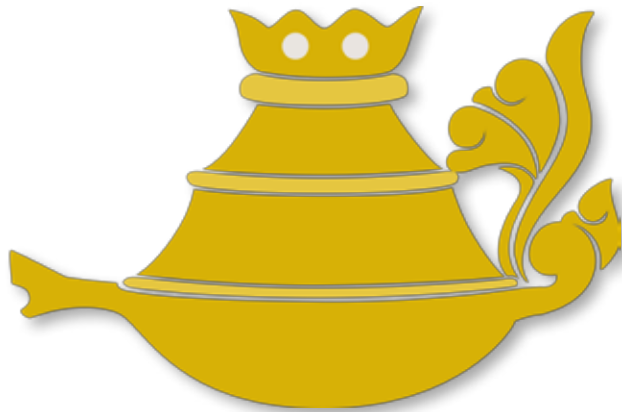




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Adorned on the Seal of Mindanao State University, the Maguindanao Lamp is a traditional oil lamp that symbolizes the institution's unwavering commitment to education and enlightenment. Rooted in Maguindanao culture, the lamp's intricate designs and symbolic significance embody the sultanate's rich cultural heritage. By incorporating this emblem, MSU pays homage to the Maguindanao people and their enduring legacy as the largest sultanate in the history of Mindanao, while simultaneously reaffirming its mission to illuminate minds and foster understanding.

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From the President's Desk



The middle of every year, and for a period of time right after, is a very busy time for Mindanao State University. Apart from the usual doings and goings-on brought about by the business of running a higher education institution, there is a host of other happenings and occasions that the university makes time for. One of these is the annual celebration of MSU's founding, which we painstakingly prepare ahead for.

This year, MSU celebrated her 62nd year of being a shining light to the MINSUPALA youth over the decades, and the 2023 celebrations are centered on the theme, "MSU at 62: Celebrating Watershed Moments in Embodying Peace and Unity through Diversity and Inclusivity." The theme was chosen from among the many possible options due to its timeliness and its emphasis on peace and unity which has always been one of the university major thrusts and reasons for being. It also reflects what the university has become through the decades in terms of its constituents--- diverse and inclusive.

As a university head in his second year of celebrating MSU's founding, like the countless souls whose lives were touched by MSU in one way or the other, I feel immensely proud and elated that MSU has made it this far, that she has stayed true to her mandate and at the same time, is even more set on her way to further success in many endeavors, an achievement which is worthy of note.

This edition of the Newsletter thus focuses on the noteworthy events centered on the 62nd foundation day celebrations mounted by the constituents from various offices abs units, as well as contributions from some of the great as well as the up and coming minds of the campus. Also worthy of mention is this year's winner of the Poster Making Contest, whose artwork graced the University 's September 1 celebrations.

As 2023 draws to a close, let us, through this issue of the Newsletter, all reflect on the gains and triumphs of our MSU despite the recent tragic incident, and of the challenges that we collectively need to continuously go through in order to keep MSU's light shining in the near future and beyond. May your reading of this edition be an enriching, enlightening experience for you!

ATTY. BASARI D. MAPUPUNO

MSU System President

President's Message on the December 3 Incident

To the MSU Administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and members of the general public who may be viewing this today, Assalamu Alaikum, my greetings of peace and may God's protection be upon us all in these difficult times.

Yesterday morning, a horrific act of terror happened within the campus, which caused the loss of some lives and injuries to many others. The incident unleashed so much anger, hurt, frustration, pain and it has cast a pallor of gloom and apprehension on the part of the Christian and Catholic members of the MSU Main Campus community. We, the MSU Administration and Community vehemently condemn such an atrocious act of terror, which clearly was intended to sow fear and division to a community whose constituents, who belong to various faiths have been co-existing peacefully and exercising their right to freedom of religion inside the campus for more than six decades now.

To the families of those we have lost in the tragedy, the MSU family and I offer our deepest, sincerest condolences, and along with you, we pray that your departed loved ones rest in peace and be given the justice they so deserve. We join you in your pain, and to be honest, a part of us, of every MSUan died along with them.

To the injured, we offer you support and prayers for your fast recovery and healing; to their families, we pray that you will be blessed with the strength to assist your loved ones in their time of great need.

But in the midst of the deluge of negative emotions going around at the moment, we must remember that terrorism recognizes no religion nor socio-economic background. What happened is not only an attack on our Christian brothers and sisters, it is an attack on all who work, study, and live in this campus. It is a massive blow to all of us who love peace and who strive to live by its principles. Let us also be reminded that we as MSUans have a special role to play in being beacons of peace, and that this crime, heinous as it is, will not stop us from working towards a more peaceful community and a better world.

The MSU administration has been on the alert, and working since yesterday round the clock, with the AFP, the PNP, and other relevant agencies to investigate the incident and to formulate and put into place measures that will greatly aid in preventing another tragedy like this from happening, as well as to apprehend and bring to justice the perpetrators of this evil act. After many consultations and assessments conducted in the campus immediately after the attack, the AFP and the PNP have declared that the campus can now return to normalcy. Rest assured that we are working tirelessly for the security of our community. The university has been provided with one company from the PNP Regional Battalion to augment the existing PKF personnel. In addition, we will have an additional company of uniformed personnel from the AFP. The campus is on full alert, with heightened police visibility and intensified checkpoints. We have also created a special investigation task force for the apprehension of the suspects/ persons of interest and the filing of criminal charges. We have also identified 11 standby areas in the 7 barangays of MSU. Last but not the least, we will be conducting a series of psychosocial interventions such as stress debriefing for the constituents of the university.

On the academic side, we are convening and consulting with the relevant offices and college deans to come up with doable solutions to the issues left behind by the aftermath of the incident. As soon as we come to a consensus on what is to be done for the remainder of this semester, we will disseminate the details. Students and faculty, rest assured that regardless of where you come from, your safety and well-being are always priority for us.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in the MSU community and beyond, who, in one way or the other, extended their kindness towards the affected and their families, towards the students who were in need of comfort and assistance. I cannot name all of you, but let me express to you my sincerest thanks for all you have done.

That said, in spite of our pain, in spite of the anguish and the fear, MSU must move on, and rise from what had befallen her. However, to do this, we must perform our part and help our Dakilang Pamantasan to sail on from this chapter and continue on her journey in bringing hope and peace to our land. Hence, I strongly exhort the MSU Main community to stand up and aid MSU to move on from what had happened. We must not let our grief debilitate us. Let us be vigilant, and cooperate with the authorities. Let us be prudent in dealing with and expressing our sentiments regarding this tragedy. Let us use social media wisely and make it a channel of unity, not of divisiveness, at this critical time.

Hindi ka mahirap mahal, MSU. Sa loob ng mahigit anim na dekada, maraming kang biniyayaan ng liwanag, pag-asa, at naging dahilan ka kung bakit nakamit ng marami ang kanilang mga matatayog na pangarap. Because of this, we should love you all the more. Let us all stand for peace and unity. Let us all stand for MSU!

*Video recorded and disseminated via Social Media



Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

This end of the year newsletter is a combination of mourning and celebration but as the bearer of our campus' triumphs and feats, I'm continuously impressed by the talent, passion, and community I see thriving on our campus and the assistance of the whole MSU system. Our students, faculty, staff, and alumni make such a vibrant place of learning, discovery, and personal growth.

In this end-of-year newsletter, you'll find stories that underscore everything that makes our university special in this semester. From groundbreaking foundation day celebration, Rawaten cultural showcases to inspirational winning teams, these articles showcase the meaningful work being done across our system, campus, offices and colleges every day.

Beyond highlighting campus accomplishments, it's also important we look inward. Our community, like society as a whole, is on a constant journey of improvement. So in addition to our main features, I'm pleased to share progress updates from task forces focused on sustainability, diversity, and mental health. While we have far to go, it's clear great strides are being made.

Thank you for helping make this such a formative year for me and my team.

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About the Cover

MSU is our home and we pray for the restoration of our university, a place of learning and enlightenment that has been shattered by an act of violence on December 3, 2023. May this issue remind us of our beautiful MSU and make the spirit of resilience and unity that has always defined our community prevail. As we rebuild and reclaim our campus, let it be a beacon of hope and inspiration.



Echoes of Rawaten: MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno's Remarks



The President's Speech during the Rawaten Cultural Extravaganza in Manila (held on October 6, 2023 at Metropolitan Theater, Manila)

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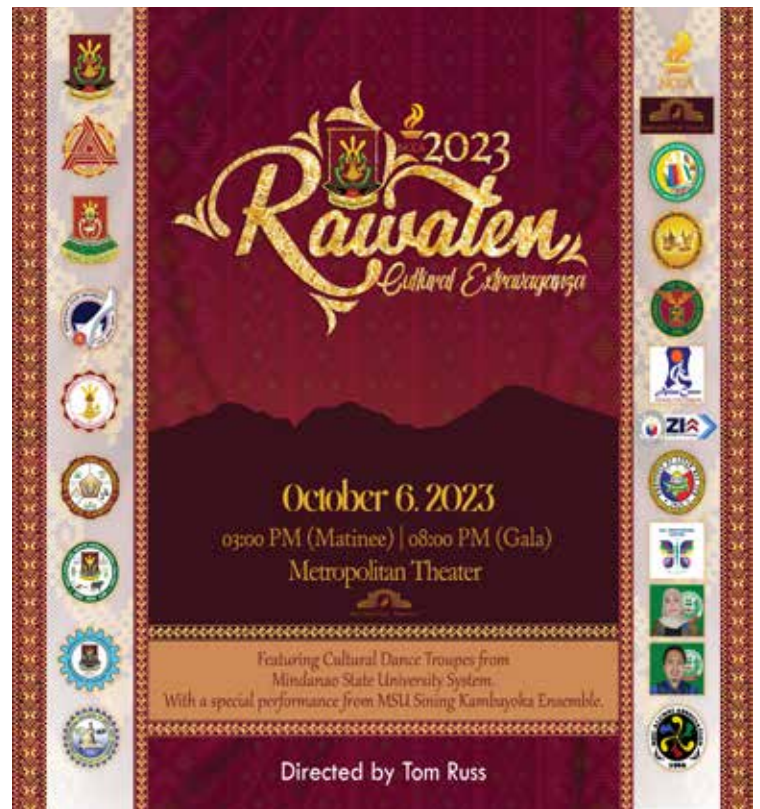
In the symphony of life, I warmly welcome our distinguished guests, sponsors, MSU community members, fellow peace advocates, and the vibrant tapestry of Mindanao Island's cultures. Today, as part of our commemoration of Mindanao State University's founding anniversary, we bring the rich and colorful cultures of Mindanao, Sulu, and Palawan here in the heart of Manila. Our mission extends beyond academic achievements; it's dedicated to ensuring that everyone, irrespective of their background, experiences a sense of belonging. With this spirit, we unite for this grand cultural extravaganza, the *Rawaten* 2023, celebrating diversity and fostering understanding that transcends boundaries. We stand at a moment where our past harmonizes with the future, enriched by the diverse cultures that make our university a true cultural masterpiece.

As an institution, the Mindanao State University firmly believes that by immersing ourselves in the rich mosaic of cultures, we uncover profound truths about ourselves, others, and the world around us. The Greeks aptly describe it as "In vivo veritas" or "In life, there is truth." Our dedication lies in embracing this cultural diversity as a source of inspiration and personal growth, creating an environment where truth is not only pursued but also understood and cherished.

As we revel in this cultural celebration, we're reminded of art's unique ability to bridge divides and unite people. It transcends language, speaking directly to the heart. The performances and exhibitions today exemplify art's unifying force, emphasizing the importance of celebrating diversity and finding unity in our differences.

In our pursuit of becoming a national peace university in the Philippines, Mindanao State University recognizes the transformative role of art in promoting understanding and reconciliation. Art has the ability to communicate the most profound of messages, even when words fall short. It is a universal language that binds us, reminding us of our shared humanity.

Our journey towards becoming a national peace university is not one we take lightly. It's a commitment to creating an environment where dialogue is valued over discord, where understanding prevails over misunderstanding, and where every individual, regardless of their background, can find a place to belong. Our aspiration is to serve as a model for the entire country, showcasing the power of education, the arts, and inclusive dialogue in building a harmonious society. So, as we witness the artistic expressions of diverse cultures today, let us also reflect on the importance of embracing these cultural differences in our daily lives. Let us remember that each one of us plays a part in creating an inclusive and peaceful society. It starts with understanding, tolerance, and an open heart.



Poster of Rawaten Cultural Extravaganza 2023 held at the Metropolitan Theater in Manila

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude once again to all of you – our constituents, sponsors and donors, and esteemed guests. Your presence here today is a testament to your commitment to the values of inclusivity, diversity, and peace that we hold dear. May this cultural extravaganza inspire us to be advocates for peace and unity in our world. May our shared path be one of enlightenment, understanding, and lasting peace.

*Mabuhay po kayong lahat!
Mabuhay ang dakilang
Pantasang Mindanao!*





Reflections on Rawaten: A Rewarding Odyssey of Indigenous Cultures

Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD

As the main organizer of the recent Rawaten Cultural Extravaganza in Manila, I continue to bask in the glow of its success. Tasked by President Basari Mapupuno to put his vision into a reality was an honor despite all the possible challenges ahead.

Rawaten was an odyssey months in the making by the Mindanao State University System, overcoming many challenges along the way. The difficulty of finalizing the venue, to coordinating from a distance with production team and performers, collaborating with probable sponsors, to name a few, was an understatement. Seeing it come to fruition so spectacularly has filled me with immense pride and validation.

I vividly remember the uncertainty during the planning process, from conceptualizing the flow to coordinating logistics headed by a strong-willed colleague in the Communication and Media Studies Department, Tom Russ who is in UP-Diliman for his graduate studies. We persevered through funding issues, simultaneous university activities, communication issues with partners and venues, and last-minute performance changes. But challenges culminated into a profoundly rewarding experience as we celebrated the Bangsamoro and Mindanao's cultures against the backdrop of water's significance.

The spectacular two-show event provided platforms for over 200 indigenous performers to exhibit their communities' living heritage. From graceful lake-inspired dances to rousing river ensemble pieces, Rawaten spotlighted water's integral yet often unrecognized role. It served as microcosm for how we should view culture itself - not as immutable but rather an expression evolving symbiotically with people and nature.

Being the person who knew the ins and outs of the show and behind it, I cannot help but be thankful for direct funds given by the Mapupuno administration and the friends and organizations who have helped made Rawaten in Manila a success. The sleepless nights of the Manila Information Office staff before, during and after the show cannot be deemphasized. The use of the Manila Metropolitan Theater was the co-sponsorship made by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts. I am thankful to their Executive Director, Oscar Casaysay for this.

Further, the Rawaten team, myself and the committee members who went with me in Manila are indeed lucky to have partners, relatives and friends who are ready to assist. They are the silent waters nourishing me with inspiration.

Furthermore, the assistance given by Bangsamoro Autonomous Region Parliament Members (MP Marjanie, MP Diamila and MP Ras), the Government of Lanao (PLGU and Cong. Zia) have made our days in Manila easy. Also, from big-hearted individuals and organizations like the Federation of Women Royalty of Lanao, Binolawan, MSU Alumni Association in Luzon & Manila, and others who do not want their names mentioned, we are grateful. Topping this up with the support of the University of the Philippines-Office of the President and Asian Center, the Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, LDLA Marketing, OB Montessori, and all the friends and relatives, we have knitted the tapestry of culture so well because of them.

As an organizer, the highlight was seeing the audiences awed by the spectacular jaw-dropping exhibitions made by each performing troupe. The loud laughs and shouts in every successful stunt made elated my own heart and made me burst into tears. Indeed, having Tom as the director, along with his production team, was a good choice. Entrusting him with the Rawaten's success was a risk I cannot deny but be proud.

