikTok as a Learning Tool for Mindanao State University-Marawi City Students" determined five (5) key categories on what made the respondents utilize the platform: entertainment, learning, academics, engagement and interaction, and skills development. Entertainment was the most salient TikTok category; it has over 500 billion hashtag views on the platform. The data of this study show the majority of TikTok users spend their time watching under the category of entertainment because it offers exciting content ranging from comedy, dancing, pranks, and celebrities to gossip. Moreover, learning and academics were chosen as further categories by the respondents of this study. A multitude of knowledge or information is created on the platform each day as the respondents described it as an avenue for them to learn new information or skills. TikTok made a campaign with the hashtags #LearnOnTikTok and #DidYouKnow across the platform to celebrate the most surprising, exciting, and unexpected things the users have learned on the platform. The content they usually view in these categories are health source information, life hacks or advice, news and information; science and technology, cooking or baking content and tutorials, and skincare.

The study further identified the common skills learned or developed by the respondents through TikTok. These are artistic skills, academic skills, soft skills, and practical skills. The top artistic skill sets they have learned or developed are video editing, photography, cooking, videography, and dancing. Furthermore, the top skill sets they have learned or developed in academics are written and verbal communication, listening, studying, reading, and note-taking. Meanwhile, the soft skills are communication, cultural awareness, time management, teamwork, and responsibility. Lastly, the practical skills the respondents have learned or developed on the platform are practical life hacks, DIY tutorials, craft ideas, makeup, dance choreography, and tutorials on how an application works.

The findings of the research found that the rising popularity of TikTok amongst younger generations is one of the effective ways to reach and engage students in another mode of learning. The definition of learning in the study is not limited to acquiring knowledge in an academic context, but rather in a general sense where the respondents have integrated and relate different concepts they have learned or developed on the platform in an overall context. Hence, all of those skills that were learned or developed by the respondents, which are manifested in the fact that the users of TikTok learn and teach a variety of content, reflect the phenomenon of the Connectivism Learning Theory (Siemens and Downes, 2005).

Related studies have shown that social media unearths positive and negative sides. However, with the use of a healthy amount of screen time and appropriate methods of the platform, TikTok can be an effective learning tool not just for the students at Mindanao State University-Marawi City, but for other institutions as well. Thus, academic institutions and teachers should take advantage of the application to incorporate it into their teaching methodologies and approaches.



News and Information Reliance: News Media or Religious Leaders?

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The emergence of multiple platforms has expanded the choices available to audiences for accessing news and information. These platforms include print, broadcast, and online mediums, enabling electronic transmission to individuals and large audiences. While printed media and broadcast mediums like television and radio still exist, their use as sources of information is uncertain compared to the prevalent online transmission of information. Nowadays, people can easily find and search for anything they want to read online, with information at their fingertips.

However, not everyone has full access to mass media, particularly in circumstances like the Internally Displaced Persons affected by the Marawi Siege in 2017. Geographic constraints and limited access to information and communication technologies (ICTs) prevent convenient internet use, leading to a reliance on face-to-face communication for acquiring information.

Based on my 2023 undergraduate thesis conducted in an IDP shelter in Brgy Pagalamatan, Saguiaran municipality, the study revealed that religious leaders and barangay chairpersons were the most trusted sources of information among the people in the Pagalamatan Shelter. Media organizations, traditional leaders, municipal leaders, and provincial leaders were not as trusted. The limited access to digital devices and geographical isolation led residents to rely on indirect sources such as religious and barangay leaders for information.

In this digital era, where media convergence provides people with a plethora of choices for obtaining news and information, it is crucial to ensure the reliability of these sources as communication plays a significant role in building rapport, connections, and relationships. Choosing the right information provider is vital since not all news and information sources can be trusted. In this innovative and dynamic era, changes occur over time. The aforementioned study employed various research methods to explore the concept of trust and identify specific factors that writers, researchers, and publishers can implement.

Unraveling New Horizons: A Faculty's Perspective on Lanao del Sur's Promising Tourism and Hospitality Potential

Ameenah R. Gumal



Imagine a land adorned with its cultural heritage and traditions, magnificent mountain ranges, and marvelous water bodies, including the tranquil Lake Lanao, the country's second deepest and largest lake. Imagine this land nestled among Mindanao's colorful mosaic. Imagine its untapped tourism and hospitality potential finally unraveling towards new horizons. As a faculty member dedicated to tourism and hospitality instruction, join me as we delve into this voyage of exploring uncharted possibilities in my homeland – the captivating Province of Lanao del Sur.

The Province of Lanao del Sur is brimming with potential sustainable tourism and hospitality developments, just waiting to be unveiled. It is also home to several natural, man-made, and cultural resources and is surrounded by 39 municipalities and its capital city –Marawi. Its people trace back their origin to the royalties of the Southern Mindanao Region, which denotes its richness in culture and heritage. These essential factors form the foundation for the province's sustainable tourism and hospitality development.

From the perspective of a tourism management faculty member, I have explored the key factors contributing to tourism and hospitality development in my homeland. These factors encompass the availability of accommodation services in some localities in the Province of Lanao del Sur, the initiatives shown by the local government towards the advancement of the accommodation sector in their areas of jurisdiction, and the availability of homestay services and makeshift accommodations as an alternative for accommodation services.

Moreover, the various municipalities and the capital city of the Province of Lanao del Sur also boast their well-paved access routes in most areas, availability of transportation services, and a strong emphasis on safety and security. It is also home to a multitude of possibilities for outdoor activities, Halal tourism, and unique cultural experiences. In addition, its amenities further contribute to the growth and development of its tourism and hospitality industry, particularly with the availability of parking areas, markets, shopping malls, restaurants, banking, ATM facilities, Remittance centers, e-money alternatives, medical facilities, and emergency services, the existence of security outposts, PWD programs, and assistance projects, and the availability of other recreational amenities and facilities in the land. Other factors that could help advance tourism and hospitality development in the Province of Lanao del Sur further include natural attractions, cultural and historical attractions, man-made attractions, local food, and cultural products, and the accessibility and affordability of these attractions.

However, although the Province of Lanao del Sur is proud of its abundant resources, its advancement in the tourism and hospitality industry has been long-drawn-out, which may be caused by several challenges hampering its growth. These challenges range from economic, socio-cultural, and environmental aspects, which the province must address, such as the lack of income revenue due to the need to diversify its tourism products and services, the lack of effort and strategies

in promoting existing but less-known attractions, the need for investment in development projects, the absence of job opportunities and livelihood potentials, and the lack of regulation and oversight on various business establishments.

Furthermore, socio-cultural hurdles also arise due to the history of cultural and civil conflicts which pose challenges in attracting tourist arrivals, the skepticism of some members of the community towards tourism and hospitality development due to concerns about its negative impact on their cultural identity and heritage, lack of engagement with host communities on the LGU's planning and monitoring processes for tourism and hospitality development, the lack of promotion and marketing strategies on local food and cultural products, and the loss of human capital and expertise brought by the lack of employment and livelihood opportunities. Other challenges contributing to the gradual development of its tourism and hospitality industry further include improper solid waste management practices, sewage management and flooding issues, and ecological damage from illegal logging activities.

Nonetheless, as I delved deeper into the factors and challenges of tourism and hospitality development in my homeland, its true and promising potential also began to unravel. These possibilities pave the way for new horizons that can transform and improve the status of the Province of Lanao del Sur in its aspiration towards sustainable tourism and hospitality development.

These promising potentials lie in the strengthened partnership between and among the Local Government Units with the provincial, regional, and national governments and other external agencies in implementing development projects in the tourism and hospitality industry. Other potentials also encompass the province's transportation infrastructures, formulation of a tourism development plan for the systematized implementation of the industry's growth and development projects, continuous and intensified Local Government support on sustainable tourism and hospitality development, mitigation measures on the negative economic, socio-cultural, and environmental impacts of the industry, promotion of technological advancement and information dissemination, increased promotional and advertisement strategies, and the continuing implementation of peace and order are all crucial steps toward realizing this vision.

Thus, with the uncharted possibilities of the Province of Lanao del Sur just waiting to be unraveled, it holds immense potential for sustainable tourism and hospitality development. The Province of Lanao del Sur, my homeland to whom I pay homage, can embark on a transformative journey that will benefit its people, the Meranaws, and its tourists, by making the most of its beautiful resources, addressing the challenges that hamper its advancement head-on, and fostering strategic collaborations. Together, I implore you. Let us unleash these uncharted possibilities as the land of Meranaws becomes a beacon of cultural and natural diversity in the country, inviting travelers from all walks of life, far and wide, from all over the world, to experience what we have to offer.



Dawn of the New Era: Engaging University IOs in various Media Platforms

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It is evident that rapid developments in technology has speedily brought information on the palm of our hands in different forms. Information does not only reach us through print materials like newspapers, magazines, newsletters, and books but also in electronic media like webcasts, blogs, podcasts, and social media sites including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, WhatsApp, LinkedIn, and Spotify. In fact with the dawn of the internet that synergy media outlets, people can effortlessly connect with each other and access vivid and high definition images and footage of events in a blink of an eye. Indeed, journalism and media communication have become significant to everyone especially to professionals and students.

The roles and significance of various media platforms have also been manifested during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic which affected the physical and day-to-day operations of all types of institutions, organizations, and enterprises for almost three years starting from its breakout in 2019. It almost froze the different aspects of development be it economic, social, medical, and educational, among others. But with the help of these media outlets especially social media networks, people around the globe were able to stay connected and updated on vital information virtually, and enjoyed a plethora of online transactions and events were still held despite the global crisis.

With the quest of empowering and maintaining distinct communication among the MSU constituents through diverse forms of media and of promoting and improving University strategies and initiatives in attaining its mission and objectives, some series of stimulating training-workshops that focused on the enhancement of media communication skills of the Information Officers (IOs) of every MSU units were conducted through the collective efforts of the Office of Information, Press and Publication (OIPP), MSU Web Team, Communication and Media Studies Department (CMSD), and Internews. These activities were also part of their empowerment program and campaign on reliable and responsible information delivery.

On March 16 and 17, 2023, workshops on MSU Web Population, Podcasting, and Column Writing were conducted at the Office of the President Conference Room. Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center (MCHC) and OIPP Director, Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD discussed the purpose of column writing and podcasting in delivering information.

During the event, participating IOs were also furnished with some tips about the process of doing podcasts and constructing column write-ups. Before the training ended, they were tasked to create their possible column and podcast titles, which were presented during the plenary session. The new MSU-Marawi website was also introduced by University Webmaster Ramil Samporna who assisted the participants in facilitating and uploading inputs to their respective web pages as part of the Web Population Training. It was also announced that this newly created university website will be the official one-stop-source of all MSU clients to know more about the University and its

constituents. Thus, it will serve as the primary portal of the MSU community to the world.

Afterwards, University IOs also underwent into trainings on Infographics and poster design, mobile journalism (MoJo), and Photo Journalism (Photojournal) in order to brush up their communication skills and unleash their creativity and innovation. These trainings were carried out at the MCHC wherein the relevance of the said topics in today's world were given emphasis.

Infographics and poster designs are the graphical representations of information and data to precisely explain it to the readers or viewers. These do not only include texts but also icons, graphs, charts, and diagrams. In addition, these are widely used by both professionals and students since they can easily and visually summarize and present complex information. MoJo is a form of media which provide convenience to the people especially journalists considering that it allows them to record, process, and circulate information through portable electronic devices like mobile phones. Photojournal is also a peculiar way of telling stories as it uses photos to deliver a message, express emotion, depict the situation, and influence decisions.

This digital age has indeed made media as the principal source and vehicle of mass communication as it supplies vast information in different forms through a wide range of channels. These various media platforms are drastically changing the system and the different facets of the society. Hence, learning and engaging to these platforms to remain on track and relevant to the society is significant. But utilizing these in a proper manner is equally important as well especially in delivering information.

As the leading unit of MSU in gathering, processing, and disseminating dependable information to the University constituents and clients, OIPP together with its partner offices will continue to empower other MSU units to share their thoughts, initiatives, and opinions through the right use of different media outlets by engaging them into trainings and seminars and by mobilizing them to be responsible media users. It is true that with the dawn of the new era, everything is possible and convenient. But as media users, we should be disciplined and accountable enough in order to contribute to positive societal transformation.



Workshop session with IOs

MSU ALUMNI PROFILE OF DR. HENELITO A. SEVILLA, JR.

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To conjure a collage of images in one's mind of an ordinary village boy who has extraordinary dreams of conquering the global stage, a "Jack of all trades" who sold native delicacies to support himself, a coach of fancy drills, a dance instructor, a certified "green thumb," international consultant and coordinator, and a knack for languages, then the person that comes to mind is **DR. HENELITO ARIAS SEVILLA, JR.**

Dr. Henelito "Hennyjun" Sevilla graduated from the Mindanao State University-Marawi Main Campus (MSU) with the degree of *Bachelor of Science in International Relations (B.S.I.R.)*. He pursued *Master of Arts in International Relations with specialization in Foreign Policy (Thesis)* from the Faculty of Law and Economics, Shahid Beheshti University and *Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in International Relations with specialization in Political Economy of Energy (Dissertation)* from the Faculty of Law and Political Science at Tehran University, Tehran, Iran.

Currently the Dean of the Asian Center, University of the Philippines-Diliman (UP), **Dr. Henelito Sevilla, Jr.** also served as its full professor teaching several courses in Philippine Foreign Relations and West Asia Studies to graduate students since 2008.



Dr. Henelito A. Sevilla, Jr. in his office at the Asian Center of the University of the Philippines

As the Dean of Asian Center, he served in many university committees in various capacities. He is a council member of the Tri-College PhD Philippine Studies Program of the University of the Philippines-Diliman. He is responsible for the reopening of and coordinating with the West Asia Studies Track for the Asian Center and had advised a number of graduate students in their theses and dissertations for many years already. As a professor, he is recognized as one of the top ten "Philippine Scientist and University Social Science/International Relations Ranking 2023" by AD Scientific Index (Philippines Scientist and University in the Philippines Ranking 2023 – AD Scientific Index 2023).

Dr. Sevilla is also a board member to Journal of South Asian Studies and served as one of the editorial advisers to the Bangsamoro Parliament's Legal and Policy Research (BPLPR) where he is also an *honorary fellow*.

Furthermore, he is a member of several academic, cultural and public oriented organizations such as the International Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, University of the Philippines-Diliman Chapter, the Mindanao State University Rearguards, Inc., the Mindanao State University Phi Lambda Epsilon (PLE), Delta Phi Chapter, the MSU Darangen Cultural Troupe, and the Philippine Eagles.

Along with this list, Dr. Sevilla also served as an adviser and officer of several academic and cultural organizations, namely, the Philippine International Studies Organization (PHISO), The Balangay Artist Association (BAA), and the Agusan Artists Association (AAA). He founded and served as its current president of the Philippine-Middle East Studies Association (PMESA) and the Philippine-Iran Scientific and cultural Society (PICS). He was twice elected as president of the Filipino-Irano Community Association (FICA) in Tehran, serving the interests of the Filipino diaspora in Iran.

A passionate and dynamic person who understood the importance of cultural diversities, Dr. Sevilla advocated the promotion and preservation of the indigenous knowledge either through teaching, research and community outreach programs. In relation to his professional expertise, Dr. Sevilla has been regularly interviewed and consulted by government agencies, think-tanks, local and foreign news media outlets, etc. on issues related to Philippine interests such as OFWs concerns, Middle East development, and Asia-Pacific geopolitics among others.

As an educator, **Dr. Henelito A. Sevilla, Jr.** is an active and recognized researcher and author in the areas of Middle East studies, foreign policy, geopolitics, security, political economy, and Mindanao issues. His research production has given him the opportunity to be invited as speaker in national and international conferences such as at the United Nations, Turkey, China, Iran, United States, Brazil, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Myanmar, South Korea, Japan among others.

As a multi-awarded educator, he received several international publication awards confirmed either by the University of the Philippines or by international award bodies: He received twice



Dr. Sevilla discusses Islamic State and its implications to regional security during the 2015 Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) held from August 20 to 24, 2015 at the Shangri-la Hotel, Makati City, Philippines. (This photo is from the website of the Asian Center University of the Philippines.)

an International Publication Award given by the University of the Philippines; One of very few recipients of the 2018 Distinguished International Relations Scholar given by the Philippine International Studies Organization (PHISO); National Capital Region (NCR) Sole Nominee for Adult Category at the 2019 Search for Outstanding Volunteer Award given by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency; Most Outstanding Professor and Advocate of Environmental and Cultural Preservation of the Year given at the 4th Asia-Pacific Luminare Awards in 2021.

Adding to his credentials, he has also been regularly awarded either a Centennial Professorial Chairs or Centennial Faculty Grants by the University of the Philippines for several years now. These awards are given to distinguished faculty members of the University of the Philippines for their exceptional scholarship achievements in teaching, research and publications, and extension services. In 2022 for example, he received a ONE UP Centennial Professorial Chair for Teaching and Research.

In the area of public service, Dr. Sevilla is a commissioned officer of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Reserved Command (AFPRESKOM). As an officer, he led and helped his group in carrying out its humanitarian and environmental mandates through several community drives, environmental protection and conservation initiatives, relief distribution, medical and dental missions, feeding activities for street children and in the orphanages as well as to elderly people in several home for the aged institutions. As the result of this humble and selfless act, he was given awards by the AFPRESKOM for his leadership in carrying out various humanitarian and community services rendered to many unfortunate Filipinos in the country.

Apart from English and Tagalog, **Dr. Henelito A. Sevilla** is fluent in Butuanon, Cebuano, Ilongo, Maranao and Persian (Farsi) languages.

A person whose dream is to promote the interests of his own origin, culture and heritage in the wider Philippine society and abroad, Dr. Henelito A. Sevilla always carried and exemplified in himself the essence of a true Butuanon and Agusanon Manobo. He was awarded one of the *Most Outstanding Butuanons of 2023*.

Dr. Henelito A. Sevilla, Jr. said that having studied in Mindanao State University has taught him that a determination to succeed is vital to take you anywhere your dreams can. This educational background he possessed has paved the way to catapult him to virtual and literal international stages and forge linkages with the rest of the world.



Dr. Sevilla receives his "2018 PHISO Distinguished Scholars" Award from PHISO President, Frances Antoinette Cruz during the 2nd International Conference of the Philippine International Studies Organization held on March 23 to 24, 2018 at the Ateneo de Davao University. (This photo is from the website of the Ateneo de Davao University.)



Upper Photo: Dr. Sevilla presents his paper entitled, "Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines and the Global Humanitarian Efforts: Saving Lives and Rehabilitating the Future" at the International Conference on Philanthropy and Peacebuilding in Istanbul, Turkey on April 10-12, 2014. Lower Photo: Dr. Sevilla is discusses his paper about "Bridging Goodwill with Hospitality: An Emerging Trend in Philippine-Turkish Relations" during the Hospitality in Anatolian and Asian Cultures, which was held in Bangkok, Thailand on April 28 to 29, 2023. (Both photos are from the website of the Asian Center University of the Philippines.)

Rekindling Memories and Inspiring Generations: Batch '73 Alumni visit MSU on their 50th Anniversary

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In the photos are the Batch '73 MSU Alumni visiting MSU-Marawi.

Fifty years have passed since the illustrious Batch '73 graduated but their connection with their beloved alma mater remains as strong as ever. In a remarkable celebration of their shared journey, the batch '73 alumni recently returned to MSU to commemorate their 50th anniversary. The visit not only allowed them to relive cherished memories but also served as an opportunity to inspire current students and forge deeper connections with the university community. This joyous occasion not only allowed them to reminisce about their formative years but also rekindled their commitment to their beloved alma mater.

MSUAA Marawi Campus Chapter welcomed the Fearless Bravehearts Batch 73 which included no less than the MSU system Alumni Regent Dr. Renato Boniao, MSUAA Marawi Campus Chapter President and former VP Engr. Labimombao Macabando, Former Dean Violy R. Hunt of the CPA, former Dean Mayo of Grad School, former Dean Mero of Fisheries, Former Naawan Chancellor Gomez to name a few. The MSUS President Basari D. Mapupuno was also present in the said reunion along with other MSU officials who were invited.

The Office of the Alumni Relations Career Center Director Hanima S. Lao and staff together with MSUAA Marawi Campus Chapter President former VP Labimombao Macabando took part in this momentous event by facilitating in the organizing of the events by linking the University with the alumni along with the other MSU officials who made the event successful.

The reunion also provided an opportunity for the alumni to celebrate their achievements since graduating from MSU. They shared stories of personal and professional growth, exchanging tales of triumph and perseverance. During their visit, the alumni embarked on a journey through time, revisiting the Golf Course, a familiar location that held a special place in their hearts. They strolled down the pathways they once treaded, pausing at each corner to relive cherished moments. The lecture halls, libraries, and iconic landmarks echoed with laughter and

whispered conversations, transporting the alumni back to the days of their youth.

While the alumni indulged in nostalgia, they were equally focused on leaving a lasting legacy. The alumni's visit was not solely about reliving the past; it was about fostering a stronger bond their alma mater. They collaborated with the university administration and the alumni association to establish initiatives that would support the growth and development of MSU. They donated a cash allocation of P40,000 for a healing reflexology garden to be constructed at the Summit Inn as a way of paying back to their alma mater. It will be implemented by the PPD Department.

As the alumni bid farewell, they carried with them a renewed sense of pride and gratitude. Their visit not only rekindled old friendships but also ignited a passion to support MSU's ongoing journey of academic excellence. They left behind a trail of inspiration, ready to make a difference in their respective fields, while forever remaining connected to the institution that had



The Batch '73 MSU Alumni at the Late Domocao A. Alonto Sr. Hall

MSU-CAO in Safeguarding and Preserving the Cultural Heritage in Mindanao



The MSU-CAO logo

The MSU-Cultural Affairs Office (MSU-CAO) is the center of music, cultural and theater groups in the University that is duly supervised by Director Henri Marc H. Ele. Among the performing groups under the office are the University Band (UB) under the baton of Crispulo T. Ruz, Darangan Cultural Dance Troupe (DCDT) through the new Artistic Director Nadzmie A. Alihasan, University Combo (UC) through the leadership of Officer-in-Charge Joey B. Panganiban, Sining Kambayoka Ensemble (SKE) headed by Artistic Director Pepito P. Sumayan, and the Sining Pananadem (SP) headed by its new Artistic Director Mohammad-ali T. Hadji Usman. The groups are the bearers of the culture and arts in the University. It is noted that one of the 10-point agenda of MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno is making the University a beacon of culture and arts development.

The culture and arts in Mindanao faced threats to their vitality, currency and even existence because of the encroachment of modernization and problems on peace and order, the concept of globalization that affects the elements of the cultural heritage. The MSU-CAO is mandated to help in safeguarding and preserving the heritages of the Indigenous and Bangsamoro Peoples culture and arts.

The office is the home of the five music, cultural and theater groups that promotes, preserve and safeguard the remaining precious heritage that our ancestors handed down to us. The concept of “*pamana*”, “*kabilin*”, “*pusaka*” or heritage are the important things that we have from our ancestors and we are obliged to protect it for our identity. The importance of the heritage is as important as life. Everybody is always looking and promoting their identity.

One of the Meranaw culture that we have possessed is the philosophy of “*kambilangataw*”, the standard ways and etiquettes of the Meranaws taught us by our ancestors to maintain the peace and order in the *Pat a Phangampong sa Ranaw* or the four principalities of ranaw such as the Unayan, Masiu, Bayabao and Balo-i Pangampong. The knowledge of *kambilangataw* has been practiced by our Sultan, Datu, Baiyalabi and leaders in the community since time immemorial.

The *kambilangataw* is likely read and observed in the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) practices of the Meranaw and one of these is the Darangen epic stories, the UNESCO's recognized as world oral intangible cultural heritage for humanity in 2005 and soon in the list is the *Lakub* (the Meranaw bamboo tobacco container) recommended to be included in the tangible cultural heritage preservation.

The presence of ICH in the music, cultural and theater groups duly supervised by the office is the manifestation that the ICH or culture and arts shall be sustained for the next generations to come. The groups' performances are visible in both university in and off-campus events and invitations.

Introducing the “Paninggalan Black Ceramics”

Johari M. Raki-in

The production of ceramic made from local raw materials is challenging, primarily when the chemical and physical properties are not characterized through study. In addition, the interest in developing the product without the aid of modern technology (e.g., modern kiln, pulverizer, etc.) is also a significant hindrance to innovating such products. These challenges are constantly embedded in the MSU - Ceramics Development Center journey. Despite these predicament issues, Director. Acsara A. Gumal tasked the resident ceramic engineer to innovate products. This led to the fabrication of a new product called “Paninggalan Black Ceramics.”

The Black Paninggalan Ceramics is one product that the MSU – CDC has never produced since the founding of the center in 1973. The beauty of the Black Paninggalan Ceramics is its unusual appearance of being natural wblack due to its carbon content, distinguished by its deep black hue and frequently glossy or matte texture, which is widely prized. In the SUC fair 2022 was held at Mall of Asia in partnership with Commission on Higher Education wherein the MSU – Marawi Participated and showcased the university's products, including the “Black Paninggalan Ceramics,” which had been sold out on the very first day of the said event – because



Black Ceramic Making Process

The Paninggalan Black Ceramic Vases

of its uniqueness as compared to other ceramics product showcased by other universities during the said event. Some characteristics of black Paninggalan ceramics that contribute to its attractive feature are its unique color, a deep black color achieved through a reaction that occurs during firing, resulting in its unique texture. Frequently, the rough, tactile roughness of black pottery enhances its attractiveness. The nature of the clay and the firing process produces this texture, which can result in highly desired surface variances and imperfections. The Paninggalan black ceramics can be given a glossy finish, improving its aesthetic appeal, and naturally acts as a protective coating. In addition to its aesthetic design, the Okir design is engraved into it, which is the trademark design of the Meranaw (people of the lake), which makes the Paninggalan ceramics authentic made by the Meranaw, particularly in MSU – CDC staff.

Empowering minds on World Press Freedom Day

Ahlam Rohaima A. Usodan

May 3rd marks a significant day for journalists, media professionals, and advocates of free speech around the world, World Press Freedom Day. The American Corner Marawi joined hands with the University Library to organize a thought-provoking Lecture on Media and Information Literacy. This event, held on May 17, 2023, aimed to enlighten on the crucial role media literacy plays in understanding and promoting press freedom.

Resource speaker, Professor Maria Ninotchka Hererra, Chairperson of the Communication and Media Studies Department, took the stage to share her wealth of knowledge and insights. The attendees are students from the College of Social Sciences and Humanities and University Library staff.

The lecture centered around the theme, "Understanding Press Freedom through Media and Information Literacy." With the rise of digital media and the overwhelming entry of information in the modern world, the need to distinguish between truth and falsehood has become utmost. Professor Hererra emphasized that media and information literacy empowers individuals to critically evaluate news sources, detect misinformation, and make informed decisions.

World Press Freedom Day, an international observance designated by the United Nations, holds great significance in advocating for a free and independent press. It serves as a reminder of the essential role journalists play in upholding democracy, exposing corruption, and ensuring transparency. Professor Hererra emphasized the cooperative relationship between media freedom and information literacy, emphasizing that a well-informed citizenry is essential for a functioning democracy.

Media and information literacy is not a luxury but a necessity in today's information age. By cultivating these skills, we empower individuals to be active participants in shaping their own narratives, fostering dialogue, and championing press freedom. Let us celebrate World Press Freedom Day not just on May 3rd but every day by being vigilant consumers of news and advocates for a free and independent media.



In the photos above are Director Zaalica B. Edres who delivers her welcome address and Prof. Maria Ninotchka Hererra during her presentation.

School Peace Corner for a Culture of Peace

Aliah P. Cali-Pascan

On May 11, 2023, NCMF Lanao Peace and Conflict Resolution Division and NCMF Lanao GAD Technical Working Group, in partnership with IPDM MSU-Marawi, visited MSU-Balindong Community High School in Wato-Balindong, Lanao del Sur. The purpose of this visit was to assess the progress of students who had undergone the First project collaboration between NCMF and MSU IPDM, which focused on Peace Education training under the Being a Third Sider: A Peace Education training project. During their visit, the team observed the students' commitment to applying peace and development principles in their school and respective communities. The students also expressed their desire to establish a Peace Corner, which aims to cultivate a culture of peace within their school campus. Additionally, the students received coaching and mentoring from their peers as part of the implementation plan.

During the visit, the team began by paying their respects to the school Principal, Norhaynee Edaros, as well as all the faculty members who warmly welcomed them. The team then met with the trained students to follow up on their knowledge of the Third Sider training from December 2022. The students' responses were overwhelming, as they shared their personal journeys, discoveries, and transitions. They spoke about their exploration of how to understand different perspectives as a way to practice kindness and consideration. Their narratives demonstrated their ability to apply the learned method from the Third Sider Training.

Some of the many campaigns showcased in their school as a result of the training are a peace corner; a serenity Lodge where you can have peace table discussion and conversations, a place for confession and discourse for more peace interventions; a mail box where you can put your message like hugot line; a freedom wall for the expression of peace; use of colorful sticky notes for personal expressions, messages, concerns and personal reflections; and the school administrators and teachers have expressed their gratitude for the positive impact the training has had on their students. They have observed a significant improvement in their leadership skills, values, and academic performance. As a result, they have requested that the same activity be conducted for lower batches of the school.



MSU Balindong Community High School together with the school officials, faculty members, and visitors from NCMF and MSU-IPDM

Dr. Abamo: Lake Lanao is still ecologically healthy

Cyrollah R. Disoma



Dr. Fema M. Abamo during the NRCP Regional Mindanao Policy Forum

"Ecologically speaking, Lake Lanao is still healthy," declared by Dr. Fema M. Abamo, the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development, during the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) Regional Mindanao Policy Forum held last 27 April 2023 at the International Convention Center, MSU-Marawi Campus, in a form of a talk show. The event aimed to translate the results of Dr. Abamo's research in Lake Lanao into policy recommendations, a project funded by NRCP entitled, "Preliminary Inventory and Diversity Of Ciliated Protozoans in Lake Lanao: Its Spatial and Temporal Variations and Its Bioindication on Lake's Water Quality." The talk show, an episode of NRCP's "May Magandang Bukas Mula sa Pagtuklas" was hosted by the Executive Director of DOST-NRCP, Dr. Bernardo N. Sepeda, and was attended by representatives of various local government units of Lanao del Sur, BARMM Provincial Environment, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO), and faculty members of the university.

Dr. Abamo's research team collected water samples from different locations, namely Marawi City, Ramain, Taraka, Balindong, and Binidayan. Two sampling substations were established in these areas: littoral zone (shallow section) and pelagic zone (deeper section) of Lake Lanao. Water samples were collected during mixing, non-mixing, dry, and wet seasons between 2016 to 2018. These water samples were examined to determine the abundance of ciliated protozoans, which are one-celled eukaryotes characterized by the presence of hair-like structures called cilia. Ciliates abundance was used as a bioindicator of organic pollution in Lake Lanao. The research intended to assess the trophic state of the lake based on planktonic ciliate abundance. Overall, the ciliate abundance was below 2.4 cells/mL in all the sampling periods and in all sampling areas, suggesting that the trophic state of Lake Lanao falls under ultraoligotrophic. This means that Lake Lanao is characterized by low accumulation of dissolved nutrient salts, supporting a sparse growth of algae, and having a high oxygen content owing to the low organic content. In other words, Lake Lanao is ecologically healthy.

"As any body of water, Lake Lanao is also confronted with environmental pressures, maybe due to the increasing number of human populations thriving around Lake Lanao and also climate change," Dr. Abamo declared in her talk. Not unknown to locals, Lake Lanao is extremely pivotal in shaping the identity of the Meranapo people. The lake serves multiple purposes, including the source of livelihood, drinking water, domestic activities, and irrigation. However, the increasing number of settlements near the lake is threatening its overall state.

Dr. Glen Lorenzo, vice president for Research and Development, has also emphasized the importance of collaboration with DOST-NRCP for research and development. "Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, the MSU system President, put premium on research and extension. In fact, his top two agenda talk about academic excellence and research excellence. To attain this goal, one of the strategies is to establish research centers which include Lake Lanao and Watershed Research Center." The importance of conducting research on Lake Lanao and its watershed has been given more emphasis when Dr. Lorenzo declared, "Lake Lanao is life to the people in Lanao and to the rest of the people in Mindanao. About 70% of the electric needs of Mindanao comes from the hydroelectric plants, which are being supplied by the water coming from Lake Lanao."

While Lake Lanao remains ecologically healthy, Dr. Abamo's important message was the challenge to maintain its healthy state and implement effective measures to protect the lake from various threats and to conserve its environs. The representatives of the municipal government units and other relevant stakeholders have expressed their commitment of support to protect the lake from human and non-human threats.

Forester Pili M. Papandayan, the PENRO-Lanao del Sur, recognized the importance of the study to the targets of the province to have research on environment and natural resources and energy profiling and preservation of the endemic fish. Forester Asmarie M. Labao, PENRO-Lanao del Sur, said "the different stakeholders are here to continue our efforts to protect Lake Lanao and its surroundings." The municipal mayor of Wato-Balindong, Hon. Amer-Reggie L. Bagul, has also expressed his support for research, particularly about the native fish species in Lake Lanao to help improve the aquaculture industry in his municipality. Representing the education sector, Prof. Mariam A. Sunggod was happy with the results, and she added "We in the education sector, our responsibility here is how can we communicate that result to the younger generation...how can we educate our young learners to help in taking care Lake Lanao, to be stewards." The event ended by calling on stage some members of the research team of Dr. Abamo, to wit, Prof. Camar P. Ameril, Prof. Cyrollah R. Disoma, and Ms. Hamema D. Cosain.#



Some MSU officials and employees with Dr. Bernardo N. Sepeda

Youth Peace Actions in OURmindaNOW

Aliah P. Cali-Pascan

Recognizing local efforts with global impact, the OURmindaNOW (OMN) Summit 2023 & Peace Promotion Fellowship (PPF) 3 Town Hall highlights the role of active citizens, especially young people in communities and schools in the promotion of inclusive dialogue for sustainable peace in Mindanao. The one-day event held on April 26, 2023, at Apo View Hotel, Davao City was organized by Equal Access International – Philippines (EAI-PH) and supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), The Asia Foundation (TAF) and the Al Qalam Institute for Islamic Identities and Dialogue in Southeast Asia (Al Qalam). The event aims to bring together schools, young leaders, community members, stakeholders from national and regional governments, and international partners to discuss significant milestones on preventing violent extremism in schools and communities.