While rewarding, organizing such a complex production was never easy. As a social scientist rather than performing artist, I frequently felt out of my depth, wondering if I had taken on too mammoth a task. But seeing the Extravaganza unfold so seamlessly washed away those doubts. The enormous efforts by everyone involved paid off.

Rawaten taught me that challenges before and after the event are integral to actualizing meaningful events. Its impact on performers and audiences alike showed that large undertakings pushing us beyond our comfort zone can deeply enrich a soul. I feel honored to have orchestrated this platform for One MSU and the whole of Mindanao's communities to proudly own and share their narratives through the colorful and vibrant exhibitions.

"Bangsamoro and the whole Mindanao cultures deserve to take center stage not just in Manila but anywhere in the world."

Experiencing Legal Education: A Dream Come True for Tawi-Tawians

MSU-TCTO OIPP

It seems as if the distant dream of establishing legal education remains unattainable. The remote locations, the feasibility of gathering students, the roster of faculty, and whatnot placed a sheer barrier between grand visions and the dim reality. But have the tides changed with time!

What is fear and uncertainty when Tawi-Tawians continue to dream for a better future? Nothing is impossible for these people. And not even distance can impede their fervor for legal education. Thus, like the Birth of Venus emerging from the sea, the MSU College of Law - Tawi-Tawi Extension was brought forth.

At the end of the second day of the MSU System Academic Summit in MSU-IIT, Iligan City, University President Atty. Basari Mapupuno signed a Memorandum of Agreement with MSU Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography, MSU - Maguindanao, and MSU Sulu. This agreement aimed to establish Extension Units of the MSU College of Law in these campuses following the Presidential Advisory Committee Meeting in November 2022.

The MSU College of Law - Tawi-Tawi Campus, the latest addition to the MSU College of Law's Extension Units, was officially established and endorsed by University President Atty. Basari Dimakuta Mapupuno. This significant decision was publicized at the Henry V. Kong Gymnasium during the 51st Commencement Exercises of the MSU Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography on August 2, 2023.

President Mapupuno revealed the green light to introduce the Juris Doctor program, following a unanimous endorsement from the MSU College of Law Technical Working Group, co-headed by Prof. Dr. Alma E. Berowa (Vice President for Academic Affairs) and Prof. Atty. Norhabib Bin Suod S. Barodi (Dean of the College of Law). The initiative to bring the Juris Doctor program to Tawi-Tawi was spearheaded by MSU-TCTO's fifth regular Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Mary Joyce Z. Guinto-Sali, the first and only woman to hold this position.



College of Law Technical Working Group (TWG) headed by MSU System Vice President for Academic Affairs (R-L) Dr. Alma E. Berowa with Chancellor Mary Joyce Guinto-Sali and other partners during the Evaluation and Ocular Visit of the MSU College of Law officials



50 students from the pioneering batch convened during the 1st Assembly of the MSU College of Law Tawi-Tawi Campus



MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno with MSU-TCTO Chancellor Mary Joyce Guinto-Sali and the members of the Board of Regents after the approval and the MoA signing on the establishment of the College of Law Extension Units of MSU-TCTO, MSU Maguindanao, and MSU Sulu last November 29, 2023

Chancellor Guinto-Sali expressed gratitude and praised President Mapupuno's outstanding leadership for granting approval to introduce the Juris Doctor degree at MSU Tawi-Tawi.

"He saw the necessity and importance of offering a program that would provide an opportunity for Tawi-Tawians to become members of the legal profession. His tenacity, resolve, and sincerity in helping his fellow Bangsamoro fulfill their dreams through MSU education is simply remarkable."

The dream of both MSU TCTO and the Tawi-Tawian community has finally come true. The establishment of the MSU Law Extension in Tawi-Tawi, with MSU-TCTO as the host campus, marks a crucial achievement for both the academic community and the local residents. This initiative not only grants access to high-quality legal education but also enables the people of Tawi-Tawi to pursue their ambitions without the need to move or settle elsewhere. Now, Tawi-Tawians have the opportunity to gain legal knowledge, skills, and expertise right in their own community.

Indeed, MSU Tawi-Tawi strives to create more opportunities and transform the lives of every Tawi-Tawian. Hence, the dream of producing a new batch of competent Bangsamoro lawyers who will dedicate their practice to protect the inhabitants and ensure the legal services transpire social, financial, and geographic boundaries. Five years from now, we hope to celebrate the first batch of MSUan Tawi-Tawian lawyers. *In Shaa Allah!*

Meet Vice President

Great Father

Laudable Leader

Exceptional Researcher

Noble Professor



VP GLEN LORENZO recognized for Geotechnical Engineering

Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD

With his feet planted like the deep foundations he designs, Dr. Glen Lorenzo has risen to become a pillar of strength in the field of geotechnical engineering. This is why he is the current Vice President for Research and Extension of the Mindanao State University system.

Dr. Glen, as everyone fondly addresses him, a professor of civil engineering at Mindanao State University in Marawi, has built an impressive reputation in the field of geotechnical engineering through his research, teaching, and professional consulting work.

Through his pioneering research, he has mixed knowledge like cement, binding together particles of understanding to solidify innovative techniques for improving weak soils. His work has paved the way for building upon once unstable grounds.

Like the geosynthetics he studies, Dr. Lorenzo weaves together threads of wisdom gleaned from academic pursuits and professional projects. He integrates theory with practice to reinforce real-world applications. Over the course of his career, Dr. Glen has published over 21 papers in leading engineering journals, and 26 conference papers and a book chapter, accruing over 1200 citations for his scholarly contributions. He has become a trusted voice on geotechnical applications such as soil improvement methods, slope stability, foundation engineering, and the use of geosynthetics.

Like an anchor against slipping slopes, Dr. Glen probes his expertise as he holds a Doctor of Engineering degree in Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering from the prestigious Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand. His doctoral dissertation focused on deep soil mixing techniques, which earned him international recognition.

As Dr. Glen puts it,

**“Research mitigates
our weaknesses and
helps us live a
meaningful life.”**



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Fishponds to Mangroves: Upcycling that answers climate change

Fayzah Inshirah Cosna A. Ala

Are all things abandoned useless? In the quiet corners of neglect, a hidden world of potential awaits. Abandoned spaces and forgotten items are not relics of the past but canvases for reinvention. However, this is not your simple upcycling story. It is the transformation of what was abandoned into a vibrant ecosystem that could solve the dire effects of climate change.

In a world grappling with anthropogenic carbon dioxide (CO₂) emission issues, solutions for its mitigation come in various forms. However, through studying the potentiality of rehabilitated mangrove forests, researchers Habagat G. Mariano, Ruben F. Amparado Jr., Maricar Aguilos, Frandel Louis S. Dagoc, and Bryan Sumalinab of the College of Forestry and Environmental Studies (CFES) at Mindanao State University, realized a solution of their own.

Knowledge of the carbon sequestration of mangroves still has untapped corners and demands further discovery. Thus, by conducting a comparative analysis between a naturally grown mangrove forest and a reforested abandoned fishpond, a new corner of discovery has been unlocked. The numbers were astonishing. Realizing that these neglected aquaculture ponds, once rehabilitated, were enough to pass as a naturally grown forest, the study not only paints a clearer understanding of these carbon reservoirs but also suggests that through this transformation, the declining number of mangrove ecosystems can also be mitigated.

With dedication and monitoring, the team successfully reversed the negative impact on a heavily exploited fishpond in Zamboanga del Sur ravaged by a tsunami in the late 1970s. The aquaculture pond is now a lustrous mangrove forest with a density of 271 trees per hectare, even more significant than the natural mangrove forest's 211 trees per hectare.

The study also demonstrates Carbon Sequestration at its best, with the total aboveground biomass and carbon content almost uncanny between the reforestation site and the natural mangrove forest. Additionally, the researchers' scope of understanding the zonation patterns of these sites has led them to realize that abandoned fishponds hold resiliency with their unwavering aboveground and soil carbon estimates.

Despite the challenges of the researchers in terms of data gathering, the maintained communication between them, along with their collaboration with experts from local and international universities, was able to surpass any struggles. With their efforts, two articles were published out of the research study.

"There was an instance where I thought that I'd get sick after getting stung by bees I accidentally disturbed but because of the drive to finish the sampling on time, I had to keep going," Mr. Mariano shared on his experience.

This rollercoaster ride of a master's thesis went from initiating a solution, staying at sampling sites, living in local areas, getting stung by accidentally disturbed bees, and keeping the drive to move forward, to discovering a sustainable answer to carbon footprint reduction.

The researchers' efforts have provided what was once abandoned as a breath of life, highlighting the pivotal role of mangrove forests in addressing ecological losses due to anthropogenic carbon emissions globally. The findings of this research study are not just a piece of paper but a hope and inspiration for a greener, more carbon-balanced future.

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Unlock the Potential of Sustainable Giant Freshwater Prawn Cultivation through Biofloc Technology!"

Najerah A. Tomaga

Aquaculture is one of the fastest growing food sectors in the world. The Biofloc Technology or BFT is a renowned technique in aquaculture, and the country that has mastered this technique is Thailand. BFT is a new revolution technique that helps to control pollution, water quality, and is a beneficial approach to sustain our ecosystem due to climate change. Thus, gives a good business sight.

In the Philippines, BFT is being practiced but, only limited scientists are practicing this technology. Here in the Philippines, only University of the Philippines Visayas (UP Visayas) has used this technology in the culture of Tilapia. And for the first time, The College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (CFAS) from Mindanao State University – Main Campus, used and applied BFT in the culture of *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* or Giant Freshwater Prawn.

The Philippines considered *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* as one of the commodities that is of commercial value. Different types of Shrimps are often cultured in Marine water environment, but no specific species such as freshwater shrimps that are being cultured using BFT. Thus, the study was conducted. The chairman of the Extension and Production of the College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (CFAS), Alejandro M. Gonzaga said, "No other persons or scientists in the entire world that has used BFT in the culture of *Macrobrachium rosenbergii*" The study was also recognized by the scientist, Yoram Avnimelech a pioneering scientist in the field of aquaculture, and has made significant contribution to the advancement of BFT. "In fact, when he was able to read our paper, he recommended our paper to be read by other scientists also" –Shared Alejandro.

Macrobrachium rosenbergii is a high value aquaculture species that is widely cultured in tropical and subtropical regions. However, intensive prawn farming can lead to water problems, such as high ammonia and nitrate levels. BFT has the potential to mitigate these problems and improve the overall sustainability of prawn culture.

"Biofloc Technology Application in Nursery Culture of Giant Freshwater Prawn, *Macrobrachium rosenbergii*" written by Ma-ann M. Camarin, Jhumar O. Jamis, and Alejandro M. Gonzaga - One of the recently concluded externally funded research of the College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (CFAS), MSU – Main Campus, funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology of the BARMM. The research focused on a 30-day feeding trial that was conducted to assess the impact of biofloc technology on the growth performance, water quality, and bacterial load of giant freshwater prawn (*Macrobrachium rosenbergii*) post-larvae (PL). The study involved evaluating different stocking densities under biofloc conditions.

The study was conducted to evaluate the effects of Biofloc Technology (BFT) on the growth performance of giant freshwater prawn (*M. rosenbergii*) post-larvae (PL). PLs were randomly stocked in 55-liter plastic aquaria filled with 50 liters of filtered freshwater at stocking densities of 2, 4, and 6 PL per liter. The BFT treatment group received no water exchange throughout the 30-day experimental period, while the non-BFT (NBFT) treatment group received biweekly water exchange.



Water quality monitoring-ammonia determination

The results demonstrated that the BFT treatment groups exhibited significantly superior growth performance compared to the NBFT treatment groups. This was evident in the significantly higher Mean Weight Gain (MWG), Net Prawn yield (NPY), Specific Growth Rate (SGR), Protein Efficiency Ratio (PER), and Average Daily Weight Gain (ADG) observed in the BFT treatment groups. Additionally, the Feed Conversion Ratio (FCR) of the BFT treatment groups was significantly lower than that of the NBFT treatment groups. These findings suggest that the implementation of BFT in prawn nursery culture can substantially enhance growth performance while mitigating water quality concerns without the need for regular water exchange. This holds significant potential for reducing labor and operational costs associated with water exchange in prawn aquaculture.

In conclusion, the study provides compelling evidence that BFT is a promising and sustainable technology for optimizing the growth performance of giant freshwater prawn post-larvae in nursery culture systems.

The BFT group exhibited the significantly best growth performance and efficiency while the control group exhibited the poorest. These findings suggest that prawn farmers can certainly benefit from the BFT by cutting short the feed expenses as the major cost in aquaculture production.

"It had a very promising result. Grabe ang increase in terms of weight ng mga cultured organisms natin" – said Jhumar. The result of this study suggests that BFT is a promising technology for the sustainable culture of giant freshwater prawn. BFT system can improve growth performance, water quality, and bacterial load of prawn PL, even at high stocking densities.

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MSU-Marawi 2023 Researches

Omayah Hafza Mabandes

When considering the acquisition of knowledge, the question arises: Should we simply memorize it, visualize it, save it to our emails, or commit it to memory? Certainly not.

This emphasizes the pivotal role of research in an individual's life. Research not only introduces new information but also facilitates the gathering of insights from diverse perspectives—students with unique visions, teachers, and other staff members contribute to strengthening one's knowledge base. In the Mindanao State University, there are two types of researches made, the incentivized and the patriotic researches made by colleges in congruence to MSU's research agenda.

A. Publications with Incentives

The research agenda prioritizes the examination of publications incentivized in various domains. With a primary focus on Mathematics and Science, the investigation extends to encompass Academics, Culture, Health, Language, Environment, Nature, Agriculture, and Population. By delving into the realm of incentivized publications, the agenda seeks to understand the patterns and impact of incentives on scholarly output across a diverse spectrum of disciplines.

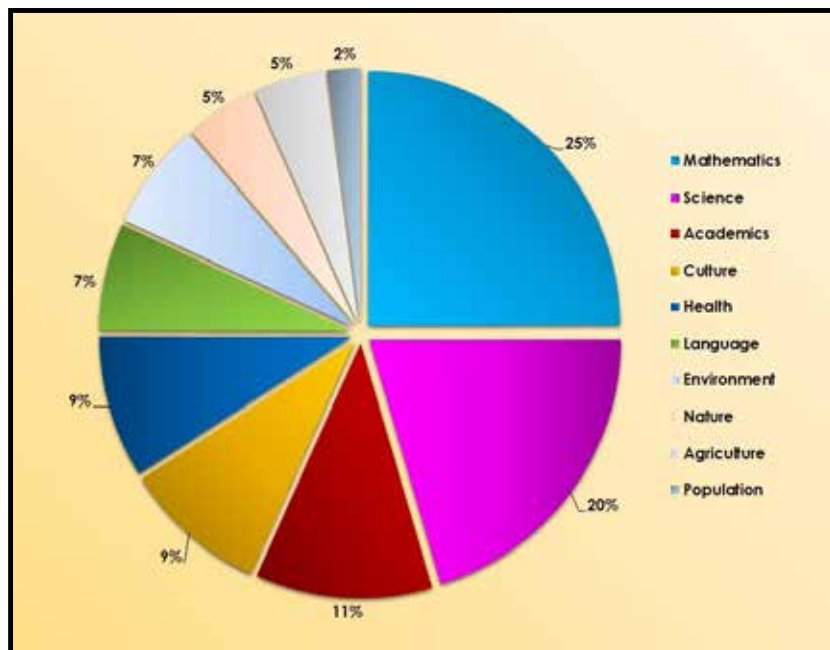
B. Publications by College

The research agenda aims to explore and analyze the diverse landscape of college publications, investigating topics ranging from Social/Social Science and Agriculture to Culture, Health, Academics, and Science. Additionally, it delves into the less-explored realms of Economic, Finance, Population, History, Islamic Studies, Entrepreneurship, and Library Philosophy. The comprehensive agenda also acknowledges the significance of various other subjects which are multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary, constituting 17% of the research focus, to provide a nuanced understanding of the scholarly output across different disciplines within educational institutions.