Moreover, the event had three components. Firstly, Conversations on Preventing Violent Extremism through Education. It brought teachers, education experts, community members, youth influencers and the media to feature leading local innovations in peacebuilding and conflict transformation centered in schools and communities in Mindanao. The panel discussion on preventing violent extremism in the basic education was fruitful. There were five educational experts who had shared their insights on the connection between values education and critical thinking as well as the impact of student-teacher relationship in the promotion of peace and security within the community. They emphasized the importance of the creation of student friendly classroom environment where students are free to speak up their mind and feel secure because when students are comfortable to express themselves, it will develop their creative and critical thinking. Furthermore, during the panel discussion they were able to share their perceptions on what are the gaps on preventing violent extremism in education. The educational experts shared some of the strategies they utilized like identifying social issues where students could relate and learned from contemporary pressing social issues.

Secondly, there were presentation of 18 empowered youth who took the leap and courage to become a premiere – maker in Mindanao. The PPF 3 Town Hall served as the culmination of the six-month fellowship journey of active youth peacebuilders across Mindanao. With their advocacies focusing on Women empowerment, Digital Literacy, and Peace Education, these Peace Fellow gathered for the OURmindaNOW (OMN) Summit 2023 & Peace Promotion Fellowship (PPF) 3 Town Hall and highlighted the successes of their own peace projects and their ways forwards as part of the sustainability program of the said organization. Lastly, the networking session conducted to enable participants to connect with each other and form meaningful relationship through conversation. The session also provided an opportunity for participants to meet with potential partners and collaborators. Though, it was only a one-day event, but it awakened us to the idea that peace is possible when the youth sector becomes the agent of change in the society.



Representatives of MSU-IPDM during the event, Prof. Mojahid C. Baraki (left) and Prof. Nassif Talal (right)

Breaking Barriers with Hospitality: PGAD and CHTM's Recipe for Gender Equality

Ameenah R. Gumal

In the words of Kofi Annan, "Gender equality is more than a goal in itself. It is a precondition for meeting the challenges of reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development, and building good governance." Recognizing this, the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur, headed by its Governor, Hon. Bombit Adiong, through its Provincial Gender and Development (PGAD) Office, and the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management (CHTM) at the Mindanao State University-Main Campus under the leadership of its system President Atty. Hassanul Basari D. Mapupuno embarked on a transformative journey to empower marginalized sectors and provide them with a tool to become agents of change and provide gender equality within the community.

With the initiative of the Provincial Gender and Development (PGAD) Office, through its head, Ms. Alliah Mujahedah K. Lucman, and with the expertise of the faculty members of the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management (CHTM) at the Mindanao State University-Main Campus, a 2-day livelihood program focusing on "Food Processing Training" for the vulnerable and minority sectors of the Municipality was conducted last March 8-9, 2023 at the Amai Manabilang Gymnasium, Municipality of Amai Manabilang, Lanao del Sur. This 2-day event was successful with the collaborative efforts of the Local Government Unit of Amai Manabilang under the banner of its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Jamal



From left to right: Prof. Angel Ivy A. Gamo, Ms. Vera Vanessa N. Lastimoso, Prof. Sean Wilfred B. Cayunda, and Prof. Clesan R. Calbe-Naga demonstrate their know-how in food processing.

E. Manabilang, through the Municipal Gender and Development Office, represented by the Municipal First Lady, Hon. Apple A. Manabilang. The Local Government of Amai Manabilang played a crucial role in this activity, with their warmest welcome and hospitality provided to the facilitators and organizers of the event.

Moreover, Prof. Lei May A. Dalaten, the chairperson of the Hospitality Management Department, Prof. Sean Wilfred B. Cayunda, the College Research and Extension Coordinator, along with other Hospitality Management faculty members Prof. Clesan R. Calbe-Naga, Prof. Angel Ivy A. Gamo, and Ms. Vera Vanessa N. Lastimososa, under the guidance of the CHTM dean Prof. Ainnie M. Gangco, contributed their expertise and shared their insights as resource speakers and training facilitators on the said event. Their collective efforts sought to provide the participants with the necessary skills, tools, and training to stand independently and create sustainable livelihoods. This collaboration between the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management (CHTM) and the Provincial Gender and Development (PGAD) Office signifies a commitment to creating change by alleviating poverty, promoting sustainable livelihoods, and building a brighter future for the people of the Ranaw. By empowering marginalized sectors, these joint initiatives foster inclusivity and ensure no one is left behind.

Finally, the Provincial Gender and Development (PGAD) Office, driven by one Mahatma Gandhi teaching: "Lose yourself in the service of others," continues to undertake programs that benefit the various sectors of society, including mothers, single parents, women, children, senior citizens, and people with disabilities. The recently held livelihood program is expected to start many more collaborative projects between the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur and the Dakilang Pamantasan ng Mindanao. And with a more integrated approach and unwavering efforts, they aim to end poverty and inequality in Lanao, creating a brighter and more inclusive future for all so that, as the PGAD motto goes, "#AngatLahatSaPGAD."

Unveiling Butig's Hidden Gem: CHTM joins the journey towards thriving Tourism Odyssey

Ameenah R. Gumal

Lao Tzu taught his people, "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." This teaching makes sense of the importance of taking steps toward a positive change. This change should be a life-long journey, aiming to achieve one's goals and targets. In this journey towards positive change, the Tourism Management Department of the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management (CHTM) at the Mindanao State University-Main Campus has taken a significant step by joining forces with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Butig in their collaborative efforts to promote and pursue tourism development in the Butig municipality through a series of activities toward the realization of their objectives. This collaboration aims to foster peace and prosperity in the province. Hence, the Municipal Government of Butig, headed by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Atty. Dimnatang Pansar, through its partnership with the Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS), worked with various agencies and institutions to formulate the Butig Tourism Development Plan (BTP) as one of its interventions to foster peace.



From left to right: CHTM Dean Ainnie M. Gangco, Municipality of Nunungan Mayor Hon. Marcos M. Mamay, and MPOS-BARMM Director-General Atty. Al-Rashid L. Balt

In support of this endeavor, esteemed faculty members from the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management, namely: Prof. Sean Wilfred B. Cayunda, a Tourism Management instructor and the College Research and Extension Coordinator, and Ms. Ameenah R. Gumal, also a Tourism Management instructor and the current College Secretary, were invited to share their insights as critiques from the academe sector of the tourism industry in the recently held Critiquing Activity of Butig Tourism Development Plan last March 4-5, 2023, at the New Dawn Plus Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City. Recognizing the expertise within the faculty force of the CHTM, Prof. Ainnie M. Gangco, the College Dean of CHTM, and Ms. Anne Fatimah G. Latip-Mangondato, the Tourism Management Department Chairperson, were also invited to impart their know-how in the tourism industry through the Butig Rehabilitation Program that included Training on Tourism Management for the Technical Working Group of LGU Butig, held last March 20-21, 2023, at the Go Hotel, Robinsons Place, Iligan City. These efforts highlight the commitment of CHTM to fostering sustainable tourism practices and developing the potential of Butig as a tourist destination. With the success of these collaborative efforts between the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management (CHTM) and the Local Government of Butig in partnership with the Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS), along with other stakeholders who were with the iButigens throughout this pro-change journey, it is evident that this milestone will bring forth positive effects far beyond the little town of Butig, the iButigens, and the constituents of the Mindanao State University-Main Campus, but the people of Lanao del Sur in whole. This is because the aspired formulation of a tourism development plan will catalyze positive transformation and economic growth in the locality.

Finally, the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management (CHTM) proudly joins the people of Butig in celebrating their status as the first local government in Lanao del Sur to spearhead a Tourism Development Plan formulation. And as much as the people of Butig take pride in this milestone, this university's Tourism Management Department of the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management is equally gratified to join this grand voyage of unveiling Butig's Hidden Gem toward a thriving tourism odyssey.

9th MSU-ILS Alumni Grand Homecoming: Rekindling, Reminiscing, and Recollecting

Al-Ansari Balindong and Nurhesam Basheran

In the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy famously said, "There's no place like home." This sentiment speaks to the idea that as we mature and experience more of the world, we often find ourselves drawn back to the place where we began—a place that holds our fondest memories and where we felt most empowered. In other words, we may come to realize that the place we call home is irreplaceable and holds a unique significance in our hearts. Similarly, we consider our school as our second home. The MSU-ILSAA, also known as the MSU-ILS Alumni Association, has successfully held its 9th Grand Alumni Homecoming after a six-year hiatus. Prior to the five-day event packed with exciting and thrilling activities, during the month of Ramadhan, alumni also had friendship games at the Capitol Gymnasium organized by Batch Zero One (2001) and Islamic Seminar and Community Outreach Program organized by the Batch Breaker (2005).



The pioneering batch of MSU-ILS with Lanao del Sur Governor Mamintal "Bombit" A. Adiong, Jr.

The Pakaradian Fair, a 3-day event organized by the Pioneering Batch (1982) and Batch D'Precedents (1997), commenced on April 26, 2023 at the MSU-Dimaporo Gymnasium. The fair attracted a lot of people, including alumni, students, and locals, by offering various food stalls and booths. Some of the food stalls were Dunkin' Donut, Avocadoria, Infinita, Turks, and Café while the booths for different activities prepared for everyone were Jail Booth, Photo Booth, Henna Hand Painting, Face Painting, and many more. Moreover, a live band performed different genres of music on different days: acoustic songs on the first day, classic songs on the second day, and pop songs on the third day.

The fair proved to be a delightful start to the festivities, leaving everyone in attendance thoroughly entertained. A Medical Mission and Blood Donation Drive took place on the same day as the Pakaradian Fair. The event was organized by Batch Team 88 (1988) and Batch Legacy (2014) and was held in MSU-ILS Gymnasium with the intention of providing aid to those in need. The event included free health check-ups, dental and optical check-ups, and distribution of free medicines.

On April 28, 2023, the Opening Parade featuring all the alumni batches of MSU-ILS was held. Following the parade was a series of ball games which featured volleyball, basketball, and badminton. Winners were determined in each game, and rankings were assigned accordingly. The event's ultimate objective was to promote camaraderie among the participating groups by allowing them to play and have fun with one another while fostering sportsmanship.



The Pakaradian Committee, Batch 1997, headed by Mayor Nancy Adiong

The Color Fun Run, organized by Batch D'Amazing (1993), Batch Tremendous (2013), Batch Tyche (2022), and Batch Revenite (2023), was held on April 29, 2023 after an exhilarating opening program. The winners of each category were announced. Overall, the Color Fun Run was tagged as a memorable event for all alumni involved.

Another activity was the torch parade that took place on the evening of April 29, 2023 amidst drizzling weather. The foot parade/yell competition took place at the entrance of the MSU-Grandstand, marking the end of the parade. An evening after the parade, on April 30, 2023, the Alumni Ball, which had been eagerly anticipated, took place. It was an evening that called for elegance and grace after a series of physically active events. The event with black and white theme was organized by Batch Unstoppable (1989), Batch Storm (1992) and Batch Outbreak (2020) and was held in the MSU-Dimaporo Gymnasium.

MSU and UNDP: Gears Up towards National Peace University

Raihan A. Yusoph

Recognizing the peacebuilding mandate of the Mindanao State University System, especially through its Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao (IPDM), UNDP Philippines has collaborated with the MSU System on different efforts in strengthening conflict prevention and peacebuilding in Mindanao particularly on Peace Education. On March 2 to 7, 2023, the Peace Education Training of Trainers and Module Enhancement was held at the New Dawn Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City. This activity was participated by 34 peace educators from various campuses of the university; two (2) participants were from the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF); two participants from 500CEB of 103rd Brigade and one participant from the Office of Peace and Development of the Province of Lanao del Sur (OPD). This activity was spearheaded by Executive Director Acram A. Latiph and organized by his Peace Education Program Officer, Prof. Raihan A. Yusoph and his team, Prof. Corazon M. Mangelen, Prof. Nassif S. Talal, Prof. Johara Alangca-Azis, and Mr. Mouhammad Sharief.

This activity was designed to develop inputs to be utilized for the enhancement of Peace Education courses in the university; to review MSU peace education courses and materials, given emerging challenges and developments in the current context of the Bangsamoro region; strengthen integration of mental health and psychosocial support and peacebuilding into existing peace education manual; and lastly, to undertake planning for peace and conflict analysis to be utilized for the Peace Observatory. Thus, this activity is deemed significant to the participants to develop their strategies, attitudes, and competencies towards culture of peace and to reinforce these skills for active and responsible action in the building and promotion of the values of peace in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and Mindanao at large. With this, it is important to note that this activity cannot be made possible without the presence and contribution of its resource persons, the experts who have shared their invaluable insights on topics related to: culture of peace, non-violent conflict resolution and transformation, women in peacebuilding, and strategies in peace education.



In the photos are the participants and speakers in the Peace Education TOT in CDO.

Metamorphosing at 22: MSU-LNCAT's Integration Day

Sittie Sohayah D. Cadalay

Every February of the year, while many are joyful of celebrating the heart's month, Lanao National College of Arts and Trades (LNCAT) is ecstatic in celebrating its integration to Mindanao State University. In 2001, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed by the MSU System President and the CHED Regional Director. The signing was in compliance and consonance with the provision of R.A. No. 7722, otherwise known as Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997, pursuant to Resolution No. 131-2000 mandating CHED-supervised institutions integrate chartered state colleges and universities. And one of these is LNCAT.

On its 22nd integration day, MSU-LNCAT continued to metamorphose into greater good. It was on the 21st of February 2023 when the celebration began with the arrival of the Mindanao State University Officials headed by no less than the System President, Atty. Basari Dimakuta Mapupuno. Rejoicing also with MSU-LNCAT were Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Alma E. Berowa, Vice President for Administration and Finance Dr. Saliha Guinal, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Amerkhan Cabaro, the League of Directors and other special guests. MSU-TCTO personally sent a representative to extend their warmest greetings. Pres. Mapupuno underscored on his speech how MSU System must treat all the members as a Family. Their presence does not only show support to the school, but also signifies their being a family. Indeed, one MSU. Supt. Gandamra extended her gratitude to all those who joined the 22nd integration day celebration and to the entire MSU-LNCAT family. She shared her vision of metamorphosing MSU-LNCAT to a beautiful butterfly that will soon fly into greater heights.



Univeristy officials headed by Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno

BEYOND WINNING

Sittie Aina T. Pandapatan

When I was invited to participate in the workshop on English Teachers Professional Development through Folk Story Writing of this institution in collaboration with Universitas Tanjungpura in Indonesia, without hesitations, I immediately grabbed the opportunity to learn the principles of writing folk story and showcase my skill in creative writing. It was indeed a challenge for me that time because I need to learn the 'hows' of writing this genre of writing and to contextualize Meranaw culture to my output.

During the writing phase, I realize how difficult it is to write for a budding creative writer like me. Indeed, writing a folk story is not easy. I must admit that I have a limited knowledge of my culture. This is why, I have spent weeks of conceptualizing and learning the amazing culture that I belong to. I've spent sleepless nights of revising both its Filipino and English versions. It was my first time to write such, and I could not believe how it turned out -- a piece that portrays a life in Ranao and realization of one's long desire.

Writing the story "S'da a Bolawan" is the product of not just my imagination, but also the collective effort of those people whom I have asked about things that I really did not know about my culture. My journey of writing this piece is indeed an exploration of the colorful culture of Meranaw people with the help of my friends Ms. Normallah Abubakar, CPA of Wato, Balindong, Norjannah Abdulazis of Marantao, Dr. Samina Hadji Zaman and her mother and sisters of Tugaya, Lanao del Sur. Their effort in educating me and describing me the beauty of Ranao and its people made this piece possible.

Having been able to learn the ABCs of folk story writing from our professors here in MSU-Main and from University of Tanjungpura is an opportunity. I am beyond grateful to my mentors and judges for their critical and constructive feedback of my craft: Dr. Grace Rafal, Dr. Sorhaila Yusoph-Latip, Dr. Johara Alangca-Azis, Dr. Eugene Torres, Jr., Dr. Godiva Rivera, Prof. Pearle Jun Franco, and the Indonesian lecturers. I am also thankful with the time and effort of my mentor since undergraduate, Dr. Rebekah Alawi for editing my work and for inspiring me in doing this. Also, I thank my cartoonist and my digital artist, Halid Pancho and Muhalliden Pumbaya for visualizing this folk story.

This craft of mine is one of the written works that I really treasure. It is not just a writing activity nor the acceptance of the certificate, award, price, incentive, and recognition. It is more than those. It is indeed beyond winning -- a realization of my long desire of becoming a creative writer.



From left to right: Dr. Rebekah Alawi, Sittie Aina T. Pandapatan and Dr. Grace Rafal

Seda a Bolawan

Sittie Aina T. Pandapatan's Winning Story

In the land of *Indaratila*¹, there was a couple, Sumang and Dayangdayang, who lived some distance from Ranao -- the lake where people could fetch water. Sumang was a fisherman who depended solely on Ranao for livelihood. Ranao meant life to him because he grew up there fishing and swimming together with his late father who was also a fisherman.

Sumang's wife, Dayangdayang, was a weaver of colorful and beautiful *landap*². They had wanted and longed so much to have a child. In their desperation, they tried everything like going to *Kaporoan a Loway*³ to seek the help of renowned *pamomolong*⁴. As advised, they religiously performed *kaphaygo sa ig*⁵, *kapamalong*⁶ and *kapamotar*⁷. However, so much time had fled, and all their efforts proved futile. Dayangdayang began to lose hope.



One night, while Dayangdayang was soundly asleep, she dreamt.

"Dayang... Dayang... Dayang...", a strange calm voice could be heard calling her name.

"Dayangdayang, listen," the mysterious voice said in her dream.

"Eat the *seda a bolawan*⁸ that your husband will get this *Diyamaat*⁹ from *Payong a Bae*¹⁰ of Ranao so that you will be blessed with a child," were the last words she heard.

The *Payong a Bae* was a part of the Ranao like a whirlpool that sucked and slurped anyone who wandered there. According to *miyawna a manga taw*¹¹ who witnessed, no one came back alive from that part of Ranao. Many had tried to get the *seda a bolawan* and paid dearly with their lives. What really happened under this body of water remained shrouded in mystery.

Dayangdayang woke with a start and excitedly roused Sumang from his sleep. She narrated him what she dreamt of. Upon learning of the strange dream, Sumang led a prayer to *Tohan*¹².

"*Tohan*, please bless us with a child," Dayangdayang repeatedly said the entreaty in her prayer, while tears streamed down her cheeks.

The next day, Sumang prepared to do what Dayangdayang had dreamt of. Sumang tied around his waist the *pedang*¹³ inherited from his father before he died and brought with him his net.

"Don't worry. When I return, I bring with me the *seda a bolawan*," Sumang promised to his crying wife.

As he sailed on the lake, he saw the *Payong a Bae* that frighteningly swirling, ready to slurp its unsuspected victim. Because of his determination, he cast his net on it, and in seconds, he was swept away by the swirling water and later, lay slant on the deepest and darkest part of the lake. In the dark, the *pedang* tied to his waist radiantly glowed. He saw hazily the attacking two humungous lake creatures that were *Ontong a Seda*¹⁴ and *Bagisan*¹⁵; the latter, with its two big fangs was known to eat whosoever attempted to dive in *Payong a Bae*. Sumang was attacked by *Bagisan*. His right arm was wounded. At his left, he did not notice the quick attack of *Ontong a Seda* in his left leg. Using his wounded right arm, he grabbed his *pedang* and pointed it to the eyes of *Bagisan* when this creature tried to attack him again. He was going to pierce *Bagisan's* fierce eyes, but it hurriedly dodged. Because of this, *Ontong a Seda* and *Bagisan* stopped.

"You are valiant, Sumang. The blood of your father, *Kasimra*, flows in your system. We, the two *tomonggo*¹⁶ of the *seda a bolawan* have fought with

your father who wanted also to get the *seda a bolawan* so that he would get the wealth of the world. But, no one has successfully get it," suddenly said by *Bagisan*.

"I do not desire the wealth of the world, rather I wish to have a child. I am begging, help me," was what Sumang wanted to utter but he could hardly open his mouth because he was fully submerged in the depths of *Payong a Bae*.

However, the two *tomonggo* who have the power to hear what someone wanted to say understood Sumang.

"Because of your bravery and intense will, come, bring with you the *seda a bolawan*, cook it, and let your wife eat it so that you will attain the true wealth of the world," said *Ontong a Seda*. When Sumang saw *seda a bolawan* below, he had to close his eyes because of the light they naturally emitted.

"Sumang, close your eyes until you get out of Ranao. The light of *seda a bolawan* can blind anyone when it is in Ranao's water. But, out of the water, its light disappears," continued *Ontong a Seda*.

"Make sure to take care of the wealth that you will get. Do not let it cause destruction to anyone. If you fail to protect it, we will take it back from you," *Bagisan* emphatically warned.

After their confrontation, Sumang felt a very strong pat. An inexplicable propulsive force seemed to thrust him upward until he was brought surface with the *seda a bolawan* in the net. He quickly stood up and brought home the promised *seda a bolawan* to *Dayangdayang*.

Eighteen years passed imperceptibly.

A white scarf. This was what Lawan had been wearing every time she went out. Heedful of the strict command of her father, she made sure that no one would see a strand of her gold-colored hair. In her early childhood, it was also the same admonition of her *Ina a Bae*¹⁷ *Simpan* who assisted *Dayangdayang* in giving birth. When bathing the newborn, *Simpan* was astounded on seeing brilliant light coming from the baby's hair. It was incredibly glowing. When Sumang saw this, he remembered the same light emitted the *seda a bolawan* from *Payong a Bae*.

However, the light from baby Lawan's hair could not blind them. They did not wonder anymore. For them, all that mattered was the fulfillment of their long-time wish, Lawan, who they valued as their wealth in the world. One day, as the sun began to set, Lawan was enviously watching from her window her friends who were swimming and frolicking in Ranao. She never learned to swim for she was not allowed by Sumang because of his worry that the sight of Lawan's radiantly glowing hair might cause fear among the people and harm whoever would see the light emitted her hair when immersed in Ranao.

"I want to be free from this white scarf. I want to swim together with my friends. I will be happy. Oh Ranao, I want to experience how to be happy like them. I didn't wish for this light. I know how much my *Ina*¹⁸ and *Ama*¹⁹ love me, but I feel imprisoned in a cage. Oh Ranao, I want to experience how it is to

be free and happy like my friends."

These words gushed forth from Lawan while she was staring at Ranao.

Her very strong will and long pent-up frustrations getting the better of her, she divested herself of her white scarf. By this defrost gesture, her long gold-colored hair was exposed. Absorbed in weaving on the loom, *Dayangdayang* did not notice Lawan leave. Sumang had not yet returned from fishing.

The sky started to get darker. With every step she took, Lawan could not resist to cry out of joy. Her heart beat fast and faster as her feet brought her nearer to Ranao. She felt the water embraced her feet, and rose till it reached her neck, then submerged her whole body. As her long hair gloriously spread on the surface of the water, she felt breathless with exhilaration; she did not notice the brilliant light radiating from her hair.

Everyone who saw the blinding light stood transfixed. In the offing, Sumang was cheerfully pulling the net that was heavy with a large catch for that day. Even he turned his head as the light spread. Suddenly, memories of his encounter with *Ontong a Seda* and *Bagisan* and his first sight of the *seda a bolawan* in the depths of *Payong a Bae* rushed back.

He remembered Lawan. The moment he had dreaded had come.

"Lawaaaaaan!" Sumang shouted from afar, with all his might. She could not hear him.

When Lawan was completely submerged in Ranao, people instinctively closed their eyes because of the unbearably harsh glare of the light from Lawan's hair.

Ontong a Seda and *Bagisan* showed up before Sumang.

"Make sure to take care of the wealth that you will get. Do not let it cause destruction to anyone. If you fail to protect it, we will take it back from you." These were the very same words *Bagisan* had said to Sumang before they allowed him to get the *seda a bolawan* to get the coveted riches of the world.

Sumang was speechless on hearing those words. When the light vanished, he plunged into the water to look for Lawan. But his desperate search was in vain; he did not see even a shadow of her.

When the people who witnessed the scene opened their eyes, they were shocked and appalled to discover that they had completely lost their sight.



¹ A name of place

² A traditional Meranaw garment used in different ceremonies

³ A place where healers reside

⁴ A Meranaw healer

⁵ A ritual performed while bathing with water

⁶ A ritual performed using the traditional malong or garment

⁷ A ritual performed through reading some Qur-anic verses or classica Meranaw prayer

⁸ A gold-colored fish

⁹ Friday

¹⁰ A part of lake that looks like a whirlpool

¹¹ Ancient people

¹² Lord

¹³ A metal blade that has a sharp point and edge

¹⁴ A large luckfish

¹⁵ A humungous fish with big fangs that eat whosoever attempts to dive in *Payong a bae*

¹⁶ Protector

¹⁷ Grandmother

¹⁸ Mother

¹⁹ Father

OVPRE and OVCRED hold the 1st MSU-Marawi Research and Development Summit

Rovy M. Banguis

As a result of the recently concluded Mindanao State University Systemwide Summit on Research, Extension, and Internationalization held at MSU- General Santos City last May 4-6, 2023, the Office of the Vice President for Research and Extension headed by Dr. Glen A. Lorenzo in cooperation with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development headed by Dr. Fema Abamo hold the 1st MSU-Marawi Research and Development Summit on June 15-17, 2023 at Estregan Beach, Lanao del Norte. More than a hundred faculty members consisting of college deans, department chairs, and college research and extension coordinators participated in the said summit. Others present were the directors and coordinators of research and extension from the four integrated campuses such as: Buug, Maigo School of Arts and Trade (MSAT), Lanao National College of Arts and Trade (LNCAT) and the co-host, Lanao del Norte Agricultural College (LNAC).

The first day commenced with the discussions of the Rationale of the Summit by VP Glen Lorenzo and its Objectives by VC Fema Abamo. They both emphasized the overarching mandate of the University and its vision to be a Center of Excellence in instruction, research and extension transforming itself into a premier and globally competitive national peace university. This vision defines our unique niche and reinforces the relevance of research and development as we enter in the next years of leading innovations, transforming lives through dissemination and utilization of knowledge and skills, innovative education, multidisciplinary research collaborations, and community linkages and partnerships. Significant topics were also explicated by different speakers such as : the MSU Marawi Research and Development Agenda for 2017-2022 and its Performance Report by Prof. Dexter C. Canalita, Special Assistant of Mamitua Saber Research Center; Sustainable Development Goals, Seal of Governance and Tentative Thematic Areas by Prof. Melencio Jalova, Director of University Extension Services Center and the 10point Agenda of University Pres. Atty Basari D. Mapupuno by : Dr. Mahid M. Mangontarum, Special Assistant to the Office of the President. The 10-point agenda are as follows:

1. Taking bolder strides towards Academic Excellence
2. Strengthening Research, Extension, Innovation and Production
3. Promoting MSU System as a National Peace University
4. Harnessing MSU Systemness and Focusing on the Comparative Advantages and Rationalization of Academic Programs
5. More Aggressively Move Forward Internationalization and Strategic Linkages
6. Serve as Beacon for Cultural Heritage
7. Improve Human Resource, Administration, and Enhance Processes for Greater Effectiveness and Efficient Delivery of Service
8. Increase Income Generation and Improve Fiscal Responsibility
9. Infrastructure Development and Use
10. Implementation of Land Use Plan



MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno delivers his message.

Heavy talks in the open forum and workshops continued in the second day. However, the addition of thematic areas was critical since the different heads of the colleges had compelling ideas as to why their field of expertise should be included in the ten areas which led to the final ranking of the MSU-Marawi Research and Extension Agenda for 2023-2028 which include the following:

1. **Human and Community Development**
2. **Culture, Tourism and Arts**
3. **Language, Media, and Communication Research**
4. **Industry, Innovation, Infrastructure, Energy, and Emerging Technology**
5. **Sustainable Economic Production, Food Security, and Poverty Alleviation**
6. **Bio-physical-chemical environment**
7. **Health Research and Development**
8. **Law and Governance**
9. **Basic Research**
10. **Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation**

Series of discussions continued on the College Flagship Programs on Research and Extension with the different research and extension coordinators from the different colleges and directors from Integrated Campuses with Sir Albert Cabolbol and Sir Jamesly Babiera



The MSU-LNAC delegates

of MSU-LNAC as the moderators. In the afternoon, Vice President Glen Lorenzo presented the DBM Performance Targets for Research and Extension Services which led to the series of discussions on identifying the strategies to hit the target by the different department chairpersons with Dr. Annie Mae Berowa and Prof. Anville Villanueva as the moderators.

The third day started with two presentations of the College Research and Development Roadmaps by Prof. Melencio Jalova, Jr., Director of the University Extension Services and Prof. Jhumar Jamis, Coordinator of the College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. Then it was followed by the presentations of Vice Chancellor Fema Abamo on the duties and obligations of the College Research and Extension Coordinators and the discussion on the nitty-gritty of Workshop on Crafting the College Research and Development Roadmap. She further unveiled the prioritization and scoring metrics as follows: 50% strengths, 30% SDGs and 20% 10-point agenda. Fast talks on Research and Development Roadmaps were done by college/units with Dr. Sorhailah Latip Yusoph, Director for Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center as the moderator. The summit ended with the message of support by the different Campus Heads.

Thus, it is imperative for MSU-Marawi as a front runner of education in Mindanao to increase its visibility and public value both in the national and international levels thru research and innovations. Present efforts must also be sustained to be able to, as fast as possible, reach the path of prosperity and development in terms of research, extension, and innovation. With this, it really takes a deeper sense of grit to continue our commitment and dedication to scaffold the university to attain its vision and hit our target. We really must continue our efforts to maintain the stature of our university as a prime mover for research and innovation and an arena for both faculty and students to be collaborators and innovators to help solve regional and even national and international challenges facing humanity. Most importantly, the university itself dictates to produce high impact researches and sustainable extension programs responsive to the needs of our community. Surely, this summit underpins the faculty force to demonstrate the key accomplishments and innovations of the university towards the end of 2023.

We CARE Team conducts training at Faith Academy of Buug

Rovy M. Banguis

The WE CARE Office of Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology headed by Dr. Rosario L. Reserva, Director of Extension conducted the two-day Teach.ICT: Training the Trainers Training on Computer Programming for Young Learners at the podium of Buug Municipal Hall, Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay last June 1-2, 2023.

A total of 20 select staff and students at Faith Academy of Buug (FAB) have undergone the training on the Hour of Code programming which include Flappy Code, Minecraft Voyager Aquatic, Minecraft Hero's Journey, Minecraft Adventurer, Minecraft Designer, and Minecraft Artist. It was spearheaded by Assoc.

Prof. Lemuel Clark P. Velasco and Asst. Prof. Paul Bokingkito, both faculty members from the College of Computer Studies. Others present were Engr. Dennis Tenerife, Mr. Dennis Lapong, Mr. Rico Tachado, Ms. Rochie Butron and Ms. Noemie Dondoyano, faculty members from MSU-Buug who served as facilitators of the training. The said endeavor aims to augment the technical skills of the FAB staff to create more trainers and to instill in the minds of the student participants that learning can be fun and interesting via online learning platforms.

One of the highlights of the training was the presentation of training plan development by the FAB staff for the forthcoming Summer Camp on Teach.Code which will take place sometime in July 2023. More importantly, it is expected that this endeavor will open more opportunities for FAB and MSU-Buug to collaborate with MSU-IIT and other campuses in the MSU System. The awarding of certificates to the trainers, facilitators, and participants by FAB School administrator, Teacher Dyna L. Ibanez concluded the two-day training. Indeed, keeping abreast with emerging online learning platforms is a leverage to an ever-changing global economy.



The participants, trainers, and facilitators together with Dr. Rosario L. Reserva and VCRE Dr. Rovy M. Banguis during the 1st day of the training

MSU-ILS joins BARMAA 2023

Nasif T. Macaslang

ILS will always fight for thy name.

MSU-ILS athletes and coaches outnumbered the other participating schools composing the Marawi City delegation who competed during the most anticipated BARMAA MEET 2023 held in Cotabato City. In fact, what gave hype and color to the Marawi City delegation is the ILS marching band under Prof. Rogarciano C. Guinggue III. This year's BARMAA MEET has been a roller coaster experience—the unfamiliar and distant event venues, the left-and-right orientation, the literal roasting climate of Cotabato city, and the sudden rainy weather that almost compelled the athletes to surrender is all that drove them to fight and thrive for victory.

More often than not, the athletes felt very excited and energized because of the all-out support of the faculty and staff of MSU-ILS, and what's even more motivating is seeing [in flesh] our beloved MSU-ILS Asst. Dean, Prof. Intesar T. Aba-Condong from day one 'till the very end of the program monitoring the safety of the athletes and coaches and spoiling them with FREE Jollibee, daily allowances, and FREE T-Shirts. In all honesty, this kind of support has never been like before. Her support system is just beyond measure that everybody could tell. And there's more to be thankful for, the presence of our equally supportive principals, Prof. Halimah B. Macadaag of the elementary department and



Participants and coaches of MSU-ILS in BARMAA 2023

Prof. Jamilah B. Hadji Latip of the junior high school department, who could not help but witnessing the week-long event with our athletes, and cheering them up in all possible ways, they could. It is also worth mentioning that one of the athletes, Muhammad Keyan A. Sarip, under his coach Abdul Halim L. Sarip, clinched the gold medal in the Lawn Tennis—Elementary Category, making him qualified for the PALARONG PAMBANSA to represent the entire BARMAA region, and this is something that we, ILS people, could be very proud of manifesting that ILSian are well-rounded individuals and are capable of competing at par with those in the national arena.