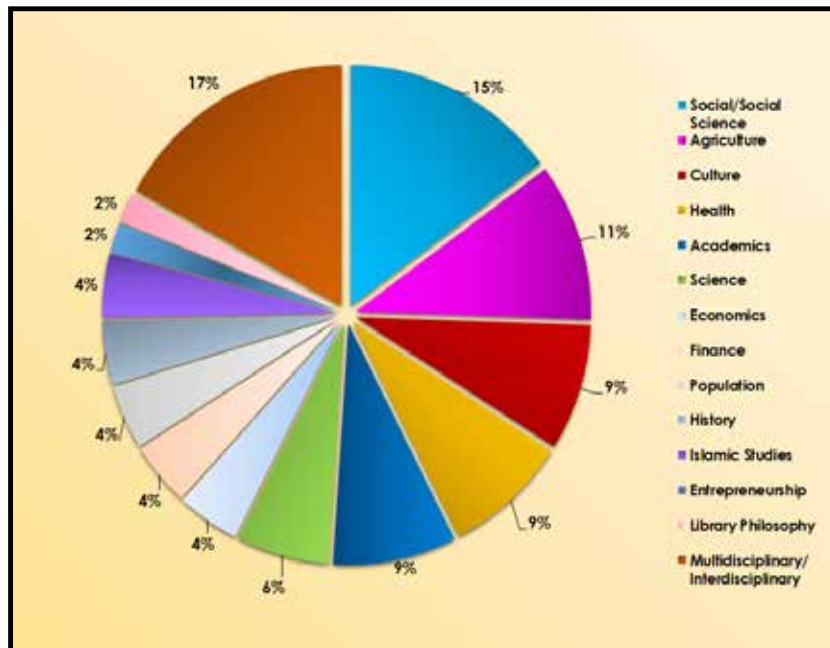
Research is instrumental not only in acquiring knowledge but also in comprehending the culture, environment, and traditions of a region. At Mindanao State University, research transcends the accumulation of facts; it becomes a means of preserving the values and principles embedded in the state's culture and tradition. Studying and teaching at Mindanao State University is, therefore, a contribution to the state's growth.

All our research endeavors at Mindanao State University- Marawi City are substantial contributions. They go beyond mere donations for development; they involve understanding how to ensure and bolster the state's resilience by candidly addressing both its strengths and weaknesses for continual improvement.

Distribution of Publications with Incentives



Distribution of Publications by College



AC Marawi: Igniting Minds, Empowering Futures for Quarter Century

Ahlam Rohaima A. Usodan

On July 20, 2023, a remarkable event took place at the American Corner Hall, marking an important milestone in its history: the 25th Anniversary of the American Corner (AC) Marawi. Under the theme "Igniting Minds, Empowering Futures," this celebration brought together University officials, former University Library Directors and AC Marawi Directors, University students, and employees. The event not only reminisced about its history but also focused on education and the unique experiences it offers, especially through connections with the United States of America.

The event featured insightful presentations by individuals who played essential roles in the growth of the Corner. Dr. Marianita D. Dablio, a former University Library and AC Director, shared the history of AC Marawi, tracing it back to the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement on February 19, 1998. This agreement established the American Studies Resource Center (ASRC) to be hosted by Mindanao State University-Main. Greta N. Morris, Counselor for Public Affairs at the United States Information Service, American Embassy in Manila, and former University System President Emily M. Marohombsar, agreed to co-sponsor the Center. The ASRC was formally opened on July 20, 1998, with an initial collection of 200 titles, including both print and non-print information sources, covering a wide range of topics related to American life and culture, with Ambassador Thomas C. Hubbard as a guest. Today, it is known as the American Corner—a learning partnership between the American Embassy and the University.

Mokiin A. Ronsing, who also served as University Library and AC Director, shared her inspiring journey from a low-ranking position to becoming a Director. She emphasized the essence of hard work and persistence, explaining how dedication can lead to remarkable achievements.

The event also celebrated the unique experiences of U.S. Government (USG) alumni who had the privilege of studying in the United States. Dr. Acram A. Latiph, Executive Director of



Photo grabbed from the American Corner Marawi (@acmarawi) Facebook page. Former and present University Library and AC Marawi Directors in one frame. From left to right, Dr. Marianita D. Dablio (former director), Zaalica B. Edres (present director), and Mokiin A. Ronsing (former Director).

the Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao, shared his personal "culture shock" and life-changing experience. He vividly described it as being like a fish from Lanao, suddenly swimming in a much larger ocean, highlighting the huge diversity and opportunities in the U.S.

Dr. Datumanong A. Sarangani, a former Executive Vice President of the University and the first among the USG alumni from the institution, expressed his deep gratitude for the transformative experience. He stressed the importance of breaking free from one's comfort zone and continually seeking opportunities for learning and self-discovery. AC Marawi has been instrumental in facilitating such enriching opportunities.

In the afternoon, Dr. Dablio returned to the stage to deliver a lecture titled "Connecting Resources to Communities: Mechanical Engineering" in celebration of Space Exploration Day. The lecture was attended by students and faculty members from the College of Engineering, along with their College Dean, Engr. Karla M. Madrid-Khalid.

Dr. Dablio's presentation was a reminder of the role that mechanical engineers have played in space exploration. She provided valuable insights and shared reliable resources that faculty and students could use in their academic and research activities, particularly in the field of Mechanical Engineering.

The 25th Anniversary of the American Corner Marawi was a success, not only celebrating the institution's history but also inspiring future generations of students and scholars. The event highlighted the importance of education, hard work, and cultural exchange in shaping empowered and enlightened individuals. Its commitment to "Igniting Minds, Empowering Futures" continues to light the path to success for all who walk through its doors.



Photo grabbed from the American Corner Marawi (@acmarawi) Facebook page. Photo opportunity with the event facilitators, guests, and participants after the lecture on "Connecting Resources to Communities: Mechanical Engineering."



Rawaten in Manila: Spectacular Showcase of Mindanao Indigenous Cultures

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Rawaten Organizing Committee Chair

The vibrant beats of kulintang gongs, captivating motions of cultural dancers, and engaging folk tales recently filled the halls of the Metropolitan Theater for the OneMSU Rawaten Cultural Extravaganza. Presented by the Mindanao State University System (MSUS) and co-sponsored by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), this dazzling event last October 6 showcased the rich cultural heritage of Bangsamoro and Mindanao indigenous communities.

The Extravaganza's theme "From the Sky to the Sea" encapsulated the vital role of water in shaping the identity and traditions of groups across the region. The event took audiences on a symbolic journey from upland 'sky' communities relying on rain, down to lowland lake/river groups, and finally to coastal populations nourished by the embracing sea. This year's theme was inspired by the unique oneness of the system campuses of the University. As the MSU President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno puts it, "MSU system beats as one, and where cultures meet!"

In this two-show event, transporting visual and auditory feast happened. Audiences experienced a true feast for the senses. Starting with the exhilarating beats of kulintang music in Dalogdog ug Kidlat by kulintang masters, the Extravaganza featured Higaonon and Manobo 'rain' dances, graceful Meranaw 'lake' dances, spirited Subanen and Maguindanaon 'river' performances, and fluid Sama and Tausug 'sea' dances.

Both Matinee and Gala performances presented an encore theater production, Si Pilandok, unfolding in the mythical realm of Agamanyog. Over 200 performers from various MSUS campuses came together to showcase their communities' living heritage with the pride to share how colorful but peaceful is their Mindanao.

Mindanao's Cultural Tapestry was showcased and awed different audiences. The articles of Philippine Star and Cagayan Metro Times shared their immense appreciation to the laudable performances. From kulintang beats to cultural dances, the Extravaganza transported viewers into Mindanao's rich cultural tapestry. It celebrated both tangible and intangible heritage – from folk tales to artistic traditions, cosmologies to livelihoods. The event underscored the resilience and continuing relevance of indigenous cultures.

As performer and audience embarked on this cultural journey, the Extravaganza also fostered mutual understanding between diverse groups. It provided a platform for appreciating the range of artistic traditions from Mindanao and Bangsamoro and their effects to their surrounding islands. The performance was a glimpse into the reality of the people in this part of the country.

With its dazzling showcase of cultures and water's significance, the Rawaten Cultural Extravaganza was truly an unforgettable experience to audience and the organizers. The event reminded all that culture is not static but a vibrant and evolving expression of a people's identity.



MSU - TAWI TAWI



MSU - IIT



MSU - MAGUINDANAO



ARTISTIC DIRECTORS



MSU - SULU



MSU - BUUG



MSU - SINING PANANDEM



MSU - LNAC



MSU - MSAT



MSU - KAMBAYOKA ENSEMBLE



MSU - LNCAT



MSU - DARANGEN DANCE TROUPE

Mindanao State University-Marawi commemorated its 62nd founding anniversary with a vibrant celebration of Mindanao's cultural diversity, hosting the 2nd Rawaten Cultural Extravaganza on September 1, 2023, at the Dimaporo Gymnasium. The venue was packed with a mammoth crowd that witnessed the MSU System's commitment to cultural preservation and unity as it showcased the MINSUPALA (Mindanao, Sulu, and Palawan) region's rich tapestry of dance traditions and artistic expressions. Their enthusiastic cheers and chants for the performers electrified the whole area.

Representatives from various MSU campuses championed their unique cultural dance performances that defined their respective ethnic groups. As the stage transformed into a strenuous canvas, the graceful movements, enchanting songs, and exquisite traditional costumes of the performers captivated the audience, leaving them mesmerized.

Clad in *T'nalak*, a sacred tri-color (White for pattern, Red for relief elements, and Black for the background) cloth woven by the T'boli people, performers from MSU-General Santos highlighted the significance of hand-woven mats (*banig*) in the daily lives of the T'boli and B'laan people of South Cotabato and Sarangani Provinces. Notably, one of the *Gamaba* (*Gawad sa Manlilikha ng Bayan*) awardees in 2016 hailed from Sarangani Province, recognized for her exemplary talent in mat weaving.

MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)'s performance infused the event with a *Kaamulan* Festival vibe, inspired by the legend of *Tabunaway* and *Mamalu*, two brothers separated by religion (one converted to Islam and the other remained as Lumad) but still vowed to honor their kinship and lived in harmony. The festival is also said to be a celebration of the seven tribes that comprise Bukidnon. These include Higaonon, Talaandig, Manobo, Bukidnon, Matigsalug, Tigwahanon, and Umayamnon. MSU-IIT's performance not only stunned the audience but also conveyed a meaningful message of fraternal coexistence.

Living up to its reputation as the university for the community, MSU-Naawan portrayed the traditions of the tri-people in Northern Mindanao, such as the Christians, the Meranaws, and the Higaonons. It also expressed the university's roles in realizing the hopes and dreams of the community through a tribute song played with an upbeat melody of guitars.

MSU-Buug's performance drew inspiration from the rituals and arts of the Subanen people, who primarily reside in the northern, southern, and western parts of Zamboanga Peninsula. What made their performance poignant was the fact that the performers wore Subanen traditional clothes personally made by the differently-abled indigenous people in Lapuyan, Zamboanga del Sur.

MSU-Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography (MSU-TCTO) was represented by the Tambuli Cultural Dance Troupe,



MSU-GenSan showcases the importance of *banig* in the daily lives of T'boli and B'laan people.



MSU-Maguindanao performs Maguindanaon fan dance.

who captured the audience with a breathtaking performance that depicted the culture of the natives of Tawi-Tawi province: the Samal, the Badjao, the Tausug, and the Jama Mapen, also known as sea dwellers. One of the dances performed was the *Pangalay*, a dance form characterized by slow and elegant hand movements that mimic the movement of ocean waves, enhanced by long, metal fingernails called *Janggay* worn by the dancers.

Hailing from a place that is also predominantly occupied by Tausug, MSU-Sulu showcased one of the sumptuous rituals they perform after a wedding ceremony, a sacred practice that reflects the deep-rooted unique customs and values of the Tausug community, to entertain the newlywed couple. Just like MSU-TCTO, MSU-Sulu also performed *Pangalay* but in a different version, as they resembled birds in flight. Dancers gracefully soared through the air as they performed *Pangalay* while standing on two bamboo poles carried by two men. Guests also tucked money between the fingers of the dancers as part of the tradition. MSU-Sulu's dance performance demonstrated that Tausug are not just valorous in wars but also in love, faith, and family.

MSU-Maigo School of Arts and Trades (MSU-MSAT), through the Indayog Cultural Dance Troupe, added a unique flavor to the event with a contemporary interpretative dance of *Kapayapaan sa Dakilang Pamantasan*, an original composition played by the campus' Inno Band. The dance conveyed the message of peace and unity in a thought-provoking manner.

The Gandingan Cultural Dance Troupe of MSU-Maguindanao seized the everyone with their delicate performance of Maguindanaon Fan Dance and *Sagayan*. Their agile movements and vibrant costumes showcased the chromatic cultural heritage of the Maguindanaon people.

The audience was then transported into a world of love and romance through the cultural dance of MSU-Lanao National College of Arts and Trades (MSU-LNCAT) inspired by the *Bantugan* and *Gandingan* folktale. The performance heartily captured the essence of the story, leaving the crowd spellbound and immersed in the alluring narrative.



MSU-IIT transforms the stage to a *Kaamulan* Festival.



MSU-Buug displays one of the rituals of the Subanen.



MSU-Naawan sings a tribute song pertaining to the hopes and dreams of the community.



Indayog Cultural Dance Troupe of MSU-MSAT interprets *Kapayapaan sa Dakilang Pamantasan* by dancing.

Tapestry of Mindanao's Traditions Woven for Peace and Unity

MSU-Marawi's performance marked a pivotal moment in the event, as for the first time, the three cultural dance troupes in the university joined forces to showcase the diverse cultures of the Lumads, the Muslims, and the Christians that comprise the MSU System as a whole. Their performance began with a vivid display of Meranaw tribal dances by the Sining Pananadem Ensemble. The highlight of the performance was the *Singkil*, a traditional Meranaw dance where performers weave in and out of intersected bamboo poles clapped in syncopated rhythm. The Darangen Cultural Dance Troupe presented one of the ritual dances of the Manobo people, showcasing the deep connection to their ancestral roots; while the Sining Kambayoka Ensemble played *Halik sa Kampilan*, a powerful story of the Moro people's bravery and resilience in the face of adversity. Their performance concluded with a unifying song, emphasizing the message of unity and togetherness, resonating deeply with the audience.

Bringing the grand finale to the event was MSU-Lanao del Norte Agriculture College (MSU-LNAC), who transformed the gymnasium into a lively Tulingan Festival. Its invigorating performance, infectious enthusiasm, and vibrant costumes energized the crowd, leaving the audience wanting more. It came as no surprise that it was declared the People's Choice Awardee.

Beyond the captivating performances, the Rawaten Cultural Extravaganza served as a powerful platform for promoting peace and understanding amidst Mindanao's diverse heritage. The event brought together individuals from various cultural and religious backgrounds, fostering a sense of shared identity, appreciation, and respect for the region's rich tapestry of traditions. The shared experience of witnessing the cultural richness of Mindanao ignited a renewed passion to building a more harmonious and peaceful future for the region, leaving a lasting impact on the hearts and minds of all participants.

The event also featured a special recognition ceremony for the Rawaten Employees, highlighting the invaluable contributions of these dedicated individuals across all MSU-Marawi units. This tribute honored their undeviating loyalty and commitment to rendering services and the significant role they play in shaping the university's legacy.