The strong desire of the ILS athletes and coaches to win was pounded by the collective efforts of the ILS management spearheaded by Asst. Dean, Prof. Intesar T. Aba-Condong, the MSU-ILS Alumni Association headed by Lanao del Sur Provincial Governor, Hon. Dr. Mamintal "Bombit" Alonto Adiong, Jr. and the MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno. It made ILS to bring home numerous medals adding to the feather of its cap which certainly proves that thing like this, ILS will always fight for thy name.

MSU-Marawi guidance counselors attend the PGCA 58th Annual National and 2023 International Conference

Raijana T. Esmail-Fayez

The Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association, Inc. (PGCA), an Accredited Integrated Professional Organization of the Professional Regulation Commission held its 58th Annual National and 2023 International Conference last May 15-17, 2023 at the University Theatre, Osmeña Avenue, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City with the theme "The Innovative Filipino Global Helping Professionals".

The Conference was a 3-day event which paved a way for the participants to become more aware and enlightened on the different issues and trends pertaining to guidance and mental health awareness.

The Guidance Counselors of MSU Marawi Campus from DSA Guidance and Counseling Section spearheaded by the DSA Director Aisa D. Munder, MAEdGC, Faridah D. Alango, Raijana T. Esmail, Sittie Hakima C. Sani, Ailene P. Ampog, Dr. Raynidah M. Dipatuan, Aleesha L. Tampi and a few DSA Staff, Prof. Sittie Zhaynab HZ Ali and Sittie Junairah A. Arindig from MSU ILS, and likewise, Dr. Rohanie M. Sultan from the College of Education came altogether aiming to upgrade their skills and competencies in their helping profession.

It is worthy to note that it is a vital duty of the helping professionals to expand their knowledge and have a profound understanding of the significance of mental health so that the constituents

may meet the proper guidance which is essential for them to know to properly deal with different issues most specially for their mental well-being. This justifies the need for our Guidance Counselors to continually be informed and updated to be able to effectively and efficiently address issues we face in our daily practice particularly those distressing the youth, families and communities.



Some representatives of MSU Marawi Campus from DSA Guidance and Counseling Section who attended the 58th Annual National and 2023 International Conference

MSHS students join 4th RYP, propose ordinances for the environment

Haniah Krys E. Ilupa

As young and competitive as they are, five MSU Marawi Senior High School (MSHS) students make it to the 4th Lanao Youth Parliament (RYP) again last June 1 to 8, 2023. Princess Nezhin M. Tambie, Princess Farjanah D. Zobair, Mahfoz M. Naga, Hosni M. Benito, and Shalimar H. Basman are among the 40 young leaders who were selected from the pool of applicants coming from Marawi City and various towns in Lanao del Sur.

For 8 straight days, these five students gained various learning experiences in the three tours of the whole program. The first tour, called the pre-RYP, consisted of visits to special education centers, internally displaced persons' (IDP) shelters, the Lanao del Sur Provincial Jail and torils (Muslim boarding schools). This aimed to expose and educate the young parliamentarians on various aspects in the community. The second tour was an educational tour which consisted of visits and tours in the Cagayan de Oro City Hall, various significant offices, including the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, in which they were made to observe in the sessions going on. The third tour, called the post-RYP tour, consisted of visits in the Lanao del Sur Provincial Capitol and various offices, namely the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, Provincial Social Work and Development Office, Integrated Provincial Health Office, Provincial Disaster and Risk Reduction and Management Office.

In between the tours were the committee hearings where the young leaders were visited by resource persons from involved agencies, depending on their committee membership. Members of committees then drafted their proposed ordinances.



The five young parliamentarian flex their certificates and attires during the Social Night and Awarding Ceremony of the 4th RYP on June 8, 2023 at the Ridge Hotel in Sagonsongan, Marawi City.



The young parliamentarians pose for a photo at the CSWDO centers in CDO on June 5, 2023, during the educational tour. (From L to R: Princess Farjanah D. Zobair, Mahfoz M. Naga, Hosni M. Benito, Shalimar H. Basman, Princess Nezhin M. Tambie)

The proposed ordinances submitted by the young MSHS parliamentarians are Ordinance No. 052 or the "Ranaw Environment Research and Development Ordinance of 2023", principally authored by Hon. Princess Nezhin M. Tambie, and Ordinance No. 075 or the "Ranaw Ayam Ordinance of 2023", principally authored by Hon. Shalimar M. Basman and Hon. Hosni M. Benito. All proposed ordinances have been approved on their third and final reading.

The committee membership and distinctions of MSHS parliamentarians are as follow:

1. Hon. Princess Nezhin M. Tambie

Committee Chairperson (Committee On Environment)

Best Speaker of the 4th RYP

Bae a Malangas

Principal author: Ordinance No. 052 or the "Ranaw Environment Research and Development Ordinance of 2023"
Grade 11 student from Humanities and Social Sciences Strand

2. Hon. Shalimar H. Basman

Committee Secretary General (Committee On Environment)

Principal author: Ordinance No. 075 or the The "Ranao Ayam Ordinance of 2023"

Grade 12 student from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Strand

3. Hon. Hosni M. Benito

Member (Committee On Environment)

4th RYP Deputy Secretary General

Principal author: Ordinance No. 075 or the The "Ranao Ayam Ordinance of 2023" approved on its third and final reading

ROs, DPOs undergo CapBuild sessions

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez

Records management and data protection are integral parts of administering an organization considering that good management entails quick, accurate, and reliable access to records, timely demolition of redundant or irrelevant information, and apt protection of imperative documents. These two serve as the backbone of a transparent and accountable administration or government. In addition, these are among the major requirements for an agency or unit to be certified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) particularly in ISO 9001:2015—a standard for general organizational quality management system (QMS)—that the Mindanao State University-Marawi is applying for.

In order to ensure that the University has an ISO records management standard, the designated Records Officers (ROs) and Data Protection Officers (DPOs) of each unit undergone into various capability building sessions. These activities were initiated and organized by the Records Management Office headed by Dr. Ibrahim H. Aliponto, PhD in partnership with the University Quality Assurance Office led by Atty. Jaynevev A. Recentes-Magolama.

The first activity was the Seminar-Workshop on 5S in the Workplace: Organizing for Greater Public Sector Productivity that took place on April 13, 2023 at the Conference Room of the Office of the President. The principles and importance of 5S Good Housekeeping as an instrument and method in paving the path of the organization's continuous improvement system particularly on keeping and protecting accounts were emphasized. According to Dr. Aliponto, the 5S was rooted from the Japanese words Seiri, Seiton, Seiso, Seiketsu and Shitsuke which are translated as Sort, Set in Order, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain. It was noted that 5S is also recognized all over the world as an effective technique in performing the daily operation of a unit since it centers on instilling and sustaining cleanliness and orderliness as well as securing the safety of the employees.



Participants of 5S Seminar-Workshop while holding their certificates together with the resource persons, Dr. Ibrahim H. Aliponto and Atty. Jaynevev A. Recentes-Magolama



Dr. Aliponto discusses the rights of the records officers and the data subjects.

Atty. Recentes-Magolama presented the crafted MSU Quality Workplace Standards as part of incorporating 5S in ISO 9001:2015 particularly on Clause 7.14 (Environment for Operation of Processes). She also discussed the roadmap to 5S implementation wherein some approaches to its successful practice were cited. She concluded her discussion with the golden rule, "" to encourage the participants to always apply 5S in their day-to-day life especially in their workstations to maintain quality standards.

A Data Privacy Protection Training was then conducted on May 5, 2023 at the same area wherein University Data Protection Officer, Saadre D. Rago, MM, JD highlighted the significance and pillars of data privacy compliance as well as the consequences of its violations based on the Data Protection Act of 2012. Furthermore, Dr. Aliponto enlightened the participants on their obligations as keeper of various data and information including sensitive personal information of the clients.

"As records officers and data protection officers, you are accountable to your unit's acquisition, management, analysis, governance, and protection of data. Thus, you should be responsible with the data and information you are keeping and safeguarding at all cost," said by Dr. Aliponto.

A link was also created for all designated ROs and DPOs along with the provision of their institutional email addresses to maintain speedy and easy communication and dissemination of vital records. These series of capability building activities will still continue with the objective of formulating a quality modern system in the management of the University records to uphold its authenticity and efficiency. In fact, a 3-day training-seminar on records management principles and functions is scheduled to be held in the third week of June 2023.

Dr. Naga, Prof. Sequete serve as lecturers in MSU-Tawi-Tawi LET Intensive Review, Final Coaching

Manar H. Macapodi

Dr. Minerva – Saminah M. Naga, dean of the College, and Prof. Fernando R. Sequete Jr., chairperson of the secondary teaching department, served as lecturers in the recently conducted Licensure Examination for Teachers - Intensive Review and Final Coaching by MSU-Tawi-Tawi College of Education on April 29 – 30, 2023. Prof. Sequete Jr. did the rationalization of the General Education components while Dr. Naga discussed the salient concepts of the Professional Education of the LET.

This institutionalized program is a collaboration between MSU-Tawi-Tawi College of Education and MSU – Marawi, College of Education. Prof. Fauzia K. Sali – Latif, dean of MSU-Tawi-Tawi College of Education, expressed her profound gratitude to MSU-Marawi for its support and help in the preparation of the students in taking the LET.



Faculty and administrative staff of CoED and MSU-TCTO together with MSU Marawi CED Dean Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga, econdary Teaching Department Chairperson Prof. Fernando R. Sequete Jr., and MSU-TCTO Chancellor Dr. Mary Joyce Z. Guinto-Sali

MSU CRO goes on air

Community Relations Office

On April 27, 2023, the Community Relations Program via U-FM Radio station celebrated the conclusion of the Holy month of Ramadhan Al-Mubarak. Ibrahim Derico, the special guest, shed light on the National Research Council of the Philippines. The program emphasized the importance of collaboration and coordination among the MSU Constituents to uphold peace and security on the Mindanao State University Campus.

On May 18, 2023, the office held a highly informative program at the Campus, shedding light on the critical importance of strictly adhering to the "No Segregation, No Collection Policy" with regard to solid waste management. The event, organized under the auspices of RA 9003, was made possible through the efforts of MSU System President, Atty. Hassanul Basari D. Mapupuno. The event served as a valuable platform to educate and empower the campus community towards sustainable waste management



CRO Director Macmod G. Maruhom with Mr. Ibrahim Derico

practices, fostering a cleaner and greener environment for all. Another activity was organized by the office on March 9, 2023. It was the launching of a special program dedicated to enhancing constituents' awareness on Ramadhan; maintaining cleanliness, beautification; and promoting peace and order within our campus. This significant initiative aimed to foster a deeper understanding of the significance of Ramadhan and its connection to maintaining a clean and serene environment.

Through engaging activities and insightful discussions, participants gained valuable insights and practical tips on how to contribute to a harmonious and well-maintained campus. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the MSU-Community Relations Office for organizing this impactful program, which further strengthens the bond within our campus community during this sacred month of Ramadhan.

Alhamdulillah, today May 25, 2023 and the 5th day of Dhul-kahdah. The Community Relations Office program at 94.1 U-FM Radio Station continued to discussed the Ecological Solid Waste Management in consonance with the 5 Steps for Success (ARTA). #



CRO Director Macmod G. Maruhom during the CRO program on 94.1 FM

MIO joins Ramadhan Iftar dinners

Hannah G. Marquez

The Mindanao State University, through the Manila Information Office, has been invited once again to the annual Ramadhan Iftar dinner of the Commission on Human Rights. The latter expressed their greetings of goodwill to the whole Muslim community -- an Eid filled with peace, happiness, and blessings.

In solidarity with the Muslim brethren, the CHR, together with the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy, hosted the dinner to celebrate Iftar last April 17, 2023. It was also attended by representatives of the National Commission on Muslim Filipino, Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament, National Amnesty Commission, Legal Education Board, the Global Equality Caucus, Mujer LGBTQ+, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Community members were also invited to join for solidarity as everyone was wished all the best in the Ramadhan season.

In another occasion on April 20, 2023, the MSU-Manila Information Office participated in the Friendship Iftar Dinner as hosted by the Religions for Peace Philippines, in collaboration with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy. Various government agencies and private organizations convened for the Friendship Iftar meant to promote unity, foster collaboration, mutual understanding and respect among different groups and religious affiliations and beliefs. The MSU Manila Information Office serves as the Liaison Arm of the Mindanao State University System for facilitation of coordination, linkages and collaborations with the rest of the country and the world.



Photo opportunity during the Ramadhan Iftar Dinner



MIO with the Religions for Peace Philippines

MSU employees partake in Islamic Competitions

Azis D. Panda, Jr.



Qur'an Reading Competition First Placer, Aliah M. Pumbaya of the External Unit receives her award.



Wasiat Competition First Placer, Salih Alawi of the Budget Office receives his award.

MSU employees took part in the 1st President Basari D. Mapupuno Qur'an Reading, Adhan (Call of Prayer) Recitation and Wasiat (Sermon Telling) Competitions that was held on the April 11, 2023 during the Holy Month of Ramadhan. It was initiated by the Radio Telecommunications Office and the 94.1 DXUR Campus FM Radio Station. This activity aims to inspire the employees in performing the order of Islam. The participants demonstrated their adeptness in front of the jury composed of Islamic Scholars and professors- including Aleem Mohammad Atiya M. Amanoddin (KFCIAAS) Aleem Ihsan M. Manaol (KFCIAAS) and Aleem Alaanodin M. Hadji Said.

RTCO Director Ihsan M. Amanoddin extended his gratitude and congratulations to all the participants during the awarding ceremony that was held on May 15, 2023 at the RTCO. "First of all, I congratulate the winners and the rest of the participants; thank you for joining the competition. I thank MSUS President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, for making the competition happen. I also thank my staff for their support and for making the event a success. We hope that we can continue this program in the coming years and we hope that more MSU employees will join us next year. May Allah SWA allow us to experience another Ramadan. Ameen," he said.

Each winner received a cash prize and a certificate of recognition. Winners of the Qur'an Reading Category were Aliyah M. Pumbaya of External Unit (1st Prize), Dambae Gulam of Housing Management Division (2nd Prize), and Hassan Esmael of Physical Plant Division (3rd Prize). On the Adhan Recitation, the winners were Acmad Datu Haron from OVPPD (1st Prize), Najeb Baragana from the Division of Student Affairs (2nd Prize), and Ali Sangcapan from the Budget Office (3rd Prize). The 1st Prize on the Wasiat Competition was won by Salih Alawi from Budget Office. AVP Dr. Jamaloden L. Ma-amor of OVPPD got the 2nd Prize and Ansary Mangondaya of the Physical Plant Division received the 3rd Prize. #

MSU-Maguindanao achieves recognition as the 2nd Best Performing University by AACCUP

Honey Grace T. Magsayo

Mindanao State University-Maguindanao achieved a noteworthy milestone by being recognized as the Top 2 Performing State University with the highest number of Level 1 Accredited Programs in 2022. The award was presented to the University by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) during the 36th Annual National Conference on March 29, 2023 at the Century Park Hotel in Manila.

The conference, themed "Strengthening a Culture of Quality Assurance in Higher Education through Partnerships in Accreditation," provided a platform for State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) nationwide to engage in discussions and collaborative efforts to advance quality assurance processes and standards in higher education.

The recognition demonstrates MSU-Maguindanao's enhanced performance as well as its dedication to providing better and quality education given the diverse academic programs. Of the 15 Level 1 programs, five are from the College of Agriculture, four degree programs from the College of Education, two programs from the College of Public Affairs and Governance and the College of Arts and Sciences respectively, while one for each of the College of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the College of Fisheries. Specifically, the following degree programs successfully hurdled Level 1 AACCUP accreditation:

- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business Management
- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Agronomy
- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Extension Education
- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Animal Science
- Bachelor of Science in Forestry major in General Forestry
- Bachelor of Science in Fisheries
- Bachelor of Elementary Education major in General Education
- Bachelor of Secondary Education major in English
- Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Mathematics
- Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Sciences
- Bachelor of Science in Social Work
- Bachelor of Public Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies.

Notably, the University applied for Preliminary Survey Visit (PSV) on July 26-30, 2021 and was followed by the Level 1 Accreditation proper on September 26-30, 2022. The comprehensive evaluation determined that these programs have satisfied the standards of quality education, validating the university's commitment to delivering a well-rounded and impactful learning experience.

In her message, Chancellor Bai Hejira Nefertiti Macalandong-Limbona conveyed her gratitude and accolades to the faculty members and the deans of various colleges for their significant contributions and unwavering commitment to the university. The Chancellor also acknowledged the overwhelming support from



During the Preliminary Survey Visit (PSV) of AACCUP representatives to MSU-Maguindanao

the staff, students, and stakeholders who tirelessly worked for this remarkable achievement. She also underscored the university's dedication to its partnership with AACCUP, reiterating their shared goal of delivering quality education and service fostering a positive global impact in the communities.

Accreditation task force led by Ms. Genuine Uko-Malim, JD directed the accreditation process to ensure strict compliance with the quality and standards. Similarly, Prof. Mildred Baguio, head of the Program Accreditation and Services Office played a pivotal role in upholding the university's dedication to maintaining quality of academic programs.