Moreover, the resounding success of the cultural extravaganza is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and collaboration of the people behind the scenes—the Rawaten Committee, chaired by Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph and Tom Russ as the principal floor director. Their efforts were also supported by various students and organizations who worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth execution of the event. It was also made possible through the unwavering support of MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, who strongly advocates for cultural heritage preservation as part of his 10-point agenda.

As the curtain fell on this grand celebration, the spirit of Rawaten—the spirit of unity, diversity, and cultural appreciation—continued to resonate, echoing the hopes and aspirations of a Mindanao that embraces its rich heritage and strives toward a brighter future with OneMSU.



In the photos (from left to right) are Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, MSU System President, Dr. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, MSU-Marawi OIPP and MCHC Director and Rawaten Committee Chairperson, and Atty. Rashid V. Pandi, PMS Director.



MSU-Marawi enchants the audience with their unity song.



MSU-LNAC performs Meranaw dance based on the story of Bantugan and Gandingan.



MSU-Sulu (left photo) and MSU-TCTO (right photo) present Pangalay dance.



MSU-LNAC conquers the stage with their Tulingan Festival inspired performance.

MSU-Marawi Rawaten Employees Awarding: Recognizing Excellence and Dedication

Hasmin M. Tambidan-Bantog

One of the highlights of this year's Rawaten Cultural Extravaganza of the 62nd Foundation Day of Mindanao State University was the Awarding of Rawaten Employees 2023 in the different units of the University. It became more remarkable as it was the first awarding ceremony held in the entire history of MSU to recognize and honor its employees for their hard work and dedication. The said awarding is also a great way to help boost morale and motivate employees to continue to perform their best.

The Top 1 awardees and Top 2 and 3 nominees were selected by their colleagues, following the nomination guidelines that were disseminated in all colleges and offices. The categories for the awards are Rawaten employees from the Academic Staff, Semi-Academic Staff, and Administrative Staff. Among the top employees from the different units, one top employee was chosen from each sector. The selection process involved an interview with the three panel members assigned to each unit. The awardees were presented with certificates of recognition, medals and plaques by MSUS President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, Dr. Apasra Macumbal-Mapupuno, VP for Academic Affairs Alma E. Berowa, Ph.D. and VP for Administration and Finance Soraida A. Esmail, CPA, DM with the assistance of the members of Rawaten Committee.

The awarding ceremony was a success, and it was clear that the Rawaten employees were deeply appreciated for their hard work and dedication. The event was an evidence to the university's commitment to creating a positive and supportive work environment for all of its employees. The dynamic duo of Dr. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph and Atty. Rashid V. Pandi who served as facilitators announcing the winners at the event injected an infectious energy and wit into the proceedings, keeping the audience engaged from start to finish.



Shakira A. Bantog from the Board of Regents receives her award as the Over-all Rawaten Employee 2023 for Administrative Category.



From L-R: CSSH Dean Dr. Monaimah G. Manabilang, Over-all Rawaten Employee 2023 (Academic) Jamal R. Macarimbang, & Consultant to the OP Dr. Rebekka Alawi

Here is the list of the Rawaten Employees 2023:

OVERALL TOP RAWATEN EMPLOYEES

ACADEMIC UNIT	: Jamal R. Macarimbang	(CSSH)
SEMI-ACADEMIC UNIT	: Alsi G. Iggo	(DSA)
ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT	: Shakira A. Bantog	(BOR)

RAWATEN EMPLOYEE AWARDEES AND NOMINEES

ACADEMIC UNITS

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Awardee	: Elsa Cabatan
Nominees	: Nancy Ali and Saida Urab

Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Awardee	: Nadjmah N. Alnor
Nominees	: Gamal D. Mortaba, and Sittie Rayan Ditucalan

College of Business Administration and Accountancy

Awardee	: Amyna Naphiza P. Masorong
Nominees	: Marife T. Cuento and Norhaina P. Andam

College of Education

Awardee	: Noraima A. Basher
Nominees	: Johayrah M. Ibrahim and Saripa B. Dalidig

College of Engineering

Nominees	: Joanne Hiolen, Arsad Macalandong and Zaldy Cadutdut
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College of Health Sciences

Awardee	: Eugene L. Tan
Nominees	: Alimar B. Abdulhalim and Laida G. Matuan

College Hospitality and Tourism Management

Awardee	: Charlie L. Naga
Nominees	: Valentino Avenido, Jr. and Alinor Pandapatan

College of Law

Awardee	: Naila M. Muti JD
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College of Public Affairs

Awardee	: Abdul Jalil T. Baulo
Nominees	: Salam P. Ati and Jamalol D. Alauya

College of Social Sciences and Humanities

Awardee	: Jamal R. Macarimbang
Nominees	: Malik D. Sangcopan and Herminia L. Sarangani

College of Sports and Physical Education and Recreation

Awardee	: Rujess T. Silang
Nominees	: Joven G. Tercio and Reynaldo C. Taub

King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies

Awardee	: Nawal H. A. Alawi
Nominees	: Onotan S. Sanguan and Tondogun M. Sarip

MSU-Marawi Senior High School

Awardee	: Faisah H. Edris
Nominees	: Johaira M. Simbanatao and Tashnem D. Sarip

MSU-Integrated Laboratory School

Awardee	: Mindamora A. Disomangcop
Nominee	: Franklin A. Embalzado

SEMI- ACADEMIC UNITS

Aga Khan Museum and Natural Science Museum

Awardee	: Aliyah M. Alawi
Nominees	: Torontopa C. Bagul and Saidy A. Saber

Center for Women Studies

Awardee	: Estrella G. Lara
Nominees	: Noaira A. Serad and Lowell P. Ferenal

Cultural Affairs Office

Awardee	: Asma W. Pangcoga
Nominees	: Salahoddin U. Bunsu and Nadzmie N. Alihasan



From L-R: Over-all Rawaten Employee 2023 (Semi-Academic) Also G. Iggo, MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, First Lady Dr. Apasra Macumbal-Alonto, and Academic Affairs VP Dr. Alma E. Berowa

Department of Medical Services and Hospital

Awardee : Rebecca B. Muti
Nominees : Jobert Salmorin and Jihan Ayo

Division of Student Affairs

Awardee : Alsi G. Iggo
Nominees : Jalaluddin M. Alonto and Nida U. Dimalutang

Office of Admissions

Awardee : Norhainie D. Salic
Nominees : Rufaidah D. Macabato and Marietta Novela

Office of Information, Press and Publication

Awardee : Nasrimah R. Sampaco - Favez
Nominees : Alfredo V. Tumokias and Jessie L. Cañete

Shariah Center

Nominees : Pundaya P. Ambor, Aberdon B. Deca and Faridah M. Pangarungan

Technology and Innovation Center

Awardee : Farhanah Ali
Nominees : Aynnah Pangandaman and Norolain Disomimba

University Book Center

Awardee : Zenaida R. Umpa
Nominee : Bonny M. Sommer

University Library

Awardee : Soraya P. Manamparan
Nominees : Ahlam Rohaima A. Usodan and Sittie Saadia M. Muti

University Registrar Office

Awardee : Normila I. Datu-Imam
Nominees : Faisah Sarangani and Khayam D. Guimba

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

Accounting Office

Awardee : Jasim S. Butungan
Nominees : Jamaliah T. Bani and Bernard C. Almorado

Administrative Services Division

Awardee : Tangkiran A. Macapodi
Nominees : Madki Malawi and Abdulmanan A. Dauday

Auxiliary Services Division

Awardee : Moumena Deragun-Lucman
Nominees : Nur-aliah Domado and Rohaifa Ma-amor

Board of Regents

Awardee : Shakira A. Bantog
Nominees : Rhea Jean L. Fajardo and Hedjiara M. Disomangcop

Community Relations Office

Awardee : Gaos E. Benito
Nominees : Moh'd Hussein T. Saruang and Johamza M. Maanyag

Department of Security Services/Fire Department

Awardee : Mohammad Faizal P. Barazar
Nominees : Lucman M. Abdunasser Jr. and Alvin C. Pautak

FabLab Marawi/Ceramics Development Center

Awardee : Abdulgayyum D. Daromimbang
Nominees : Nabil M. Dadayan and Abdulqahhar D. Yusoph

Food Services Division

Awardee : Alimoden Marmay
Nominees : Rosalita Villar and Miriam Manalangcay

Human Resource Development Office

Awardee : Saadre D. Rago
Nominees : Salharawah I. Usman and Algary S. Batara

Information and Communication Technology Center

Awardee : Rommel Flovendo Asibal
Nominees : Kim T. Taburada and Abdul Hakam Mangorsi Tanog

Institutional Research and Evaluation Office

Awardee : Ismael A. Muti
Nominees : Casmera L. Usman and Samsia C. Noor

MSU-Manila Information Office

Awardee : Annalyn A. Pangandaman
Nominees : Ferdinand L. Capili and Henson O. Birose

Office of Alumni Relations and Career Center

Awardee : Yasmin S. Madki
Nominees : Farhana C. Batugan and Irene B. Maruhom

Office of the President

Awardee : Ibrahim H. Aliponto
Nominees : Saphia D. Gani and Aisa S. Adiong

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development

Awardee : Jikiri M. Ilupa
Nominees : Elien O. Tores and Aminah M. Disamburun

Office of the Vice President for Planning and Development

Awardee : Asriah K. Mangate
Nominees : Nene M. Disomala and Carimah B. Datudacula

Physical Plant Division

Awardee : Geguer Laure
Nominees : Robert Banawa and Jomelhayr Mamacol

Radio Telecommunications Office

Awardee : Azis D. Panda Jr.
Nominees : Oding C. Guro and Aslani Casan

University Business Office

Awardee : Sittie Sonaya Datu Malik
Nominees : Jauhary D. Maruhom and Faidah B. Muti

University Campus Budget Office

Awardee : Miphia Lumabao
Nominees : Sittie Maimona Madale and Ayesah Mangorsi

University Cashier

Awardee : Norhan G. Daud
Nominees : Rohanifah M. Sulog and Samsoden Lalanto

University Hostel and VIP Lounge

Awardee : Mohayra C.H. Acmad
Nominees : Salman T. Magandia and Mary Joy M. Villar



Rawaten Employee Awardee and Nominees from OP receiving their awards



Rawaten Employee Awardee and Nominees from OIPP receiving their awards



Snapshots from the 62nd Found



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The Story



MSU's 62nd Founding Anniversary Culmination: A Symphony of Words, Music, and Movement

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez

Mindanao State University (MSU)-Marawi burst into a zestful display of literary prowess, musical melodies, and captivating dance moves during its 62nd Founding Anniversary celebration. The festivities prove the university's resolve to promoting not only academic excellence but also a thriving cultural landscape within its esteemed institution.

Literary Competition: A Battle of Words and Wit

The University-Wide Literary Competition ignited the competitive spirit among MSU-Marawi's budding literary talents. The competition featured two categories: Filipino and English, each with its own set of captivating challenges. Participants in the Filipino category showcased their mastery of their native tongue, competing in the categories of Sauladong Talumpati (impromptu speech), Balagtasan (traditional debate through poetry), and Pagsusulat ng Sanaysay (essay writing). The English category, on the other hand, tested the participants' command of the English language, featuring categories such as Speech Choir, Declamation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Readers Theater, and Essay Writing.

The Elimination Round for the English category was held on September 18, while the Filipino category took place on September 19, 2023. Both rounds were held at the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center. A special competition in Katharo, a native language of the Meranaw people, was also held, showcasing the linguistic diversity and cultural richness of the Meranaw people.

The final round for all categories was held on September 28, 2023, culminating in a grand celebration of literary excellence. The College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) emerge as the champion, with the King Faisal Center for Islamic Arabic and Asian Studies (KFCIAAS) and the College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH) claiming the 1st and 2nd Runner-up positions, respectively.

Musical Extravaganza: A Symphony of Talent and Harmony

The Musical Extravaganza, organized by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (CNSM), was a harmonious spectacle that echoed through the Dimaporo Gymnasium on October 24. The event showcased the musical talents of MSU-Marawi students and faculty, with diverse categories that tested their vocal talent and creativity.

Participants dazzled the audience with their impersonations, vocal solos, vocal duets in both English and Filipino, acapella performances, and original compositions. The musical extravaganza was not merely a competition; it was a celebration of the power of music to unite and inspire.

College of Social Science and Humanities (CSSH) was declared as the Overall Champion, followed by College of Public Affairs (CPA) and College of Hospitality and Tourism Management (CHTM) as the 1st and 2nd Runner-up. The event concluded with a harmonious finale, leaving the audience captivated by the musical talents that flourished within MSU's community.

Dance Extravaganza: A Display of Grace, Vigour, and Cultural Pride

The Dance Extravaganza, held on October 26 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, marked the grand finale of MSU's 62nd Founding Anniversary celebrations. The event showcased the diverse dance styles of MSU's students, with categories ranging from folk dance and line dance to contemporary dance and street dance.

The College of Sports, Physical Education, and Recreation (CSPEAR) was named as the Overall Champion, showcasing their strenuousness and coordination in their fascinating performances. The College of Forestry and Environmental Studies (CFES) took the 2nd Runner-up position, while the College of Engineering (COE) claimed the 3rd Runner-up spot.

The Dance Extravaganza was more than just a competition; it was a celebration of the diverse cultures and traditions that enrich MSU's vibrant community. The audience was enthralled by the graceful movements, energetic performances, vibrant costumes, and cultural pride that radiated from the stage.

The literary, musical, and dance competitions provided a platform for MSU's talented students to shine, leaving a lasting impression on the audience and the university community as a whole.



LITERARY COMPETITION OVER-ALL WINNERS

CHAMPION : CBAA



1st RUNNER-UP : KFCIAAS



2nd RUNNER-UP : CSSH



Photo in left: Mr. Sharief M. Pangaliwan from KFCIAAS, Katharo Competition Champion; right photo above: Champion of Speech Choir Contest from CBAA; and right photo below: CSSH participants who won the Readers Theater



MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA OVER-ALL WINNERS

CHAMPION : CSSH



1st RUNNER-UP : CPA



2nd RUNNER-UP : CHTM



Photo in left: One of the participants from CSSH who was named as Champion of Impersonation Competition (Source: The UNICA Post FB page); right photo above: Vocal Duet (English) Contest Champion from CPA; right photo below: Screenshot of CHTM Entry for Original Composition who won the competition



DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA OVER-ALL WINNERS

CHAMPION : CSPEAR



1st RUNNER-UP : CFES



2nd RUNNER-UP : COE



3rd RUNNER-UP : CNSM



Left photo above: One of the participants from CNSM for Folk Dance who emerged as the champ; left photo below: Champion of Street Dance Competition from CFES; right photos: Winners of Line Dance Competition from CSPEAR (Champion) and COE (1st runner-up)

UIG 2023: A Showcase of Athleticism,

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez



Some snapshots of the winning teams/colleges during the University Intramural Games 2023



Camaraderie, and Sportsmanship

VG Mujam urges the athletes to play fair.

The annual University Intramural Games (UIG) of Mindanao State University-Main Campus kicked off on October 11, 2023, at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, igniting a week of exhilarating athletic competitions, fostering camaraderie, and reinforcing the spirit of sportsmanship among student-athletes from all colleges.

The event commenced with a parade of athletes, accompanied by their spirited coaches, representing 16 different colleges. Garbed in their varsity and college t-shirts, the athletes marched with pride and enthusiasm from 2nd Street to the Dimaporo Gymnasium. The gymnasium was pulsating with excitement and anticipation as the teams showcased their unique colors, icons, and team spirit through their synchronized cheering dances and chants.