As MSU-Maguindanao celebrates its 50th year this October, it remains steadfast to pursuing quality, relevant, and innovative instruction; revitalizing research capability and outputs; and institutionalizing extension and community services. With renewed vigor and determination, the University looks forward to the future, where new heights of success and accomplishments await.



Chancellor Bai Hejira Nefertiti Macalandong-Limbona receives the MSU-Maguindanao's award as the Top 2 Performing State University.

CWS, ACM celebrate Women's Month

Raquela T. Dimalotang

The Center for Women Studies (CWS) headed by Director Raquela T. Dimalotang together with the American Corner Marawi (ACM) and MSU-Library both headed by Director Zaalica Edres organized a series of activities in celebration of the March 2023 National Women's Month. As part of the celebration, a Slogan and Poster Making Competition with the theme, "Encouraging the Youth of Marawi to Participate in Combating Gender Inequality to achieve an Inclusive Society for Men and Women of Marawi," was organized on March 8, 2023 at the AMC mainly to awaken the spirit of the youth of Marawi to participate in the pursuit of women's empowerment and equality through art. The said event was participated by selected junior and senior high school students from the different schools in Marawi. In the end, after a deliberation with the judges—Director of Meranao Cultural Heritage Center and Office of Information, Press and Publication, Dr. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph and the Director of Aga Khan Museum and Natural Science Museum, Dr. Linang M. Cabugatan, participants from MSU Balidong- Community High School, MSU-Marawi Senior High School, Ibn Seina Integrated High School, hailed as the winners of the contest.

Further, to complete the celebration of the 2023 National Women's Month, The Center for Women Studies in collaboration with the American Corner Marawi organized a Seminar- Workshop for the employees of Mindanao State University. The seminar-workshop was about the use of Gender-sensitive language. The main purpose of this activity is to reduce discrimination on men and women through educating the MSU employees with the proper use of gender-fair language that was held on March 20, 2023 at the AMC with Prof. Sheen Casie Montilla-Labitad of the Social Work Department as the Resource Speaker. In addition, a representative from Bangsamoro Women Commission attended the event as one of its special guests. One of the remarkable moments during the event was when Director Zaalica Edres and Director Raquela T. Dimalotang gave their heartwarming and inspiring messages to the participants and expressed their gratitude to the MSU System President Atty Basari D. Mapupuno who supported the conduct of the 2023 National Women's Month Celebration.



A photo opportunity among some of the participants of the Poster and Slogan-Making Contest with the University Library Director Zaalica B. Edres

MOST visits for onsite monitoring of 2021 and 2022 funded projects

Sittie Aina T. Pandapatan



Some attendees during the presentation of project updates

The Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) visited the laboratories of their 2021 and 2022 funded projects as part of their onsite monitoring on March 15, 2023 at MSRC Hall, Mindanao State University, Marawi City.

To know more about the progress of each funded research, the project leaders of the following 2021 and 2022 funded projects presented their updates regarding their respective projects which are the following:

1. Organic Sakurab Production and its Product Development (Dr. Rashdi M. Casim, Project Leader)
2. Bioindication Performance of Protozoan Ciliates in Lake Lanao's Water Quality (Dr. Fema M. Abamo, Project Leader)
3. Feasibility Study on the Establishment of Technology Hub in Lanao del Sur (Dr. Maria Stella G. Cudas, Project Leader)
4. Biofloc Technology Application in Nursery Culture of Giant Freshwater Prawn, *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* (Dr. Ma-ann M. Camarin, Project Leader)
5. Policy Analysis for Lake Lanao, Philippines: A Study of Management Frameworks and its Implications (Dr. Mahid M. Mangontarum, Project Leader)



Dr. Melencio Jalova, Jr., University Extension Services Director

The onsite monitoring was headed by Engr. Jandatu S. Salik, the Chief Research Specialist and Fredric S. Cadungog, Science Research Specialists II of Research and Development and Innovation Division of MOST. The MOST team was also accompanied and assisted by the project leaders, its members and staff, and the Mamitua Saber Research Center staff. #



From L to R: Sittie Rohaida P. Sarangani, Kevin Conrad T. Tansiongco, Ms. Ma. Corazon L. Tercera, and Fatha R. Bato

MSU librarians attend ALINET Seminar-Workshop on Library Practices and Challenges

Ahlam Rohaima A. Usodan

In the dynamic world of libraries, the pursuit of knowledge goes beyond the confines of traditional spaces. Fatha R. Bato and Sittie Rohaida P. Sarangani, two dedicated librarians from the University Library, attended the Academic Libraries Information Network in Mindanao, Inc. (ALINET) Seminar-Workshop on "The Road Taken: Library Practices and Challenges in Diverse Settings" and General Assembly. Held on March 16-17, 2023, in the prestigious Auditorium of Caraga State University-H.E.R.O. Learning Commons in Butuan City, this event aimed to broaden perspectives on alternative library workplaces and provide strategies for adapting to new environments. The ALINET Seminar-Workshop served as a platform for librarians across Mindanao to converge and exchange ideas, experiences, and best practices. Fatha and Sittie Rohanida were eager to embrace the challenges and opportunities presented by this unique gathering.

Their journey led them to the CSU-H.E.R.O. Learning Commons, a beacon of innovation and inspiration within the academic library landscape. As the largest state university library in Mindanao, this impressive facility spans an astounding 7,200 square meters, designed to accommodate up to 2,000 library patrons at a time. Situated in Ampayon, Butuan City, Agusan Del Norte, the library prides itself on providing a conducive learning environment and pushing the boundaries of traditional library spaces. What sets the CSU-H.E.R.O. Learning Commons apart is its commitment to embracing cutting-edge technology and transformative practices. Designed in the shape of an arch, the three floors of the library represent its three main sections, combining functionality and aesthetic appeal. The integration of state-of-the-art technology solutions further amplifies its innovative nature.

During the ALINET Seminar-Workshop, Fatha and Sittie Rohanida had the opportunity to benchmark and witness firsthand the innovative practices of the CSU-H.E.R.O. Learning Commons. From the spatial design to the technological advancements, the library serves as a beam of inspiration for librarians seeking to transform their own institutions. They were particularly impressed by the library's dedication to providing a holistic learning experience.



A photo opportunity at the Caraga State University-H.E.R.O. Learning Commons

CED Programs undergo COPC Ocular Inspection

Manar H. Macapodi

The College of Education programs have successfully surpassed the ocular inspection to acquire a Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) from the Ministry of Basic, Higher & Technical Education (MBHTE) in Muslim Mindanao Government on March 13-14, 2023.

The first set of programs underwent the first batch of perusal, videlicet, Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSEd), Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEEd), Bachelor of Technology and Livelihood Education (BTLEd), and Bachelor of Technical and Vocational Teacher Education (BTVTEd) have received positive remarks from the evaluators. "... sa mga number of top notchers pa lang ninyo, makita na daan (..it is already evident from your number of top notchers)" said Dr. Lydia S. Bawa, one of the evaluators.



Photo opportunity with the program evaluators, Dr. Lydia S. Bawa and Dr. Mercedita Laurie

CED along with other colleges, are with the university as it aspires to become at par with top universities in adherence to maintaining quality assurance in instruction, standards, and administration. COPC is a recognition that specific degree programs offered by SUCs/ LUCs are fully compliant with the policies, standards, and guidelines of CHED/MBHTE.

MSU-Malabang CHS celebrates its 45 years

Juhanna O. Balindong



Guest Speaker, Panel of Judges and some faculty members

MSU-Malabang CHS recently marked its 45th founding anniversary with a week-long celebration, under the theme "MSU-MCHS @ 45: Fortifying Collaboration, Innovation, and Sport-Mindedness for a Stronger and Resilient MSU," the event took place from February 26 to March 2, 2023. The celebration commenced with an inspiring opening program featuring Dr. Samsia P. Dumrang, the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs as the guest speaker. Dr. Dumrang emphasized the importance of teamwork, creativity, and a strong sports culture in fostering a resilient educational institution. Throughout the week, the festivities included a range of exciting events and competitions, showcasing the diverse talents and skills of the MSU-MCHS students. The four competing teams - Amity, Abnegation, Erudite, and Dauntless - brought their A-game and vied for the top.

The first day featured Zumba dance routines and impressive cheer chants, demonstrating the students' enthusiasm and spirit. These dynamic performances set the tone for the days ahead, filled with literary events, sports competitions, scientific challenges, and captivating musical performances. During the literary events on the second day, students showcased their prowess in Wasyat (an oratorical competition), news casting, and Sabayang Pagbigkas (group declamation). These activities highlighted their eloquence, creativity, and command of the spoken word. Simultaneously, the sports events in the afternoon witnessed intense volleyball, basketball, and badminton matches, displaying the students' physical prowess and sportsmanship. On the third day, the focus shifted to the exciting SciMath Day, featuring the Amazing Race challenge. The participants demonstrated their problem-solving skills, teamwork, and scientific knowledge as they navigated through a series of intellectually stimulating tasks. In the afternoon, the sports events continued with thrilling volleyball, basketball, and badminton matches, captivating the audience with their displays of athleticism. The fourth day embraced the artistic side of the students, with captivating musical performances such as solo and duet singing contests and electrifying Hiphop dance routines. The morning was filled with soulful melodies and dynamic dance moves that left the audience in awe. In the afternoon, the sports events resumed, with more high-energy volleyball, basketball, and badminton matches, showcasing the students' dedication and competitive spirit.

The grand finale of the week-long celebration took place on the fifth day, with the much-anticipated Pagana Meranaw Food Festival and Culminating Program. The event highlighted the rich culinary heritage of the Meranaw people, offering an array of traditional delicacies and sumptuous dishes for everyone to enjoy. The culminating program honored the participants and winners of various competitions, recognizing their outstanding performances and contributions to the anniversary celebration. Dr. Conaida G. Camama, the principal of MSU-MCHS, expressed her utmost happiness and pride for the overwhelming success of the event. She commended the students, faculty members, and staff for their tireless efforts in organizing and participating in the various activities. Dr. Camama emphasized the significance of such celebrations in fostering a sense of unity, camaraderie, and school spirit among the MSU-MCHS community. After a week of intense competition and camaraderie, the overall champions were declared. Amity and Erudite claimed the prestigious title of Over-All Champion, displaying exceptional talent, teamwork, and dedication throughout the celebrations. Abnegation secured the First Runner Up position, while Dauntless claimed the Second Runner Up spot. The achievements of these teams reflect the collective excellence and commitment to success that define MSU-MCHS. As the 45th founding anniversary celebration concluded, MSU-MCHS stands poised to embrace the future with renewed vigor and determination. The school remains steadfast in its mission to provide quality education, nurture talents, and shape the leaders of tomorrow. With collaboration, innovation, and sport-mindedness at its core, MSU-MCHS is committed to building a stronger and more resilient educational institution for the benefit of its students and the community at large.

NRCP monitors its funded research projects, conducts research campaign

Sittie Aina T. Pandapatan

The Mamitua Saber Research Center held the Onsite Monitoring of the NSTEP2 Funded Research Projects of the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) on March 15, 2023 at MSRC Hall, MSU, Marawi City. In the opening remarks, Ms. Thelma E. Diego, the Supervising Science Research Specialist of the Department of Science and Technology Region 9 was thankful for the implementation of the recent research projects from the MSU-Main. She further encouraged the budding researchers to submit their projects that can create transformational change to the society.



Dr. Fema A. Abamo, Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development

The onsite monitoring highlighted the presentation of the current research projects through updates, questions and answers. The following researches were presented: (1) Floristic Assessment and Carbon Density Estimates of the Munai-Tambo Key Biodiversity Area in the Lake Lanao Watershed presented by the Project Leader Prof. Melencio C. Jalova, Jr. and (2) Development of Doped Polyaniline/Cellulose Acetate from Tropical Water Hyacinth for Anti-Microbial Membrane Preparation presented by the Project Leader Prof. Amierson C. Tilendo. After the presentation, the NRCP team together with the project proponents visited the project laboratories at the College of Forestry and Environmental Studies and College of Engineering to monitor the progress of each project. On the same day, the NRCP team conducted the Membership Orientation and Caravan and Capacity Building for MSU-Marawi budding researchers at the MSRC Hall, MSU, Marawi City.

The campaign was led by Ms. Kareena Abungin, the Science Research Specialist II of NSTEP and Ms. Karizza Yambao, the Science Research Specialist II of NRCP. The team encouraged the attendees from the various colleges of MSU-Marawi to become a member and enjoy the different privileges they may have as a member and researcher. #

MSU colleges join the RRC Orientation

Sittie Aina T. Pandapatan

The Research Review Committee (RRC) under the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development oriented the different colleges on the research reviews and clearances for the review process of the Mindanao State University-Main Campus. The program was participated by all colleges with their research coordinators and representatives to join the discussion on the review process in two clusters.

During the event, Dr. Fema M. Abamo, the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development and Director of Research has narrated the history of the creation of RRC. This event also gave spotlight to the presentation of the different committees under the RRC

which are the Research Ethics Committee (REC), Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC). The chairpersons of the said committees namely Dr. May Ann F. Daclan of REC, Dr. Antonio Tayong of IACUC, and Dr. Beverly B. Amparado of IBC have discussed the goals and objectives of the formation of their respective committee. Apart from this, it also highlighted the discussion of the legal aspects of RRCs given by Atty. Shidik T. Abantas who is the Legal Expert of RRCs.

Before the orientation ended, the participants were able to ask clarification and share their comments, suggestions, and concerns about the review process. One of the heated topics that received much concerns was the implementation of research reviews and clearances for the students who are conducting research. The event was also graced by the newly designated Vice President for Research and Extension of the MSU System, Dr. Glen A. Lorenzo, who also delivered his closing remarks. #



The RRC Committee Speakers

OVERSIGHT ON SITE

Amerkhan G. Cabaro, PhD and Wendel T. Lontua

In exigency of service and the University's commitment to pursue academic excellence in the operations of all its campuses, an Oversight Committee to review and evaluate the operations of the MSU-Main Extension Campuses is created through a Special Order No. 050 -OP, Series of 2023. The Committee is composed of Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and at the same time the chairman of the oversight committee, co-chaired by the Vice President for Planning and Development, Engr. Rodrigo Baid, MSCE. Members are the deans of the various colleges offering the programs.

Undergraduate and graduate degrees are being offered as extension programs in **MSU-Marawi Campus Sindangan Extension** (BS Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, BS Chemical Engineering, BS Civil Engineering, BS Electrical Engineering, BS Mechanical Engineering, BS Fisheries, BS Environmental Science, and BS Psychology); in **MSU-Maguindanao** (Doctor of Public Administration); and in **MSU-Marawi Campus Isulan Extension** (Master of Public Administration and Certificate in Governmental Management).

Primarily the committee is tasked to thoroughly review the status of every program offered in the Extension Campuses, effectively and efficiently monitor and evaluate the teaching performances of the faculty members in the main campus who are assigned to teach in the extension campus, assess the facilities, laboratory equipment, and other materials necessary for the operation of its program, make recommendation/s for the improvement of the operations of the Extension Campuses, and closely monitor if the agreements stipulated in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the MSU-Main Campus and the concerned Local Government Units (LGUs) are conscientiously followed.

Through the efforts of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Oversight Committee has initially conducted ocular inspections, reviewed, and evaluated the implementation of the provisions stated in the existing MOA on extension programs between Mindanao State University – Marawi Campus and the Local Government Unit of Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte, Local Government Unit of Isulan, Sultan Kudarat, and MSU-Maguindanao, Maguindanao del Norte.

Last February 26-28, 2023, the Oversight Committee conducted an ocular visit at MSU-MCSE. Using the MBHTE-Higher Education BARMM COPC template, the committee has observed some minimum standards required by the Policies, Standards, and Guidelines or PSG for each program that need to be strengthened through provisions of adequate number and compliant sizes of laboratories for general, specialized, and professional subjects, a physical library, and even additional faculty members with the desired qualifications. But these are gradually addressed by the local government unit of Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte through making MSU-MCSE a part of their Annual Investment Plan with an indicated separate budget. And this gives the assurance that eventually MSU-MCSE can comply with the minimum standards. Thus, MSU-MCSE despite this challenge still has created an impact in the lives of the students, providing affordable yet quality education and thereby honing the community to be responsible and relevant.

On a similar objective, last March 18-20, 2023, the Oversight Committee visited the Graduate School of MSU-Maguindanao in Tamontaka, Datu Odin Sinsuat (DOS), Maguindanao del Norte and the Graduate School of MSU-Main Campus, Sultan Kudarat Extension. Through series of table discussions, the Committee together with the focal persons of the different extension programs, provisions in the existing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) were refined aiming to address present concerns in data recording, financial reporting, records keeping, enrolment, and even setting the accreditation standards in inviting lecturers and faculty members to teach in the graduate program. With the site visits so far, the Oversight Committee looks forward to meeting other MSU-Marawi extension campuses to make sure that the standards set forth by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the University are upheld.



Participants during the table discussions with the Oversight Committee headed by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro, Committee Chair, Vice President for Planning and Development Engr. Rodrigo Baid, Co-chair, Prof. Soraidah B. Ali, College of Public Affairs Dean, and the Campus Officials of MSU-Maguindanao headed by Dr. Marissa Parcon, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, on the refinement of the MOA and discussion on other pressing concerns

BOR creates University Sytem Planning and Development Coordinating Council (USPDCC) in line with President Basari's ONE MSU initiative

Prof. George S. Gunay



Engr. Rodrigo S. Baid, Vice President for Planning and Development

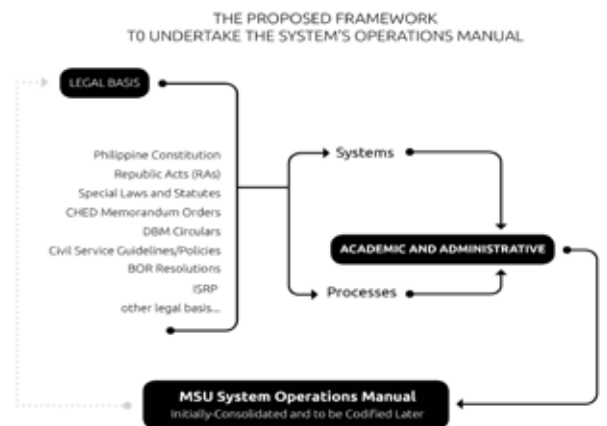
During the 262nd Regular Meeting of the MSU System Board of Regents held at CHED Building along C.P. Garcia Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, the proposal of the Office of the Vice President for Planning and Development to create a system-wide framework for planning and development was approved per BOR Resolution No. 3, series of 2023.

Vice President for Planning and Development Engr. Rodrigo S. Baid envisions the council's output as one that could greatly help the Office of the President in the analysis of the overall operation and direction of the MSU System given the scale of its operation as an 11-campus system with two extension campuses.

From the planning and development perspective, VP Baid, entertained the thought of consolidating all MSU System's policies and guidelines governing their respective systems and operations in order to harmonize the overall operation of all MSU constituent campuses. Upon consultation with MSU System President Basari D. Mapupuno regarding this matter, he challenged VP Baid to undertake the initiative given its relevance to the thrusts of ONE MSU.

Thus, VP Baid set up an initial meeting last February 8, 2023 with MSU-IIT's Office of the Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development headed by Dr. Pamela Resurreccion. Together with her team (heads of various units under the OVCPD) the OVPPD delegation composed of Atty. Jayneveb ResentesMagulama, Dr. Anabelie V. Valdez and Prof. George S. Guany had an extensive exploratory meeting as to how the envisioned system's operations manual be undertaken given the complexity of the task. Another round of meeting was held at MSU-Main Campus, last February 28, 2023 with VP Baid in attendance.

"Technically, what we intend to achieve here, is to be able to consolidate and codify a System-wide Operations Manual, consisting of policies and guidelines, systems and processes, together with the legal basis from which all these emanate from. I know, it would be a very long journey to undertake, but really we have to start somewhere, and as early as now", VP Baid replied when asked on this matter. "And to have one very functional and reliable system operations manual in the future, that will speak of ONE MSU that Pres. Mapupuno has initiated", he added.



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISIT TO THE OVCPD OF MSU-IUGAN [08FEB2023]
[L-R] Dr. Joey Genevieve Martinez, VC for International Affairs, Dr. Eudil Pabatang-Hussien, Director, Office of Monitoring and Evaluation, Muhammad Asrin Tabao, Planning Officer II, OVCPD, Dr. Anabelie V. Valdez, Special Asst., OVCPD-MSU Marawi, Dr. Pamela Resurreccion, VCPI, Atty. Jayneveb ResentesMagulama, Director, University Quality Assurance Office, MSU Marawi, Prof. George S. Gunay, Special Asst., OVPPD-MSU Marawi, Prof. Melgite Alas, Planning Development Officer IV, Dr. Adrian P. Galido, Director, Office of Institutional Planning and Development Services. Present, but missed the photo-op, was Dr. Gina Malacas, Director, Office of Quality Assurance and Management Services.



At the Office of the Vice President for Planning and Development

Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center –School of the Living Tradition Programs



Katharo Participants



Katharo Winners



Kulintang Basics



Kulintang Basics with Marawi National HS Learners



Kulintang Basics with UTC Learners

MCHC-SLT on-going programs are:

Basics of Kapamalong and Kazadoratan

(294 female participants served from January to Present)

Kazipa sa Manggis

(195 male participants served from January to Present)

Ka-Khulintang (Basics of Kulintang)

(75 participants served from May to Present)

Katharo (Meranaw Poetry Workshop and Open Mic Sessions)

(32 participants attended the Workshop and participated in the Open Mic Sessions)

Winners for the Previous Issue Meranaw Words Trivia

Pasagi.ab147
Haylon Ditucalan

Claim your Prizes at the MSU-MCHC Office

New Meranaw Word Trivia Contest

What are the Meranaw words for the following colors:

Blue - Gray - White

MERANAW WORD OF THE DAY

mapayag
adj./adv. [ma-pa-yag]
Adj. apparent, evident, explicit, clear.
Adv. apparently, evidently, explicitly, clearly.

"Miyapaki ilay niyan sa mapayag so ranon
iyan ko wata iyan."
She has shown clearly her care for her child.

MSU - Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center



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

New Campus Officials and Designations



NADZMIE N. ALIHASAN

*Artistic Director of MSU Darangen Cultural Troupe
Per Special Order No. 449, S. 2023*

Nadzmi N. Alihasan is a Filipino-Malaysian who finished Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Extension at MSU-Marawi. Being born with a mixed blood of Samah, Yakan, Malay, and Meranaw, he has been adept in learning various cultural musical instruments and dances at young age. Infact, he has been a member of MSU Darangen Cultural Troupe for more than a decade since his high school years. He also became a Bassist and Vocalist at the MSU-Combo, which made him more proficient in composing music for the troupe. Being a promising young performing artist, he was offered several jobs from different places. However, he chose to work at MSU-Cultural Affairs Office right after his college graduation due to his prevailing compassion for the troupe. He eventually became the Officer-In-Charge of the MSU-DCT in 2019 and was designated as the Combo Master of the MSU-Combo on September 7, 2022 before he was designated as an Artistic Director.



ATTY. RASHID V. PANDI

*Director of Presidential Management Staff
Per Special Order No. 437, S. 2023*

Atty. Rashid V. Pandi is a professor of law at the MSU College of Law and a Lecturer at the University of San Carlos Law School. He graduated Bachelor of Science in Physics as Cum Laude and consistent DOST Scholar at the MSU-Marawi in 2010. In 2017, he finished Juris Doctor at the University of San Carlos as Class Valedictorian. During his law school, he bagged several awards by representing the country in various Legal Writing and National and International Law Moot Court Competitions. He also participated as an Academic Fellow in a Summer Program on Global Justice at the Australian Catholic University in 2019. He then received a Fulbright Scholarship and pursued his Master of Laws at the Columbia University Law School in New York City, USA in 2022 where he was conferred Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar (award for superior academic achievement) and Parker Certificate for Achievement in International and Comparative Law. Before being designated as the PMS Director of MSU-Marawi, he worked as Associate at Romulo Mabanta Buenaventura Sayoc and De Los Angeles from February 2018 to July 2021 and as Chief Legal Officer of the City Government of Ozamiz from September 2022 to March 2023.



PROF. MAHID M. RACHMAN

*Director of MSU Institute of Regional and Local Governance
Per Special Order No. 384, S. 2023*

Prof. Mahid M. Rachman is a real professional in the field of governance. He finished his Bachelor's degree in Public Administration at MSU-Marawi and obtained a Diploma in Public Management and a Master of Public Administration at the UP Diliman. He has worked with the Local Government Academy (LGA) under the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) from 2015 to 2018, where he gained valuable insights into local governance practices. He has also collaborated with international non-governmental organizations including the Plan International Philippines and the Japan International Cooperation Agency. As a faculty member, he demonstrates his commitment to academia and the pursuit of knowledge by teaching courses on various subjects like Regional and Local Governance, Public Fiscal Administration, and Management Techniques and Approaches primarily at the graduate level and by engaging in different research and consultancy works that are focused on disaster risk management, parliamentary system of government, and political party work within the Bangsamoro region.



MOHAMMAD-ALI T. HADJI USMAN

*Artistic Director of MSU Sining Pananadem
Per Special Order No. 334, S. 2023*

Mohammad Ali T. Hadji Usman is a visual artist, a stage performer, a choreographer, and a theatrical director. He finished his Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Diploma in Public Administration at MSU-Marawi. He has been an active member of Sining Pananadem since his first year in college and had performed in various local, regional, national, and international stages showcasing Meranaw culture. Few of his remarkable stints were his performances in Lamama, New York and in Malaysia particularly in Kuala Lumpur, Kota Belud and Kota Kinabalo. He is also one of the scriptwriters of Maharadja Lawana- a stage production sponsored by NCCA. In addition, he serves as the Head Pressman of the Office of Information, Press and Publication aside from being designated as the Artistic Director of MSU Sining Pananadem.



NISHRIEN A. BARUA, LPT
Bachelor of Elementary Education
College of Education

Tips for the Next Takers

1. Invest in your education.
2. Read, read and read!
3. Do metacognition. Being aware of your own thought processes and the ability to reflect on and regulate those processes.
4. Have a Positive Outlook in life.
5. Practice consistency. *"I did not study hard; I studied well and consistently. I was not hard on myself, and I did not have a specific quota to finish in a specific period of time."*
6. Pray! Be patient with what you prayed for.

TOP 5

LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS (ELEMENTARY)

91.40%

Who is Nishrien?

Nishrien Amatonding Barua graduated Magna Cum Laude at Mindanao State University-Marawi Campus with the degree of Bachelor of Elementary Education in 2022. She secured the spot as Top 5 with a rating score of 91.40% in the recently concluded Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers given by the Professional Regulation Commission in March 2023. Nishrien's passion for teaching started at a young age when she would tutor her siblings, nieces, and nephews. In high school, she discovered her talent for teaching when classmates began requesting her help with lessons. In her free time, she delights in calligraphy and has recently taken up basic painting. Nishrien is also an avid reader of self-help and fantasy books. She firmly believes that education is a continuous process, and that it's never too late to learn something new. Currently residing in Malabang, Lanao del Sur, Nishrien is excited about new teaching opportunities. Additionally, she is pursuing the relearning of Qur'an Al-Kareem after graduating.

Experience as a Student in MSU

I was never the smartest in the room, not even the smartest in my group of friends. But I would say I am one of those people who gets recognized by her professors. Looking back, I feel privileged to have had a fulfilling college experience. During my time as a student, I held leadership positions and served in EDSO starting from my second year. Additionally, I was fortunate to be a student scholar and aimed to provide my own resources for university expenses to ease any financial burden for my parents. I'm grateful to have received a scholarship after achieving a spot on the Dean's List for two consecutive semesters.

How did you make it to Top 5?

Although I have not shared this with anyone, I have been preparing for my review since my third year in college. It was during the height of the pandemic. Like many others, I started to worry about the board exam and my abilities. However, I recognize that self-doubt, despite its negative connotation, can actually be advantageous. When you start to doubt yourself, it's a sign that you're becoming more introspective and self-aware. Rather than dwelling on those feelings, try to identify the root cause of your self-doubt. Take a close look at what could be going wrong, what you might be lacking, and what steps you can take to improve yourself. This method worked well for me and helped me overcome negative thoughts. After I graduated, I tried to collect college books and started reading them before my final review started. It was indeed not an overnight success.

Congratulations

President's List Honorees

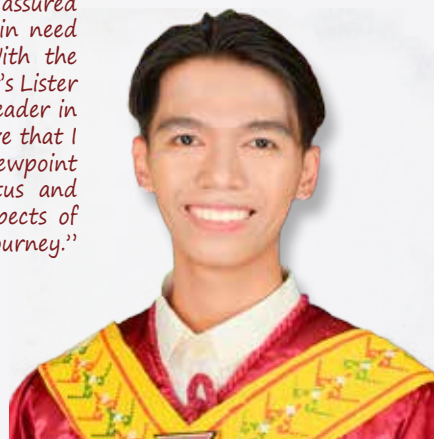
ABDUL HAKIM A. ABDULLAH

Bachelor of Secondary Education major in English
College of Education

Abdul Hakim Aquino Abdullah is a young visionary from the town of Marogong-Malabang in Lanao del Sur. At the age of 21, he stands as a beacon of inspiration, embracing his role as an advocate for peace, a dedicated student leader, and a passionate researcher. He has been an honor student since elementary. In fact, he graduated as class valedictorian in high school. He has also consistently excelled in college, earning a distinguished place on the Chancellor's list year after year and making it on the President's list. Throughout his college journey, he has also possessed student leadership roles like being the External Vice President of the College of Education English Major Student Organization, the Acting President of the Education Student Organization, and the Parliament Speaker of the MSU Main Supreme Student Government. Moreover, he offers volunteer works to some non-governmental organizations.

"Should your abilities soar to the heights of excellence, rest assured that there will be a flock in need of your unique talents. With the prestigious title of President's Lister and my role as a student leader in MSU-Main Campus, I believe that I can offer an unparalleled viewpoint on attaining top-tier status and gracefully managing all aspects of life based on my academic journey."

-Hakim-



"As a student, it is possible to enjoy your college experiences without sacrificing academic responsibilities, as long as you know your boundaries. It's a great feeling to see your hard work pay off, so keep in mind that you are capable of handling anything that comes your way. Remember, you can achieve whatever you set your mind to. Trust that God has a better plan for you and success will follow."

-Fhahida-



FHAHIDA L. LOMALA

Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Mathematics
College of Education

Fhahida L. Lomala has consistently been an honor student, receiving top honors from elementary school up to senior highschool. She has also received numerous awards for her exceptional defense and service, as well as for her outstanding final teaching demonstration. She is an active member of the Euclidia Mathematics Club at the College of Education, where she serves on the membership committee. Additionally, she frequently participates in various seminars and workshops focused on teaching education. Growing up in her hometown at Brgy. Barimbingan Ditsa-an Ramain, Lanao del Sur, she relied heavily on her parents. However, upon entering college, she learned the art of self-sufficiency and began exploring new and exciting experiences independently.

VAN KENNETH J. EBOL

Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Community Development
College of Public Affairs

Van Kenneth Junio Ebol has been a consistent honor student. Upon commencing his academic pursuit, he faced numerous obstacles. During his practicum, he was deployed in Sitio Limunsudan of Barangay Rogongon in Iligan City. For few months, he diligently cultivated a deep connection with the locals, immersing himself in their rich culture that have defined their way of life for generations. Through community immersion and profiling, community organizing and mobilization, and implementation of projects and training, he has witnessed the active participation, immense potential, and unwavering determination of the community members to bring positive change to their community. Now that he will be graduating, he aspires to facilitate the transformation of marginalized communities by empowering them to take collective action against their internal circumstances and external factors that contribute to and sustain oppressive conditions.

"Stay strong and keep striving for your dreams. If you face failure or redirection, embrace it and keep moving towards your goals. Remember to pray and seek guidance from the Lord. To the CD students, never be ashamed of your course. Always remember that you are on the right path. Always keep in mind the principles of community development and have an unwavering dedication and commitment to work for the betterment of the community."

-Van-





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Message

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Praise be to Allah by whose blessings excellent achievements are accomplished.

On behalf of the MSU System President, all former Deans, the Faculty, staff and students of the MSU College of Law, I wish to congratulate the 81 MSUan 2022 Bar passers for accomplishing the most coveted success in one of the country's most difficult exams – the Philippine Bar Examinations.

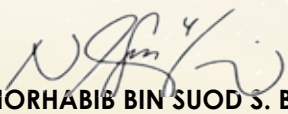
The #CaguiWowBar (2022 bar exam) produced another best result in its own right for MSU Law. The collective and individual performance of all MSU law campuses exceeded our average bar performance in the past 10 years. Indeed, we say wow!

Your success in the bar is a reward from Almighty God for your sacrifice, commitment and adequate preparations. Your success in the bar also represents your victory over the high expectations of your professors, parents, relatives, and friends who have looked upon you as deserving sons and daughters of our dear Alma Mater, the Mindanao State University. Our proud salutations are due to you! Congratulations!

To our MSUan warriors who are victors in a different way, hold on strong to the ropes of perseverance and hope. Failure in the bar examinations is never and will never be a bar to success in life. Trying again has always been the way of the most successful and influential persons in the whole world from Adam (a.s.) to Zuckerberg.

Unitas Per Iustitiam!




ATTY. NORHABIB BIN SUOD S. BARODI
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LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS MARCH 2023


Message



Congratulations to Ms. Nishrien A. Barua, the 5th topnotcher of LET 2023, and to all the new teachers who have successfully achieved their aspirations. Your hard work and dedication have finally paid off, and the College of Education, MSU Marawi Campus is immensely proud of your outstanding achievement.

As you embark on this new chapter of your professional journey, I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. May your passion for the teaching profession continue to shine brightly, and may you serve as a true inspiration to others who share the same aspiration.

Congratulations on your remarkable success!


MINERVA-SAMINAH M. NAGA, PhD
Dean, College of Education

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11. RESTY KAYE MARK V. SABAL, MD

Message



Congratulations to the newly licensed physicians of the MSU College of Medicine! The past five years had been full of challenges for you as an aspiring doctor, more so with the difficulties brought about by the Covid pandemic. Yet with hard work and dedication you were able to hurdle it with flying colors.