Lanao del Sur Vice Governor, Hon. Mohammad Khalid "Mujam" R. Adiong, honored the opening program as the distinguished guest speaker. In his inspiring remarks, he commended the university's commitment to promoting sportsmanship and camaraderie among its students, emphasizing the crucial role of athletics in fostering a well-rounded academic experience.

With heightened anticipation, the athletes took an oath of sportsmanship, pledging to uphold the values of fair play, respect, and integrity – the cornerstones of true athleticism. To officially mark the start of the competition, the UIG torch was lit, symbolizing the spirit of competition and the pursuit of excellence.

Throughout the week, the Oval Grounds, Grandstand, and Gymnasium Court transformed into arenas of battles as athletes, embodying their colleges' icons, competed in an array of sports tournaments. The event showcased a diverse range of sporting disciplines, catering to the varied interests and abilities of the participants. From the finesse and precision of Badminton, Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis, and Chess to the physicality and teamwork of Football, Karatedo, Arnis, Track and Field, Sepak Takraw, Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball, the UIG provided a platform for students to engage in friendly competition, demonstrate their athletic prowess, and develop a deeper understanding of sportsmanship.

The closing ceremony, held on October 15 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, saw the College of Sports, Physical Education, and Recreation (CSPEAR)'s Lions emerge as the Overall Champion. Their victory roar echoed through the gymnasium as they celebrated their triumph. The College of Engineering (COE)'s Eagles soared high to secure the 1st runner-up position, while the College of Agriculture (COA)'s Tamaraws claimed the 2nd runner-up spot with their horns. The College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA)'s Griffins secured the 3rd runner-up position, and the College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH)'s Tigers clawed their way to the 4th runner-up spot.

The UIG 2023 served as more than just a sporting event; it was an epitome to the university's dedication to fostering holistic development among its students. By promoting physical activity, teamwork, and sportsmanship, the UIG nurtured a dynamic and inclusive learning environment, empowering students to excel not only in academics but also in the realm of athletics and personal growth.

OVER-ALL WINNERS

CHAMPION : CSPEAR



1st RUNNER-UP : COE



2nd RUNNER-UP : COA



3rd RUNNER-UP : CBAA



4th RUNNER-UP : CSSH



MSU-Main Campus Takes Center Stage at MIHAS 2023: The World's Biggest Halal Showcase

Dr. Rashdi M. Casim

Mindanao State University Main Campus has taken the global stage by participating in the Malaysian International Halal Showcase (MIHAS 2023), the largest World Halal Showcase, held from September 12 to 15, 2023, at the prestigious Malaysian International Trade Exhibit Center (MITEC) in Kuala Lumpur. MSU-Main Campus made waves by showcasing its groundbreaking research and development output on organic sakurab production and product development. This groundbreaking initiative, a collaboration between the university and the Ministry of Science and Technology BARMM, unveiled "Sakurab Blend" to the world - a remarkable product featuring powdered palapa and palapa paste.

Malaysians and delegates from various Muslim countries had the opportunity to sample "Sakurab Blend-Palapa," and their response was overwhelmingly positive. The product was lauded for its exceptional taste and aromatic qualities, leaving a lasting impression on all who experienced it. The international halal showcase was spearheaded by the distinguished halal innovators of Mindanao State University, Dr. Mobarak D. Hadji Amin, Dr. Rashdi M. Casim, and Dr. Adley L. Masnar. Their expertise and dedication played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of MSU Main Campus's participation at MIHAS 2023.



From left to right: Dean Dr. Mobarak D. Hadji Amin of MSU College of Agriculture, Assistant Dean Dr. Rashdi M. Casim of MSU College of Agriculture, and Dr. Adley L. Masnar at MIHAS



Dr. Adley L. Masnar, Dr. Rashdi M. Casim, and Dr. Mobarak D. Hadji Amin are showcasing the Sakurab Blend-Palapa products during the Malaysian Trade Exhibit Center (MITEC) held in Kuala Lumpur.

The unwavering support of MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno was instrumental in realizing this international Halal showcase. His visionary leadership and commitment to the Halal agenda have propelled MSU-Main Campus to the forefront of Halal research and development and curriculum integration. MIHAS 2023 proved to be more than just a food showcase. It served as a robust marketplace for international players looking to seize opportunities beyond Halal food, including Halal pharmaceuticals, medical devices, finance, modest fashion, personal care and cosmetics, green technologies, and even Muslim-friendly tourism.

The 19th MIHAS placed special emphasis on innovation and sustainable initiatives as catalysts for steady growth within the Halal economy. MSU Main Campus's active participation underscores its commitment to advancing these crucial aspects of the industry. MIHAS extends far beyond the ASEAN region, with enthusiastic participation from international pavilions representing countries across the globe. This includes trade commissions, various government agencies, industry leaders, and market pioneers. The international support demonstrates the global reach and impact of MIHAS.

Mindanao State University Main Campus's remarkable showing at MIHAS 2023 further solidifies its position as a leading university in the Philippines for Halal Research and Development. As the world continues to embrace Halal products and services, MSU Main Campus remains dedicated to innovation, sustainability, and excellence in this dynamic industry. #

Mindanao State University Alumni Fellowship: Fostering Connections and Inspiring Success

Office of Alumni Relations and Career Center



Attendees of the Alumni Fellowship

Mindanao State University's alumni community recently gathered for a delightful alumni fellowship at the picturesque MSU Golf Course on September 1, 2023, in celebration of MSU's 62nd Foundation Day. The event was graced by esteemed members of different batches, adding a touch of nostalgia and camaraderie to the gathering. The day was filled with exciting games, camaraderie, coffee, and a sumptuous lunch, making it an unforgettable occasion for everyone in attendance.

Alumni from various batches, including batch '70 and batch '67, were present. Some were from the Cagayan de Oro Chapter and the Initao Chapter. These alumni have not only witnessed the evolution of MSU but have also significantly contributed to its growth. Their presence added a sense of pride and nostalgia to the gathering as they shared stories from their time at the university.

The alumni fellowship held at the MSU Golf Course provided a perfect backdrop for alumni to reminisce about their academic years at MSU and reconnect with old friends and classmates. The sprawling greens and serene surroundings of the golf course offered a tranquil setting for alumni to share stories and catch up on each other's lives.

To kickstart the fellowship, a series of friendly games led by the Dean of the College of SPEAR, Prof. Hendely A. Adlawan, and activities were organized to foster a sense of camaraderie among the attendees. These games not only provided entertainment but also helped alumni relive their youthful enthusiasm. Amidst the games and activities, a coffee corner was set up, offering a wide array of coffee flavors to energize the participants. Native delicacies were also served at the event. The aroma of freshly brewed coffee wafted through the air, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for conversations and laughter.

After hours of games and coffee, the alumni gathered in the MSU Cafeteria for the second part of the program, a hearty lunch. The menu featured a variety of dishes, catering to diverse tastes and preferences. The winners of the MSU Alumni mMoments photo contest were also awarded at the MSU Cafeteria. They were Lorvie Jun Vernon (first place), Bethel Grace Paubsanon (second place), Irenmar Gay E. Coyme (third place), Julaisah M. Maclin (fourth place), Habiba T. Khabab (fifth place), Jamyla A. Guinal (sixth place), Hosnie Al (seventh place), and Aisha Nimfa S. Abantas (eighth place). The awards were presented by OARCC and Alumni Participation Committee chair Dir. Hanimah S. Lao, with assistance from MSUAA National President Alumni Regent Renato Boniao, MSUAA Marawi Campus Chapter Engr. Labimombao D. Macabando, National MSUAA BOD Dir. Saidamen O. Limgas, Alumni Executive Guests, RDO Datu sa Bayang Atty. Malic Umpar (MSU ILS Alumni Association President), Roy Tamano (MSU CBAA Alumni Association), and IPDM Dir. Akram Latip.



MSU alumni enjoying the sumptuous lunch at the Golf Course

Over lunch, alumni exchanged stories and experiences, sharing their career journeys and achievements since graduating from MSU. It was a time of reflection on the transformative impact of their alma mater on their lives.

The MSU alumni fellowship at the golf course was not just an event; it was a day filled with emotions, memories, and connections. It showcased the enduring bond that alumni share with their university and with each other. The presence of Batch '70 added a sense of pride and continuity to the gathering, emphasizing the role that alumni play in the growth and legacy of MSU.

As the day came to a close, alumni departed with a renewed sense of connection and appreciation for their alma mater. The fellowship was a testament to the enduring spirit of the MSU community and the lifelong friendships forged within its walls. It was a day to remember, a day when the past and present converged, and the future of MSU shone brightly. #



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

Showcasing Filipino Culture: Fiesta sa Nayong MSU 2023

Nasif T. Macaslang, LPT, MA ELT

The theme, "MSU@62: Celebrating Watershed Moments of Embodying Peace and Unity Through Diversity and Inclusivity," served as the principal narrative for MSU's month-long celebration of its 62nd founding anniversary. In line with this, the Basic Education units of MSU Main Campus (MSU-ILS, MSU-SHS, MSU-ISED, MSU-UTC, and other MSU External Units) organized the Fiesta sa Nayon on August 30, 2023, in front of Isidro Hall. The event covered the entire day, with the participation of key university officials, faculty, and staff from various schools within the MSU-Marawi's internal and external units. The occasion was graced by the university President's alter ego, Atty. Rashid V. Pandi, who expressed his immense gratitude and appreciation to the Basic Education units for organizing such a remarkable event that aligned with the celebration of *Buwan ng Wika*.



A collage of random photos during the Fiesta sa Nayong MSU 2023

During the ceremony, Prof. Intesar T. Aba-Condong, the Assistant Dean of MSU-Integrated Laboratory School (MSU-ILS), addressed the gathering, elaborating on the event's context and rationale: upholding Filipino cultures and magnifying unity in diversity. In her message, she emphasized the great effort put forth by her team despite various challenges to make Fiesta sa Nayon 2023 a success.

The festive celebration showcased the rich culture found in Mindanao and the Philippines as a whole, featuring performances such as the *Sagayan* and *Malong Malong* dances of ILS *Rinayong*, MSU-UTC, and MSU Senior High School Cultural Dance Troupe. Alongside these spirited performances, faculty and staff from MSU-Baloi Community High School and MSU-Lopez Jaena Community High School charmed the audience with singing and traditional Filipino folk dances. Following the performances, officials and faculty members were treated to a delightful boodle fight sponsored by MSU-ILS, while Prof. Sa-adon M. Baro and other students from the high school department of MSU-ILS serenaded them with song renditions.

The afternoon of the festivities was filled with exciting *palarong pinoy* games, organized by the MAPEH coordinator of MSU-ILS, Prof. Glenda Malinis, and other faculty members of the school. These games witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students. There was also Karaoke singing that enjoyed by many.

Adding to the festive vibe was the sight of astounding *Bahay Kubo* booths showcasing native delicacies, complemented by the Barong Tagalog attire of the attendees, a visual representation of the event's significance in the university's history. #



Some university officials are merrily dancing with the performers and organizers.



MSU-ILS *Rinayong*'s photo opportunity after their dance performance

Kasugay 2023: MSU Welcomes Freshmen with a Sports Fest

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez

Mindanao State University (MSU) kicked off the academic year 2023-2024 with a vibrant sports festival, Kasugay 2023, specially designed for its freshmen students. Held on August 21 and 26 at the university grandstand, the event exuded an atmosphere of camaraderie, sportsmanship, and cultural exchange.

Competitions such as a fun run and banner raising were conducted on the opening day of the event. In his opening remarks, Dr. Hendely Adlawan, Dean of the College of Sports, Physical Education, and Recreation (CSPEAR), said, "The Mindanao peace game says kalaro, kaibigan, kasama. We have attained the mandate of MSU, which is national peace and security."

Alagang Angara Representative Niño Muñez expressed his gratitude for the organizers' efforts and encouraged the participants to embrace the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship. In his message, MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno emphasized the significance of Kasugay as a platform for fostering unity, understanding, and peace among the university's diverse student body.

The event commenced with a symbolic lighting of the urns by Najid C. Macalolon, Kenji Gumaga Sani, and Pearl Dawn Limpaha. NSTP Director Abdulrashid T. Lucman then led the freshmen in the Oath of Sportsmanship, emphasizing the values of integrity, respect, and resilience that underpin true athleticism.

The event was participated in by numerous students, both new and old, along with the faculty and staff of different MSU units, divided and mixed into clusters to promote merging diversity and peace within the university.

Kasugay 2023 showcased a diverse range of sporting activities, catering to the varied interests and abilities of the participants. From traditional games like Kangagalawanga (Patintero) and Kangarotaya (Tug of War) to more conventional sports like athletics, badminton, basketball, futsal, table tennis, and volleyball, the event provided opportunities for students to engage in friendly competition and demonstrate their athletic prowess.



In the photos are (from left to right): MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, CSPEAR Dean Prof. Hendely Adlawan, and Alagang Angara Representative Niño Muñez.



Kasugay 2023 participants are playing Patintero.



MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno teeing off with a ceremonial shot to officially open the 2nd President's Golf Cup.



The System President with the members of MSU Golf and Country Club

As part of the festivity, the 2nd President's Golf Cup was also held at the MSU Golf Course by the MSU Golf and Country Club. Led by President Mapupuno, the event concluded successfully on September 3.

Kasugay 2023, which was also part of MSU's 62nd Founding Anniversary celebration, marked an unforgettable start to the academic year for MSU freshmen. The event's emphasis on sportsmanship, diversity, and cultural exchange aligned perfectly with the university's core values, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie among its students.

MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY

59th

Commencement Exercises

2nd Semester AY 2022-2023

59th Commencement Exercises: A Celebration of Accomplishments

Dr. Ansano M. Ampog

The fleeting moment of joy is as vibrant as the magnanimous gowns of the colors. The invigorating waves of the flags hanging on the roof of the gymnasium are as bustling as the crowd. The chivalrous charms filling the aisle are as gorgeous as the handsome men and awesome women parading for the procession. All are set as valiant as they should. Looking comely! Looking confident as the most awaited and notable occasion of the university is behold.

For many, graduation is such a fulfilling moment as the promising future has become translucent as the beaming feature of success. Countless souls are eager, feeling the sense of coming to the pinnacle of achieving a dream come true and reaping its fruition for the next chapter to be unlocked. Such blissful event is truly an honor for the university and its constituents.

Unleashing the zeal of the Office of the University Registrar in serving the Mindanao State University, its personnel in virtuously demonstrating their functions were considered one of the Prime-Movers in making the Commencement Exercise a successful one.

The 59th Commencement Exercises of MSU-Marawi for the Second Semester of Academic Year 2022-2023 was held on July 25, 2023 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium. With a total of 2,349 graduates, this batch 'Sumarinaw' was greater in number than the previous graduates. Among these graduates, 1,839 were Bachelors. Of them, 449 were conferred Cum Laude, 111 were Magna Cum Laude and 13 were Summa Cum Laude. For the first time in the history of MSU, this batch produced the most of number of Summa Cum Laude with Mr. Macabanding Abad from Biology department hailed as Class Valedictorian and Mr. Ebol Van Kenneth from BS Sustainable Community Development as Class Salutatorian.

As for outstanding bachelors who have earned a competitive Cumulative Grade Point Average but not conferred as Latin Honor due to non-compliance in one or more of the academic policies, the University awarded them with Special Honor Recognition. Among them, 7 were



Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, MSU System President



The System President and Asmerah C. Sarip, University Student Leadership Awardee (USLA)
Photo by Mindanao Varsitarian



Class Valedictorian Abad A. Macabanding inspires everyone with his valedictory address.
Photo by Mindanao Varsitarian

Class Salutatorian Van Kenneth J. Ebol, leads the Pledge of Loyalty.
Photo by Mindanao Varsitarian



Dr. Bernardo N. Sepeda, Executive Director III of NRCP and the commencement speaker



In the photos are some university officials who graced the 59th Commencement Exercises



Acsan M. Asgar, Kampilan Leadership Awardee (KLA) with the System President
Photo by Mindanao Varsitarian



with Academic Distinction, 3 were With Great Academic Distinction, and 1 was With Highest Academic Distinction.