As you continue to embark in this noble profession, may you continue to bring honor to your family and to the Mindanao State University. Be the epitome of Community Service.

Sulong Sultans!

HAYDEE I. GATCHALIAN-CABILDO, MD, FPOGS
Dean, College of Medicine



ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION APRIL 2023 PASSERS

Message



Congratulations to the newest batch of Electrical Engineers who passed the April 2023 Electrical Engineer Licensure Exam! For raising the banner of the Mindanao State University – Main Campus high with a 100% passing rate, the MSU-Marawi College of Engineering is very proud of you.

May you become beneficial members of society and may the favor of the Almighty continue to be upon you as you pursue your dreams.


ENGR. KARLA M. MADRID-KHALID
Acting Dean, College of Engineering

1. ENGR. RANDI T. AMBOR
2. ENGR. HARON B. ARIMAN
3. ENGR. ALBERT L. BAGOOD
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13. ENGR. HAMZA U. USMAN

100%
MSU-Marawi Passing Rate



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION MAY 2023 PASSERS

1. HAFSA M. ABDULHAMID, CPA
2. AMBOLA, SHAJEDA B. AMBOLA, CPA
3. SAHANIE P. BALT, CPA
4. SANNY B. CADAQ, CPA
5. GRACEILA P. CALOPE, CPA
6. ISNAINIE NORHAMIDAH DIANALAN, CPA
7. HAFSAH G. DIRANGGARUN, CPA
8. JANNAH B. ESMail, CPA
9. SETTIE HAFSAH G. HADJI SOHAIL, CPA
10. BAQUER M. LAUT, CPA
11. NAHARA M. MACMOD, CPA
12. ALIAH P. MAGINTAO, CPA
13. NAWAL F. MASACAL, CPA
14. AMEERAH I. OMAR, CPA
15. EMIR JALOUD C. PANGANDAMAN, CPA
16. POTRE NAI-RANIE D. RANAO, CPA
17. NORHAINA A. RASUMAN, CPA



Message



I would like to proudly extend my warmest heartfelt greetings to all our Alumni Champs of the College of Business Administration and Accountancy who passed the recent Certified Public Accountant Licensure Examination last May 2023. Your accomplishments are indeed a great inspiration and encouragement to all students, faculty members as well as the staffs of the college. You are our crown and glory. Your hard work and patience as well as determination paid off well. May you continue to wave the banner of College of Business Administration and Accountancy and Mindanao State University wherever you go and succeed more in the future. Thank you for making us all proud with your remarkable results. The college is really proud of you. Again, congratulations on your great achievement. Kudos Champs!

PROF. SAHRAMAN D. HADJILATIF, MS, ME
Dean, College of Business
Administration and Accountancy

PHILIPPINE NURSES LICENSURE EXAMINATION MAY 2023 PASSERS

MSU-Marawi College of Health Sciences, Buug Extension, and Sulu Extension

Message



Assalamu-Alaikom Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuhu.

Nursing is in demand. With the increasing concern in the health care system, there is proliferation of enrollees in health-related courses especially in the field of nursing. The tender, love, and care (TLC) provided by nursing students hasten patients recovery. Despite problems and challenges in economic status of every family, they try their best to send one member to nursing school. Even during the trying times brought by calamities, disasters/devastations, and pandemic, many are still into nursing because of their belief that it is a noble profession and selfless service to people in need (altruism).

My dear May 2023 Philippine Nurses Licensure Examination Passers who are now my colleagues shine bright in the care for others, and continue to strive hard for excellence. Be informed of the innovations in health care to uplift the lives of the Filipino people and global. Alhamdulillah and Congratulations new Nurses of the World that would help create a Better tomorrow.

May the Almighty God guide you always.


ATHENA JALALIYAH D. LAWI, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Health Sciences

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2. NORHANNIE BATARA, RN
3. HANAN CABSARAN, RN
4. SITIE NADZRIFAH MAMA, RN
5. ALMIAH MARUHOM, RN
6. JEHANA MENDAMDAG,
7. NOR-NIHARA DIMAPORO, RN
8. NADJA JAMILAH MUSTAPHA, RN
9. JOHANNA YUSOPH, RN
10. MELANIE CAMAS, RN
11. ELVIN SININING, RN
12. ROHAMINA OMAR, RN
13. SHERWEENA SHEIK, RN
14. LOVELY TANTAN, RN
15. CHRISTA QUEEN TUTAS, RN
16. NATALIE MAPULA, RN
17. DECLEAH BENIGA, RN
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21. KRIZZIA MAE PAILDEN, RN
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23. KAILLA LOUISE VIOSS, RN
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25. MARICRIS CADAMPOG, RN
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27. ELVER BUCOL, RN
28. SEAN NICOLAS BAWISAN, RN
29. DINAME CANATE, RN
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38. LAURENCE LAURENTE, RN
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40. FATIMA NURUNNIZA TAN, RN
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42. BELYN SARI, RN

91.84%
National Passing Rate



The gallery shows the participants and spectators at the Battle of the Champions held in Ground Zero.



2023 MERANAO AUTOCROSS: THE BATTLE OF CHAMPIONS

Abdul Hafiz T. Malawani

No one would have imagined that Marawi could host such big sports events as autocross. Given Marawi's disposition, people would never think that it was possible since autocross is a motorsport activity that typically takes place in large parking lots or open paved areas where a course is laid out using traffic cones or pylons. But Marawi is a fantastic location for motorsport activities and events and has a lot more to offer.

Auto racing in the heart of Marawi with the launch of the Meranao Autocross: The Battle of Champions held last March 4-5, 2023, at the streets of Ground Zero. The Meranao Autocross is a two-day racing event organized by Dansalan Airsoft War Guerillas (DAWG) in partnership with the Mindanao State University-Marawi and the Local Government Unit of Marawi. It aims to promote and celebrate the art of driving while providing an enjoyable and competitive experience for participants and spectators alike.

Novice Stock, Modified A, B, and C, Expert Stock, Modified A, B, and C, all Toyota, all Honda, and the Fastest Time of the Day races are among those taking place on the first day of the autocross. Other special categories on the same day were the B-Works category and the Nine Autowerks category. This will enable local autocross racers, particularly those from Marawi and Lanao del Sur, to qualify for the battle of champions on the second day of the autocross competition.

While this race takes us far down south, it appears to be thriving and bringing joy to the racers battling it out for supremacy. This is indeed going to be a racing series event at Ground Zero, and the venue itself is a great opportunity to set foot in the aftermath of the war that happened years ago. It is the biggest autocross event in the city, making this the most historic and successful sporting event of the year.



Contestants of the Meranao Autocross:
Fundzero, Marawi City on March 4-5, 2023.



PPD completes Repair and Renovation of Bolawan Hall Building

Bolawan Hall Building was constructed in 1997 under the administration of former MSUS President Emily A. Marohombsar. The building was intended to accommodate students enrolled in the University. Currently, it is a dormitory for female students which has 55 rooms and which can accommodate around 232 persons. It will be opened in the first semester, Academic Year 2023-2024.

The project "Repair and Renovation of Bolawan Hall Building" under the administration of Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno was estimated to cost PhP 12,894,835.56. On February 8, 2023, a ribbon-cutting and turn-over ceremony of the said project was held. It was attended by the MSUS President and some University Officials and Unit Heads who were welcomed by Engr. Cayamora A. Macarambon, Assistant University Engineer, in her Welcome Address. Director Dimaporo gave her turn-over speech which was followed by a message from MSUS President Mapupuno. Thereafter, Nagaranao Sangcopan, Director of Housing Management Division, conveyed his acceptance and short message. Director Dimaporo in her Closing Remarks thanked the MSUS President, the University Officials and Unit Heads and other participants for fully supporting the implementation of the project and for gracing the ceremony.



Above photo gallery is the completed repair project, such as:

1. Fabrication of steel decks and cabinets;
2. Conversion of wooden partition into concrete partition;
3. Complete tiling of ground floor and second floor;
4. Rewiring of the whole building and replacement of switches, outlets and fluorescent lamps;
5. External and internal repainting;
6. Repainting of existing roofing;
7. Installation of deep well and booster pump;
8. Complete rehabilitation of comfort rooms which includes the installation of water and plumbing systems;
9. Replacement of jalousie windows into sliding windows;
10. Installation of flush doors and 4-unit entrance glass doors with grills;
11. Replacement of louvers; and
12. Replacement of ceilings.

Other projects, under the administration of MSUS President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, which the Division is currently implementing are the following:

1. Repair and Renovation of College of Health Sciences Building;
2. Repair and Renovation of Cottage #1 at Ranao View;
3. Repair and Renovation of PLH Dormitory (North Wing);
4. Repair and Renovation of PLH Dormitory (South Wing);
5. Construction and Replacement of CR/Septic Tank and Water Tank at NSTP Office; and
6. Repair and Replacement of the College of Law Building Roofs.

Construction Projects which are being prepared and executed by Project Contractors are as follows:

1. Construction of Medical Hospital and Training Center, Phase II (On-going) -- DCM Construction;
2. Construction of MSU IT HUB (On-going) -- LDLA;
3. Construction of Perimeter Fence, Phase II (On-going) -- Camelot Construction;
4. Construction of Faculty Housing, Phase II (On-going) -- NDP Construction;
5. Construction of International Livelihood Center and Dormitory, Phase II (Suspended) -- Lanao Builders.

Projects completed under the administration of MSUS President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno are the following:

1. Repair and Strengthening of All Existing Canopies and Renovation of New College of Medicine Bldg.
2. Proposed Improvement of Lounge Area at the Office of the President;
3. Repair and Renovation of Existing Kitchen of the Office of the President;
4. Proposed Office Extension of the Office of the President;
5. Proposed Roofing of ICTC Building;
6. Renovation of Comfort Room of OVCRED;
7. Proposed Presidential Exit Stair at the Office of the President;
8. Repair and Renovation of Bolawan Hall;
9. Replacement of Busted Lights at Isidro Hall;
10. Replacement of Busted Lights at Alonto Hall;
11. Installation of Street Lights at Approach Road to College of Forestry;
12. Streetlights at College of Forestry to 1st Street;
13. Streetlights at 1st Street;
14. Streetlights at 2nd Street;
15. Streetlights Fisheries Drive;
16. Streetlights at 4th Street;
17. Streetlights at Tennis Court-CBAA-COL
18. Purchase of 20k VA Generator at Convention Center;
19. Installation of 2x37.5k VA Transformer for Pump #3 at Motor Pool;
20. Installation of 1x50k VA Transformer at CHARM;
21. Repair and Rehabilitation of Goat House at MSU Dairy Farm; and
22. Proposed Repair, Interior Painting and Water Repiping of Summit-Inn Building.



262nd Meeting (March 2023)

A.MSU System

- Resolution No. 1, S. 2023** - Approval of the Rank Promotion/Initial Rank of the eighteen (18) faculty members from various campuses of MSU System subject to the availability of funds and whenever necessary upon coordination-approval by the Department of Budget and Management
- Resolution No. 2, S. 2023** - Approval of the grant of authority to Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, President, MSU System to travel to Malaysia on March 8-12, 2023 to attend the International Council of Islamic Finance Educators (ICIFE) 9th Annual General Meeting and ICIFE Symposium 2023
- Resolution No. 3, S. 2023** - Approval of the creation of a University System Planning and Development Coordinating Council
- Resolution No. 4, S. 2023** - Approval of the request for additional faculty positions in various campuses of MSU System, to wit: 134 in MSU-Marawi, 19 in MSU-Marawi (Sindangan), 10 in MSU-Marawi (Bataraza), 184-MSU – General Santos City, 59 in MSU-Naawan, 66 in MSU- Maguindanao, 114 in MSU-Sulu, 36 in MSU-Buug, 55 in MSU-LNCAT, 49 in MSU-MSAT, and 36 in MSU-LNAC
- Resolution No. 5, S. 2023** - Approval of the amendment of BOR Resolution No. 460, S. 2022 re: Qualification of Department Chairperson
- Resolution No. 6, S. 2023** - Approval of the creation of the Evaluation Committee on the Performance of Dr. Elnor C. Roa as Chancellor of MSU-Naawan
- Resolution No. 7, S. 2023** - Confirmation of nineteen (19) Special Orders

B.MSU Marawi

- Resolution No. 11, S. 2023** - Approval of the program of receipts and expenditures covering the collections of tuition and other school fees - Fund 05 of MSU-Marawi for second semester, SY 2022-2023 in the amount of sixty four million two hundred forty-three thousand five hundred fifty pesos (PhP64,243,550.00), subject to existing rules and regulations
- Resolution No. 12, S. 2023** - Approval of the budget utilization of realized and collected income under Fund 05 of MSU-Marawi for the period of November 25, 2022 to February 15, 2023 in the total amount of twenty million nine hundred seventy-seven thousand nine hundred twenty-seven pesos and forty-nine centavos (PhP20,977,927.49) to cover the budgetary allotment for the planned programs and activities of the university for the CY 2023, subject to existing rules and regulations on the use of fiduciary and non-fiduciary funds
- Resolution No. 13, S. 2023** - Approval of the Implementation of Projects under For Later Release (FLR) for the FY 2023 of MSU-Marawi amounting to one billion six hundred sixty-four million seven hundred twenty thousand pesos (PhP1,664,720,000.00), subject to the existing government rules and regulations
- Resolution No. 14, S. 2023** - Approval of the promotion of eight (8) faculty members with collegiate rank of MSU-Marawi together with the summary of credentials-evaluation, subject to availability of funds and further approval of the Department of Budget and Management
- Resolution No. 15, S. 2023** - Approval of the promotion of three (3) faculty members of MSU-Marawi external units (High School) together with the summary of credentials-evaluation, subject to availability of funds and further approval of the Department of Budget and Management
- Resolution No. 16, S. 2023** - Approval of the grant of tenure to twelve (12) faculty members from the different colleges of MSU-Marawi together with the summary of the evaluation
- Resolution No. 17, S. 2023** - Approval of the Mindanao State University College of Law Student Handbook
- Resolution No. 18, S. 2023** - Approval of the amendment to a certain provision of BOR Resolution No. 295, S. 2020 re: Gainers of Scholarship Privileges/Merit Scholarship of MSU-Marawi



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| Resolution No. 19, S. 2023 | - Approval of the integration of graduate programs to allied/specialization departments of MSU-Marawi |
| Resolution No. 20, S. 2023 | - Approval of the adoption of Legal Education Board Memorandum Order (LEBMO) No. 24, 2021 "The Revised Model Law Curriculum (REMOLAC)" |
| Resolution No. 21, S. 2023 | - Approval of the new logo of the College of Hotel and Tourism Management of MSU-Marawi |
| Resolution No. 22, S. 2023 | - Approval of the creation of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Services |
| Resolution No. 23, S. 2023 | - Approval of the secondment of Atty. Mabandes S. Diron, Jr., Associate Professor V, MSU-Marawi at the Marawi Compensation Board (MCB) as member |
| Resolution No. 24, S. 2023 | - Confirmation of seventy-six (76) Special Orders (Academic) |
| Resolution No. 25, S. 2023 | - Confirmation of forty-nine (49) Special Orders (Administrative) |
| Resolution No. 26, S. 2023 | - Confirmation of the Agreements entered into by and between the Mindanao State University–Marawi as represented by its President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, and partner agencies, including the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), the Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (BCPCH), the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCARRD), the Ege University, Republic of Turkey, University of the Philippines (UP), Diliman Campus, and the Faculty of Science, Hokkaido University |
| Resolution No. 27, S. 2023 | - Approval of the appointment of one hundred twenty-one (121) administrative personnel of MSU Marawi whose qualifications were evaluated by the Human Resource Merit Promotion and Selection Board (HRMPSB) as shown in the attached Summary of Evaluation subject to Civil Service rules and regulations |

Notation on the Constitution and By-Laws (CBL) of the Supreme Student Government (SSG) of MSU-Marawi

Special BOR Meeting (May 30, 2023)

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| Resolution No. 117, S. 2023 | - Approval of the grant of travel authority to Pres. Basari D. Mapupuno to Hong Kong on June 19 – 25, 2023 to attend the Times Higher Education (THE) Summit |
| Resolution No. 118, S. 2023 | - Approval of the budget realignment of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) funded project entitled "Development of Academic and Exchange Programs among Universities in the Philippines and Turkey" with Mindanao State University at Naawan |
| Resolution No. 119, S. 2023 | - Approval of the authority to engage in Memorandum of Agreement between Mindanao State University at Naawan and Commission on Higher Education for the project "Development of Academic and Exchange Programs among Universities in the Philippines and Turkey - Phase II" |
| Resolution No. 120, S. 2023 | - Approval of the Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP) MSU-Sulu |
| Resolution No. 121, S. 2023 | - Approval of the Position Paper of the MSU Board of Regents on House Bill No. 969 |
| Resolution No. 122, S. 2023 | - Approval of the renewal of appointment of DR. ELNOR C. ROA, and the same took his oath as Chancellor of MSU-Naawan Campus for a term of five (5) years effective July 6, 2023 |
| Resolution No. 123, S. 2023 | - Approval of the work of the Evaluation Committee on the Performance of Dr. Elnor C. Roa as Chancellor of MSU-Naawan |



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