As for Technology Programs, a total of 180 graduates were conferred. Among them, 74 were conferred With Honor and 26 were With High Honor. Meanwhile, the University is honored to have produced 330 graduates from its various Graduate Programs. This is a glad tiding as it signifies that more MSUans are advancing for a greater excellence. The table below shows the number of graduates per college of the University.

Moreover, the Commencement was graced by Dr. Bernardo N. Sepeda, Executive Director III of the National Research Council of the Philippines. From his inspirational speech, Dr. Sepeda expressed the high esteem privilege afforded to every MSUan graduate. He felt tremendous gratitude for being honored as the Speaker of the event given that it was his first time to be invited as Guest of Honor by a prestigious State University like MSU. He also enunciated the crucial roles of the university to global enterprises and public demands. Truly, MSU has always been the catalyst of producing high caliber individuals shaped with great prowess and immeasurable excellence.

Our multitude of gratitude to the System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno whose relentless support and unwavering commitment to excellence makes the university soar higher and continually make a bolder strides for a more visionary human development for every MSUan graduate. Apparently, this year's graduation rites from all MSU Campuses, the President has evidently attended. Our heartfelt appreciation for the boundless grace of the President for his warm presence in kicking off the System Graduation Ceremony to all MSU campuses.



MSU Attends UIN's SelBa International Festival

Sorhaila Latip-Yusoph, PhD

A delegation from Mindanao State University (MSU) attended the SelBa International Festival at Universitas Islam Negeri (UIN) Imam Bonjol Padang in West Sumatra, Indonesia from November 23-28, 2022. This follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two universities in October to formalize their academic partnership.

The MSU delegation was led by Director Ayesha Merdeka M. Alonto, Director of the International Affairs and Linkages Office in Marawi Campus and Officer-In-Charge of the MSU System. She was joined by Professor Sorhaila Latip-Yusoph, Director of the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center who presented a paper entitled "The Meranaw Language and Culture: Tracing its Parallels with Malay". Two MSU students, Fatma Zainab Dimaronsing Gaus and Binnor Saro Talal, also attended and presented a cultural Meranaw dance and song performance. Other attendees included students and professors from the University of Malaya, Malaysia and Malay-Cambodian delegates.

The UIN SelBa Festival celebrates the rich cultural diversity of Malay peoples across Southeast Asia. MSU's attendance at the festival represents a strengthening of ties between the two academic institutions after their MOU signing in October, which aims to facilitate student and faculty exchanges and collaborative research between the universities.

Director Yusoph stated, "This festival is an excellent opportunity for MSU to experience Minangkabaw - Indonesian culture first-hand and for us to showcase elements of Meranaw culture. We hope this deepening partnership between our universities leads to many more future exchanges and much more cross-cultural understanding."

The MOU between MSU and UIN Imam Bonjol Padang was started with this wonderful exposure of the Meranaws to the Indonesian Culture. With this, both institutions hope this partnership will lead to richer academic cooperation and cultural awareness in the future.



SelBa International Festival Delegations from Indonesia, Malaysia, Cambodia and Philippines



MSU - Marawi Student Delegates (Fatma and Binnor) on UIN stage

Young Meranaw Digital Artist's Artwork Graces MSU's 62nd Foundation Celebrations

Jahara A. Solaiman

One of MSU's traditions every foundation anniversary is to have a souvenir program printed for distribution during the foundation day program on September 1, immediately after the customary parade in the morning. And to add an artistic touch to the printed program, the winning poster from an on-the-spot poster making contest held weeks before September 1 is chosen.

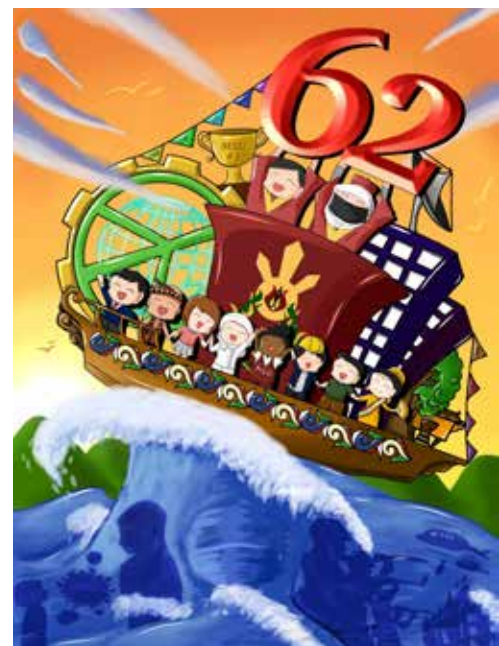
This year, the organizers of the said contest decided to level up and as a departure from the usual hand drawn creations from oil pastels, markers, and paint, invited digital artists from all over the campus to participate in a digital poster making contest on August 16, 2023 at the OP Conference Room. Seventeen students from high school to undergraduate levels brought their laptops and tablets tried their luck in creating the artwork that would grace the souvenir program. The theme for the 62nd foundation anniversary, "MSU at 62: Celebrating Watershed Moments in Embodying Peace and Unity Through Diversity and Inclusivity", served as a guide.

Out of the 17 resulting entries, one ultimately stood out from the rest. CBAA student Norhana L. Hadji Manan created a masterpiece that won accolades and hence was unanimously declared the winning piece.

Set on a background of golden skies, verdant greenery, and rushing blue waters, a huge wave buoys up a traditional Meranaw ship, an awang, with the MSU's diverse population as its passengers. Also aboard are symbols of development, such as modern buildings, peace, as shown by the peace sign, globalization, as shown by the outline of a globe. This is topped by the number "62" and the university seal. Below, depicted in shadows lurking beneath the waters, are references to the Covid 19 pandemic and the Marawi Siege, two major recent incidents that MSU had experienced and successfully overcome. The work itself managed to capture the essence of the theme and is a brave symbolic testament to MSU's triumphs over so many odds.

Not only did Ms. HadjiManan's work adorn the souvenir program, it also served as the backdrop of the tarpaulins of the Office of the President and parade T-shirts printed specially for the occasion.

Ms. HadjiManan was awarded her certificate and cash prize during the Flag Ceremony on November 6, 2023 with MSU President Basari Mapupuno and other university officials in attendance. It is also worthy to note that Ms. HadjiManan is a member of the university art club, OKIR.



The winning poster of Norhana L. Hadji Manan during the On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest

MSU LNAC Expands Horizons In Indonesia And Malaysia

MSU-LNAC

Since the start of this year, MSU-Lanao del Norte Agricultural College (MSU-LNAC) has been taking space in different meaningful endeavors both as an academic institution and as a local partner of the local government units. With no sign of stopping, MSU LNAC has formally taken a bold step to seize opportunities in the international arena.

MSU LNAC select faculty members have been granted international trainings under LevelUPHEI AFAR organized by the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA). One was at the University of Gadjah Mada, Indonesia on June 2 - 15, 2023.

The delegation consisted of four Animal Science faculty members namely, Naima G. Batugan, Sittie Asnairah M. Manalocon, Rey A. Jumalon, Jr., and Jamesly Babiera. The training provided them with technical knowledge of the commercial cage-free egg production system, including Animal Welfare, Cage-Free Housing, Stockpersonship, as well business model canvas development and economic opportunities for farm workers.

Meanwhile, the two delegates of to the UPM-SEARCA International Research Knowledge on Halal Industry Program organized by Universiti Putra Malaysia were Agricultural Extension faculty member Amalhaya D. Omar-Macmod and the Cultural Affairs Coordinator, Bongbong U. Busran. The training equipped them with technical know-how in halal industry. It was organized by the UPM of Malaysia and was held at The Everly Hotel, Putrajaya, Malaysia on September 4 - 15, 2023. Additionally, Mr. Busran has been extended an invitation to join the culminating forum on November 14-17, 2023 at SEARCA Headquarters, College, Los Banos, Laguna.

It is worth noting that prior to this, MSU-LNAC has had a valuable track record in international training. Dr. Indihra B. Dimaporo-Tawantawan, the campus superintendent, was a SEARCA grantee for international trainings on Halal at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia last April 2018 and a grantee for the International Convention on Farm Tourism at Tagaytay City of the same year.

These valuable trainings are truly significant in empowering the MSU LNAC faculty members to conceptualize innovative solutions and mobilize the rich geographical resources of the campus to address agricultural issues and bolster the halal industry in the local region.

MSU-LNAC's journey to international recognition promises a brighter future in Halal, agricultural research and development.

#UrogKaMSULNAC



The MSU-LNAC delegates in the LevelUP AFAR Training in Yogyakarta, Indonesia



Asoc. Professor Amalhaya D. Macmod-Omar and Sir Bongbong Busran during the opening ceremony of LevelUP Training in The Everly Hotel Putrajaya Malaysia

MSU-Marawi Marks a Milestone in Quality Assurance through AACUP Accreditation

Prof. Richard S. Celeste

*"Quality is not an act, it is a habit."
-Aristotle-*

The Mindanao State University (MSU)-Main Campus has taken a significant step in advancing quality assurance by hosting the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP), Inc. Preliminary and First Survey Visit on October 23-27, 2023 via digital platforms. An impressive count of 37 academic programs were submitted for accreditation, showcasing the university's dedication to upholding the highest educational standards and streamlining quality assurance in the academic community.

Kicking off the weeklong accreditation was a hybrid Opening Program held on October 23, 2023. Over a hundred participants joined the program, both virtually via Zoom and physically at the MSU International Convention Center. Dr. Alma E. Berowa, the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chair of the Campus Quality Assurance Board (CQAB), emphasized the crucial role of accreditation in her opening remarks. She asserted, "It is only by submitting our programs for accreditation that we can truly gauge how close we are to achieving our institutional goals and aspirations."

Dr. Berowa proudly recounted the significant strides MSU has made in this endeavor, stating, "We are now on Season 2 of program accreditation. During the first phase, we successfully submitted 41 academic programs for Preliminary Survey Visit (PSV) in 2020, which were also submitted for Level 1 Accreditation. This achievement led to MSU being awarded as the Best State University and College (SUC) in 2021 for having the most number of Level 1 accredited programs by AACUP." She continued, "With 35 academic programs now at the initial stage of accreditation, the road to quality assurance of MSU-Marawi

is already paved. The CQAB is gearing the campus full speed ahead for Level II accreditation by mid-2024."

Dr. Berowa concluded with a call to action, encouraging continuous improvement: "We should aim for a high level of excellence, stay there and never go down. Strive to make the good, better and better, best."

Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, MSU System President, followed with an inspirational message highlighting MSU's achievements and aspirations. "As your president, I am deeply committed to seeing the majority of our academic programs reach Level 4 Accreditation before the end of my administration," he declared.

The university president went on to emphasize the relevance of program accreditation. "Our determination to attain higher levels of accreditation remains resolute. This endeavor harmonizes with my 10-point agenda, particularly on Agenda 1 which encompasses a continuous pursuit of academic excellence and quality assurance thru accreditation and establishment of centers of excellence and centers of development in the university," he pronounced.

Furthermore, Atty. Mapupuno shared the importance of these efforts, saying "The journey before us is not just a path. It is a living testament to our commitment to academic excellence and quality assurance. As we forge ahead, let us remember that the standards we set today will shape the destiny of our academic programs and the future of our students."

Immediately after the opening program, the AACUP accreditors met with the program accreditation task force via Zoom and browsing of documents thru the accreditation website commenced. Validation of documents continued until Day 4 of the weeklong accreditation.

Finally, the closing program was conducted on October 27 at the MSU International Convention Center and via Zoom. It was a resounding success, marked by a synthesis of positive outcomes. The evaluators from AACUP provided a comprehensive review, highlighting the university's strengths and areas for improvement.

The Deans of participating colleges took the stage with a forward-looking commitment, reinforcing their college's dedication to uphold the standards and to strive for even higher levels of accreditation.

Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, delivered the closing remarks that resonated with optimism and intent. He underscored the importance of the accreditation process in enhancing the quality of education offered by MSU. He also expressed his gratitude to the MSU academic community and AACUP accreditors for the overwhelming success of the accreditation.

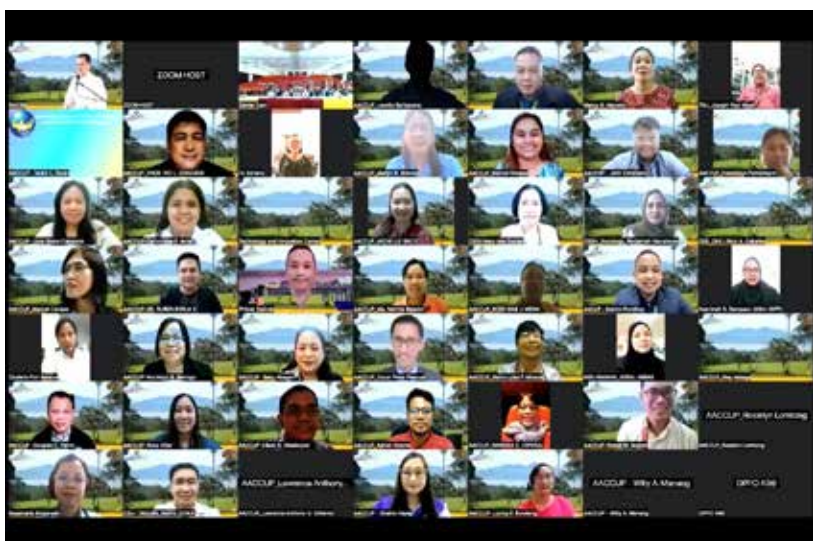


Photo taken via Zoom during the AACUP Opening Program



University officials, faculty, and staff of MSU-Marawi who attended the opening program of the Preliminary Survey Visit of AACUP

The 37 academic programs under survey included the following:

1. BS Agriculture (Food Processing)
2. MS Agribusiness Management/Master Agribusiness Management
3. MS Animal Science
4. MS Farming Systems
5. BS Entrepreneurship
6. BSBA Business Economics
7. BSBA Human Resource Management
8. BSBA Marketing Management
9. PhD Educational Management
10. BS Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
11. BS Electronics Engineering
12. BS Engineering Technology – CEM
13. BS Engineering Technology – ERE
14. MA Islamic Studies
15. BS Information Systems
16. BA Communication Studies
17. BA Journalism
18. BS Development Communication
19. BA English Language Studies
20. BA Filipino
21. BA Panitikan
22. BA Philosophy
23. BA Psychology
24. BA Sociology
25. MA Language Studies
26. MA Philippine Studies
27. MA English Language Teaching
28. MA Global Studies
29. MA Peace & Development Studies
30. MA History
31. MA Filipino
32. MA Psychology
33. PhD Language Studies
34. PhD Philippine Studies
35. MS Physical Education
36. Doctor of Public Administration (First Survey)
37. Bachelor of Elementary Education (First Survey)



The deans of the participating colleges and the members of the Campus Quality Assurance Board

MSU Faculty Spearhead Halal Industry Development in the Philippines through ASEAN Collaboration

Dr. Rashdi M. Casim

The recent attendance of three eminent faculty members at a fully funded Training Workshop on Halal Executive and Management in Singapore is proof that Mindanao State University (MSU) has achieved tremendous progress in the development of the halal industry in the Philippines. On the international front, Drs. Rashdi M. Casim, Mobarak D. Hadji Amin and Jane Tranquilan, represented the Philippines alongside numerous other important players from ASEAN nations in this crucial gathering, which took place on October 18–20, 2023. This important project is in perfect harmony with the strategic roadmap objective of MSU System President Atty. D. Mapupuno Basari.

The collaborative effort, co-organized by the Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (MUIS), the Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), and SEARCA, sought to bolster the growth and development of the halal industry within the region. The workshop's central focus was to foster a comprehensive understanding of Halal standards and compliance, utilizing practical methodologies, techniques, procedures, technologies, and tools. By encouraging the exchange of insights and ideas, the event aimed to cultivate potential partnerships that would fortify the continuous progression of the ASEAN halal industry.

During the workshop, proactive engagements and discussions with representatives from various participating nations led to the initiation of collaborative efforts in two critical areas: Halal Product Development and the facilitation of student internships across partner universities. To formalize these initiatives, the involved parties agreed to establish a binding Memorandum of Agreement. Mindanao State University has taken on a pivotal leadership role in advancing the Philippines' halal industry. Emphasizing the core tenets of instruction, research, extension, and production, the university's proactive approach aims to position the Philippines at the forefront of the rapidly expanding halal market, thus fostering economic growth and cultural diversity throughout the region. This commitment to excellence and innovation is poised to catalyze a paradigm shift in the country's halal industry landscape, setting the stage for sustained progress and global recognition.

As Mindanao State University continues to collaborate with its ASEAN counterparts, these collective efforts are expected to pave the way for a more integrated and dynamic halal industry, thereby fostering socio-economic development and promoting mutual understanding across the region. This joint endeavor marks a significant step forward in the Philippines' journey towards becoming a key player in the global halal market.

MSU-External Units Spark Leadership Potential at Youth Formation Summit

Prof. Saliah D. H. Amin-Masnar

The Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, headed by Dr. Samsia M. Paitao-Dumrang, in collaboration with the Bangsamoro Youth Commission, led by its Chairman, Sultan MP Marjanie Mimbantas, Ph.D., successfully conducted the first MSU-External Units Youth Formation Summit 2023 on October 19-20, 2023, at the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center. The summit, themed "Ignite, Inspire, Lead: Empowering Student Leaders," brought together student leaders from the 13 MSU-External Units to provide them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to be successful leaders.

Youth leadership is essential in today's society for promoting innovation, solving societal issues, and encouraging positive change. This summit sought to give participants a platform to unleash their potential, be inspired by accomplished young leaders and experts, and acquire the skills they needed to take the initiative in forging a better future. Among the invited participants were the elected presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, and auditors in the Junior High School and Senior High School together with their respective SSG advisers.

It was indeed another milestone that the OAVCAA had achieved as it was the first time in the history of MSU-External Units to convene selected student leaders in the 13 MSU-External Units in one venue who have common goal in life as student leaders.

The summit aimed to equip participants with practical leadership skills, including communication, problem-solving, and teamwork, enhance their ability to lead and collaborate effectively in various contexts, provide a platform for participants to interact with and learn from inspirational leaders, ignite a sense of purpose and motivation for leadership roles, and foster a sense of community and networking among young leaders, enabling them to build meaningful connections, share experiences, and collaboratively explore solutions to their school and local challenges.

On the first day of the summit, University President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno served as the Keynote Speaker, followed by equally competent, remarkable, and accomplished young leaders and experts as lecturers in the morning. Ms. Namera C. Ambor, MPA, Youth Development Officer II of the Bangsamoro Youth Commission, spoke on "The Role of Golden Opportunity of Students in Bangsamoro Government." In the afternoon session, Mr. Wezam M. Hassan, Prime Minister of the MSU Supreme Student Government, lectured on "The Role of Student Government in the Academe." Prof. Aminoding B. Limpao, Ph.D., Psy., delivered a lecture on "Navigating Youth Mental Health: Strategies for Resilience & Well-being," and Ustadh Zacariah Candao P. Tambo, a faculty member at Monib Alkozbari Al-arabiah, lectured on "The Inspiring Stories of Young Muslim Leaders/ Believers of Islam."

On the evening of the first day of the summit, participants and other guests were welcomed with the serving of the traditional "Pagana Meranaw" for dinner. Dr. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, Director of the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center and the Office of Information, Press and Publication, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor. Student participants were amazed by the serving of the delectable "Pagana Meranaw" as it was not a common sight for them to serve dinner in "Dulang." After the sumptuous "Pagana Meranaw," student participants were



Assistant Vice Chancellor Dr. Samsia M. Paitao-Dumrang together with some MSU-Marawi officials and BYC representatives presents a Plaque of Appreciation to MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno.

given a chance to showcase their hidden talents, specifically Meranaw cultural performances. They proved that they were not only capable as student leaders but also as great performers on stage.

The second day of the summit was made vibrant by equally brilliant young leaders and speakers. Atty. Rashid V. Pandi, Director of the Presidential Management Staff, Office of the President, lectured on "Understanding Leadership: Unleashing Your Potential." Mr. Ammar M. Cayongcat, CEO/Founder of N'ditarun Tano; Hon. Jamil Faisal Saro Adiong, Board Member of Lanao del Sur; and Mr. Mohammad Aiman S. Langlang, Chief-of-Staff of the Office of the Municipal Mayor of Lumbayanague, made the panel discussion lively and interesting as they discussed "Youth as Change Agents: Opportunities and Challenges in Today's World." Student participants were given a chance to know one another, create memorable bonding experiences, and strengthen camaraderie during their workshops on Project Proposal Presentation, Storytelling for Impact, and Policy Making. The summit was concluded by Dr. Marjanie Mimbantas, Chairperson of the Bangsamoro Youth Commission and Member of the Parliament, Bangsamoro Transition Authority. In his speech, Dr. Marjanie Mimbantas enthusiastically pointed out his full support for the MSU-External Units in their future programs, particularly on youth development, as he truly believes that youth play a vital role in peace and development of the Bangsamoro Region and nation-building as a whole.#



Attendees of the First Youth Formation Summit make the OneMSU sign.

Marawi's Best Trade Fair Unveils a Treasure Trove of Local Ingenuity

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez

In a thriving celebration of local entrepreneurship and innovation, Mindanao State University-Marawi (MSU-Marawi), through the collaborative efforts of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development (OVCRED), Technology and Innovation Center (TIC), Entrepreneurship Training and Promotion Office (ETPO), and the Marketing Department of the College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA), hosted the Marawi's Best Trade Fair 2023, transforming the MSU Peace Plaza into a vibrant marketplace of creativity and craftsmanship. The launching of the event was held on October 16, 2023. It coincided with the university's 62nd founding anniversary, marking a significant milestone in its ongoing commitment to empowering local businesses and fostering economic growth within the Marawi community.

Themed "OneMSU@62: Navigating Entrepreneurship for Peace and Unity in Empowering Change through Innovation, Opportunity, and Connectivity," the trade fair showcased an impressive array of products and services crafted by local entrepreneurs. From delectable halal delicacies to intricate handicrafts, vibrant garments, and exquisite jewelry, the fair transformed into a treasure trove of Marawi's finest offerings.

The event's overarching mission centered on empowering and uplifting entrepreneurs in Marawi City and other municipalities of Lanao del Sur. By establishing sustainable income-generating projects, creating lasting market linkages for product distribution among Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), and actively promoting entrepreneurship within MSU-Marawi and the wider Lanao del Sur province, the trade fair aimed to stimulate economic growth and pave the way for a brighter future.

ETPO Chief Maria Stella G. Cudas, DBA, highlighted the university's unwavering commitment to promoting halal and other creative and innovative products and services originating from Marawi and its surrounding municipalities. She emphasized the trade fair's role in providing a platform for local entrepreneurs to showcase their talents and connect with potential customers.

In her opening remarks, Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development Dr. Fema M. Abamo challenged leaders of regional and local government units to take proactive measures in identifying, showcasing, and commercializing local products on the global market. She eloquently articulated the transformative power of entrepreneurship in fostering peace and unity within the region.



Two of the entrepreneurs who participated in the month-long Marawi's Best Trade Fair



MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno and Lanao del Sur Vice Governor Mohammad Khalid R. Adiong are jointly leading the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the official launch of Marawi's Best Trade Fair.

TIC Director Sarifa Sofia A. Macarambon-Ali, JD, poignantly acknowledged the resilience of local entrepreneurs who have persevered through unprecedented challenges, including the Marawi Siege in 2017 and the COVID-19 pandemic in 2019. She urged the audience to extend their patronage to local enterprises, recognizing their contributions to the economic vitality of Marawi City and surrounding municipalities.

Keynote speaker Vice Governor of Lanao del Sur, Hon. Mohammad Khalid R. Adiong commended MSU-Marawi for its dedication to promoting entrepreneurship and innovation within the province. He lauded the university's role in fostering and maintaining peace and prosperity, and pledged his support for MSU's initiatives, particularly those related to extension services.

MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno addressed the importance of supporting local businesses to revitalize the local economy. He recognized the trade fair as a celebration of innovation and collaboration, emphasizing the need for interconnectedness among various units and sectors to fully harness the diverse array of innovative products showcased during the event. He also passionately urged the audience to seize the opportunity to connect, collaborate, and harness the collective brilliance gathered to propel the region's industries forward. He envisioned the trade fair as a symphony of progress, a chorus of innovation, and a resounding testament to the boundless potential of human ingenuity.

Atty. Hafsa C. Sansarona, representing BARMM MP Atty. Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., and Ministry of Trade, Investments and Tourism (MTIT) Provincial Director Mohammad Aquil Alonto Mamainte, CPA, expressed their heartfelt gratitude and support for the university's research and extension initiatives. Their endorsement further solidified the trade fair's significance and its alignment with broader regional development goals.

The Marawi's Best Trade Fair 2023 stands as a beacon of hope and resilience for local entrepreneurs. It serves as a platform for their products and services to reach a wider audience, enabling them to contribute to the economic revitalization of their community. The fair's success underscores the critical role of universities in fostering sustainable economic growth and promoting peace and unity through entrepreneurship and innovation.

MSU-Marawi Fosters a Mentally Healthy Campus through Mental Health Week Observance

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez

MSU-Marawi took a significant step towards fostering mental well-being among its constituents by organizing a week-long National Mental Health Week Observance. Held under the unifying theme "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right," the event aimed to raise awareness of mental health issues, reduce the stigma surrounding seeking support, and promote a supportive and inclusive campus environment. This initiative is also aligned with Proclamation No. 452, series of 1994, declaring the second week of October as National Mental Health Week, and commemorated World Mental Health Day as designated by the World Health Organization.

The opening program, that took place on October 9, 2023 at Antonio Isidro Hall, featured Hon. Jamil Faisal "Jeff" S. Adiong, Board Member of Lanao del Sur Province and SK Panlalawigan Federation President, who urged MSU constituents to prioritize their mental and emotional well-being by seeking counseling. He also highlighted common mental health challenges faced by students and workers, including stress, anxiety, and depression. Additionally, he emphasized that mental health is a public health issue, requiring collaboration among all sectors, including local government units and academic institutions, to effectively address it.

In addition, Executive Vice President Dr. Rasid M. Paca, JD, and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro echoed the significance of celebrating Mental Health Week, particularly in nurturing a healthy and peaceful academic environment during the event. They underscored the need to establish a more supportive and understanding atmosphere for students, faculty, and staff, especially those grappling with mental health challenges.



In the photo are some MSU-Marawi officials including Executive Vice President Dr. Rasid M. Paca, JD and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro together with few members of Mental Health Week Working Committee and Hon. Jamil Faisal S. Adiong during the opening ceremony of MSU's National Mental Health Week Observance.



MSU's National Mental Health Week Observance 2023 poster

As a symbolic act of solidarity and commitment to mental health advocacy, participants adorned the Mental Health Wall with their handprints and paintings. This was followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by the university officials, marking the official launch of the Mental Health Week Observance.

Throughout the week, participants engaged in a variety of informative and engaging activities, including comprehensive trainings, insightful seminars, informative exhibits, and rejuvenating stress relief techniques. The event covered a wide range of topics, such as Islam and Mental Health, Gender and Mental Health, and strategies to combat suicide. Participants also had the opportunity to hone their listening skills, learn effective methods for managing their mental health, and gain valuable insights into drug use prevention. Moreover, an invigorating Mental Health Walk was organized to foster a sense of community and solidarity in promoting mental well-being.

The week-long observance culminated in a closing ceremony at the International Convention Center on October 13. The ceremony featured inspirational messages from some university officials, mental health experts, and performances by MSU students, emphasizing the importance of addressing mental health concerns and fostering a supportive campus community. According to Dr. Aminoding B. Limpao, Chairperson of the Department of Psychology and Related Services and Vice Chairperson of the event's working committee, mental health is equally important to physical health considering that peace comes from a peaceful mind. "There is no peace if there is no peace of the mind and the heart," he remarked.

The event's success in raising awareness and reducing stigma surrounding mental health issues is attributed to the collaborative efforts of different MSU units including the Department of Psychology and Related Services and the Division of Student Affairs partnered with various student organizations inside the campus and some non-governmental organizations.

MSU-Marawi's dedication to mental health awareness extends beyond the Mental Health Week Observance. The university has implemented various initiatives to promote mental well-being among its constituents especially faculty, staff, and students. In fact, the university's commitment to mental health is evident in its efforts to create a campus environment that promotes well-being and encourages open dialogue about mental health concerns. By prioritizing mental health awareness and providing support services, the university is fostering a healthier and more inclusive campus community for all.

MSU-LNCAT Commemorates National Teacher's Day

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The mediocre teacher tells.
The good teacher explains.
The superior teacher demonstrates.
The great teacher inspires.

-William Arthur Ward-

MSU-LNCAT celebrated National Teacher's Day on October 4, 2023 with a series of fun-filled activities and thoughtful surprises organized by the Supreme Students Government Officers, the Faculty Union Officers, and the School Administration.

The SSG Officers and FU Officers headed by Dr. Raihanie A. Maruhom surprised the teachers with a pampering day through a program filled with parlor games, awards, and prizes. The School Administration also organized a boodle fight for the teachers where they could enjoy foods and fellowship with each other.

Superintendent Cairany D. Gandamra School Administration were also commended for their unrelenting support to the teachers and the entire MSU-LNCATizens.

The teachers were also grateful to the students for their greetings, appreciations, and love. Moreover, they were truly appreciated for their hard work and dedication to their students and the MSU-LNCAT community.#



Faculty members of MSU-LNCAT are enjoying the boodle fight prepared by the school administration together with the SSG and FU officers.



Faculty members of MSU-LNCAT are having their foot massage as part of the Teacher's Day celebration.

HRDO Hosts 1.5-Kilometer Fun Run for a Cause

Saadre D. Rago

The Human Resource Development Office (HRDO), in partnership with the College of Sports, Physical Education, and Recreation (CSPEAR), hosted a 1.5-kilometer Fun Run – Takbo ng Bayan for a Cause on September 30, 2023, at the MSU Sports Center to highlight the last day of the 123rd Philippine Civil Service Month Celebration and to encourage the university constituents to engage in a healthy lifestyle. The activity will also help finance numbers of deserving Toril students in Marawi City.

Around 200 participants from different units of MSU-Marawi participated the event and fostered camaraderie among fellow university employees. Representatives from the Civil Service Commission (CSC) - Lanao del Sur Field Office and some employees of TESDA-Lanao del Sur also attended the fun run.

In his welcome address, Saadre D. Rago, Administrative Officer V of HRDO stressed importance and relevance of the activity in the Philippine Civil Service Anniversary theme, "Transforming Public Service in the Next Decade: Honing Agile and Future-Ready Servant-Heroes."

The fun run had two categories: Category 1 for women and Category 2 for men. The top three finishers in each category received a medal of recognition and a cash prize. HRDO Director Faisal G. Mangotara also commended and acknowledged the participation and contribution of the University officials and all participants in the success of the event.#



Participants of the Fun Run

MSU Marawi Campus Receives MBHTE COPC for 51 Degree Programs: A Testament to Academic Excellence

Johara D. Alangca-Azis, PhD

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA) at the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi Campus has delightedly confirmed that an impressive total of fifty-one (51) degree programs offered by the campus have been granted Certificate of Compliance (COPC) by the Ministry of Higher, Technical and Basic Education, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (MBHTE-BARMM). This remarkable accomplishment is the result of a comprehensive and painstaking evaluation process that took place on two separate batches: March 17-21, 2023 and September 11-15, 2023, respectively at the MSU-Main Campus in Marawi City. The campus takes immense pride in this achievement, which speaks much about the university's unswerving commitment to providing quality education to its students and ensuring that its programs adhere to the rigorous standards set by the Ministry. The attainment of this esteemed certificate also signifies the dedication and perseverance of the MSU Marawi Campus administration and faculty members in delivering outstanding academic opportunities to their students.

It is significant to acknowledge that in order to secure the Certificate of Compliance, MSU Marawi Campus underwent a rigorous and meticulous evaluation process conducted by the MBHTE-BARMM together with a group of program evaluators coming from various Universities in the region such as the Cotabato State University, Sultan Kudarat State University, Western Mindanao State University, and Mindanao State University-Maguindanao. This comprehensive assessment encompassed an in-depth examination of the university's curriculum, administration and faculty qualifications, facilities, and other critical indicators of academic excellence. The evaluation also scrutinized the university's adherence to the higher education's policies on outcomes-based education, research productivity, and extension and community engagement. Additionally, prior to the official visit to the MSU-Main Campus of the MBHTE and evaluators team, the Office of the President through the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro, his special assistants and some deans of colleges formally coordinated with the MBHTE officials headed by its Director General, Marjuni Maddi for the smooth conduct of the COPC application and evaluation. Series of meetings held in Cotabato City and Marawi City took place before the event. The OVCAA also facilitated an online orientation to the heads, faculty and staff members of the various concerned colleges and offices in order that they could prepare all their needed documents and facilities that needed to be inspected and evaluated by the esteemed evaluators. Fortunately, the actual inspection and evaluation unfolded seamlessly, yielding favorable results.

Furthermore, it is important to highlight that the fifty-one (51) degree programs submitted for COPC encompass an extensive array of disciplines, comprising the various degree programs offered by the fourteen (14) out of seventeen (17) colleges of the campus. This comprehensive coverage illustrates the university's dedication to offering a diverse range of academic options that cater to the peculiar needs and aspirations of its students. By providing a holistic educational experience, MSU Marawi Campus equips graduates with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to excel in their chosen fields.



Some MSU officials headed by President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno and Evaluators from MBHTE during the opening program of Certificate of Program Compliance



Below is the list of the COPC approved programs, which were also awarded Level 1 Accreditation by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP):

College of Agriculture (7)

1. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Major in Animal Science
2. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Major in Plant Science
3. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Major in Extension Education
4. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Major in Agronomy
5. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Major in Farming System
6. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Major in Horticulture
7. Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management

College of Business Administration and Accountancy (1)

College of Education (9)

8. Bachelor of Science in Accountancy
9. Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English
10. Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Filipino
11. Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Sciences
12. Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Mathematics
13. Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Social Studies
14. Bachelor of Early Childhood Education
15. Bachelor of Technology & Livelihood Education
16. Bachelor of Elementary Education
17. Bachelor of Technical-Vocational Teacher Education major in Home Economics

College of Engineering (4)

18. Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
19. Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
20. Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering
21. Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (1)

College of Forestry and Environmental Studies (3)

22. Bachelor of Science in Fisheries
23. Bachelor of Science in Forestry
24. Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science
25. Bachelor of Science in Forestry major in Agro-Forestry

College of Health Sciences (2)

26. Bachelor of Science in Nursing
27. Master of Science in Nursing

College of Hospitality and Tourism (2)

28. Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management
29. Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management

College of Information and Computing Sciences (2)

30. Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
31. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies (3)

32. Bachelor of Science in International Relations
33. Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies major Shariah
34. Bachelor of Science in Teaching Arabic

College of Natural Science and Mathematics (8)

35. Bachelor of Science in Biology
36. Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
37. Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
38. Bachelor of Science in Physics
39. Bachelor of Science in Statistics
40. Master of Science in Biology
41. Master of Science in Mathematics
42. Master of Science in Physics

College of Public Affairs (4)

43. Bachelor of Science in Social Work
44. Bachelor of Science Sustainable Development
45. Bachelor of Public Administration
46. Master of Public Administration

College of Social Sciences and Humanities (4)

47. Bachelor of Arts in History
48. Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
49. Bachelor of Science in Library and Information Science
50. Bachelor of Science in Psychology

College of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation (1)

51. Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

Finally, it is worth mentioning that the prestigious Certificates for the first batch of the degree programs approved for COPC were officially and momentarily received by the University officials during the 59th Pre Commencement Exercises, 2nd Semester, AY 2022-2023 of the MSU Main Campus, in which MBHTE Director General Marjuni Maddi served as the Pre Commencement Speaker. It is then believed that with this significant achievement, MSU Marawi Campus can leverage its recognition to attract more students as the COPC certificate assures them that their degrees are recognized and accredited, thereby enhancing their employability and creating diverse career opportunities. It also instills confidence in the quality of education received, as they can take pride in knowing that their alma mater has met the thorough standards set by the country's higher education regulatory body. Besides, the Certificate of Compliance further solidifies the university's vision to be a Center of Excellence in Instruction, Research and Extension transforming itself into a premier and globally competitive national peace University. Ultimately, the MSU-Marawi Campus family, headed by its esteemed President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, deserves immense recognition and gratitude for their remarkable courage and resolute dedication, which serve as a testament to their unwavering pursuit of academic excellence.

DXUR 94.1 Your Campus Radio Celebrates 6th Anniversary

Azis D. Panda, Jr.



In the photos are Director Ihsan M. Amanoddin and Dr. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph



Radio Telecommunication Director Ihsan M. Amanoddin with his RTO staff and Dr. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph

DXUR 94.1 Your Campus Radio celebrated its 6th anniversary on August 31, 2023, at the Radio Telecommunications Office. The station officially premiered six years ago to meet the information needs of MSU constituents amidst the Marawi Siege. The featured guest of honor was Dr. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, Director of the Office of Information, Press, and Publication (OIPP) and Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center (MCHC). The station's accomplishments over the last six years have been many, and its success is partly due to the contributions and continuing support of people like Dr. Latip-Yusoph. The audience enjoyed an uplifting message from her.

In his welcome address, Director Amanoddin heartily congratulated and commended the RTCO and DXUR 94.1 staff for their steady devotion despite the challenges. "You are the backbone of the station, and it is a great honor to lead this office." He also conveyed his appreciation for Dr. Latip-Yusoph's presence despite her busy schedule, saying, "You have been a big part of why we are still here. Thank you."

One of the celebration's highlights was the presentation of plaques of appreciation to the special guests and distinguished presenters of the station's radio shows. To the delight of the audience, Dr. Latip-Yusoph announced that she will be facilitating the donation of a 600-watt transmitter to the radio station which she has made PECOJON Network to commit in order to enhance the capacity of the radio station, allowing for wider coverage. The event was a fitting tribute to the hard work and dedication of the DXUR 94.1 Your Campus Radio staff. The station has played a vital role in keeping the MSU community informed and connected, and it is sure to continue for many years to come. #

MSU-Marawi Marks Peace Day with Hopeful Spirit of Unity

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



In the photos are two of the invited speakers during the Peace Day Celebration.

August 25, 2023, was declared as Peace Day in the MSU System in accordance with BOR Resolution No. 302, series of 2021. In line with its aspiration to be a National Peace University, Peace Day echoes the new administration's hashtag, #OneMSU. It fosters unity amidst diversity and serves as a reminder of the university's original purpose of achieving peace and development.

The Institute of Peace and Development in Mindanao (IPDM) is the lead unit in organizing the Peace Day Celebration. This year's theme, "Talaghay at Pagpanibago: Pangako ng MSU sa Pagpapanatili ng Kapayapaan. Transisyonal na Katarungan at Pagkakasundo at Pagkakaisa" (Resilience and Renewal: MSU's Commitment to Sustaining Peace. Transitional Justice and Reconciliation for Unity), focuses on the discourse on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJR). The celebration was held in the IPDM Convergence Hall at MSU Marawi City. It was graced by MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, who inspired the participants to embrace peace in their lives.

IPDM invited guests representing various sectors to discuss TJR. Prof. Raihan Yusoph, a historian, opened the plenary session with a discussion on the history of TJR in Mindanao. Catholic missionaries, led by Father Rex Camora, shared their life experiences in Mindanao. Dr. Abdusallam S. Disomimba also presented his interpretation of verses from the Holy Qur'an related to TJR from an Islamic perspective; while Sultan Abdul Hamidullah T. Atar discussed his dissertation on TJR, citing his sultanate as an example of deprivation in TJR. Moreover, Executive Director Ayesha Merdeka Alonto also shared her experiences as a child of war. AOV Mohammad Camal Sharief who discussed the Marawi Compensation Board as a form of TJR and Sittie Rahana Jhan Ganda, a senior official of the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), who spoke about TJR from the Lanao perspective were also in attendance.

IPDM partnered with the History Department of the College of Social Science and Humanities (CSSH), and the College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) for the morning session. Dean Dr. Monaimah Gubat-Manabilang delivered a powerful message to the audience. In the afternoon, IPDM and the NCMF Peace and GAD Technical Working Group of Lanao del Sur collaborated on a workshop activity. #



MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, alongside MCB Chairperson Atty. Maisara Dandamun-Latiph and other MSU officials, forming a peace sign.

MSU-Marawi Inaugurates Bangsamoro Peace Center

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

On August 21, 2023, MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno formally accepted and received the newly constructed Bangsamoro Peace Center. The ceremonial turnover took place at the back of the Institute of Peace and Development in Mindanao (IPDM) building near the MSU golf course, where the center is situated. The center was funded by the transition development fund of former member of Parliament Hon. Atty. Maisara Dandamun-Latiph, now the Chairperson of the Marawi Compensation Board. The funds were channeled through the Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS), a newly created office in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).



The inaugurated Bangsamoro Peace Center

In his acceptance remarks, Atty. Mapupuno expressed his appreciation to the MPOS and former MP Atty. Dandamun-Latiph, highlighting the significance of the Bangsamoro Peace Center as a tangible symbol of hope, compassion, and shared values. He envisioned the center serving as a beacon of inspiration, fostering dialogue and reconciliation in areas deeply scarred by strife and division.

"This building will stand as a hub for peacebuilding initiatives on our campus. It will provide a space where students, faculty, and staff can gather to learn about conflict resolution, mediation, and other essential skills necessary for building and maintaining peace. It will also serve as a venue for hosting events, seminars, and capacity-building activities that promote peace and unity. This center embodies our commitment, a symbol of collective determination to heal the wounds of the past and pave the way for a brighter future," Atty. Mapupuno declared.

Bangsamoro Director General Atty. Al-Rashid Lucman Balt also expressed his gratitude to former MP Atty. Dandamun-Latiph, acknowledging her as a champion of policymaking. He commended her contributions to the establishment of the Ministry of Public Order and Safety.

In her address, Atty. Maisara D. Latiph emphasized the university's role in peacebuilding and preventing and countering violent extremism. She asserted, "MSU will transform into an instrument for instilling in the future generation the Islamic values of love for humanity, kindness, justice, and life itself."

Executive Director Acram Latiph, Ph.D., shared his strategic plan to transform the area surrounding the IPDM main administration office into a peace plaza center. The plan encompasses the Multipurpose Peace Training Center, recently handed over to MSU IPDM and temporarily occupied by the Marawi Compensation Board, and the Bangsamoro Peace Center, designated as a youth space for peace discussions. He envisions the strategic location attracting more students, making it a thriving peace hub. #

MSU Attends 2023 American Spaces Philippines Conference

Ahlam Rohaima A. Usodan



Photo grabbed from the American Spaces Philippines. In the middle of the photo, you can see Deputy Chief of Mission Heather Variava, together with the presidents and heads of host institutions of the American Corners in the Philippines, during the signing of the renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement.

From August 15 to 17, 2023, the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines hosted the annual American Spaces Philippines (AmSpaces Ph) Conference at the Savoy Hotel Manila. This event brought together leaders and coordinators from American Corners across the country under the theme, "Amplifying American Corners through Collaboration." It served as a platform for discussing strategies, sharing best practices, and celebrating the collaborative essence that defines American Corners in the Philippines.

The first day of the conference involved the gathering of presidents and heads of host institutions from the 15 American Corners in the Philippines. MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, represented the University. The highlight in the first day was the signing of the renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Embassy and host institutions, reaffirming the commitment to this collaborative effort. Afterward, they had a brief tour at De La Salle University (DLSU) Libraries, where they visited the American Corner Manila and explored the Makerspace.

On August 16-17, 2023, the focus shifted to intensive American Corner (AC) Sessions, bringing together AC Directors and coordinators. AC Marawi was represented by the University Library and AC Director, Zaalica B. Edres, along with her secretary, Ahlam Rohaima A. Usodan, who had served as the AC coordinator for over four years during the previous administration.

AC Marawi received recognition for its innovative approach to programming, particularly the establishment of a Podcast Nook. This transformative addition to the Corner was launched on August 22, 2022, equipped with advanced recording technology donated by the Embassy, facilitating the creation of high-quality audio content.

On the final day, participants had the opportunity to visit the AnimoLabs and Fab Lab at the DLSU Laguna Campus, offering insights into cutting-edge technologies and potential future collaboration opportunities. The ACs in the Philippines continue to serve as pillars of educational and cultural exchange, nurturing understanding and connections that transcend borders.



Photo grabbed from the American Spaces Philippines. University System President Mapupuno, together with other presidents and heads from host institutions of the American Corners in the Philippines, during their visit at the AC Manila.



Photo grabbed from the American Spaces Philippines (AmSpaces Ph). A photo opportunity featuring Deputy Chief of Mission Heather Variava, the AmSpaces Ph team, and AC Directors and Coordinators.

New Campus Officials and Designations



MANGAYAO R. OLAY

University Chief Cashier

Per Special Order No. 1287, Series of 2023

Mangayao R. Olay is a dedicated leader and public servant who has made significant contributions to Mindanao State University - Marawi. A graduate of Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Accounting at Jamiatul Philippine Al-Islamia in 1981, he brings a expertise to his role as University Chief Cashier. Prior to his current position, he served as the director of Auxiliary Services Division, where he demonstrated his strong leadership skills and commitment to serving the MSU-Marawi community. Throughout his career, Director Olay has consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of financial management and a commitment to fiscal responsibility. In addition to his financial acumen, he is also a respected leader within the university. He is known for his ability to build consensus, foster collaboration, and motivate others. His commitment to public service is evident in his dedication to serving the needs of the university and its stakeholders.



PROF. MAHID M. MANGONTARUM

Director of Mamitua Saber Research Center

(On Concurrent Capacity)

Per Special Order No. 1286, Series of 2023

Prof. Mahid Mangontarum, currently holding the position of Associate Professor V at the Department of Mathematics, Mindanao State University - Main Campus in Marawi City, is an accomplished scholar specializing in Enumerative Combinatorics and Quantum Calculus. His notable contributions to these fields are reflected in his substantial body of work, showcased through numerous publications in esteemed international journals. Prof. Mangontarum's research prowess has not only garnered recognition within the mathematical community but has also established him as a respected scholar and thought leader. In addition to his expertise in pure mathematics, Prof. Mangontarum has extended his scholarly pursuits to the realm of applied mathematics, demonstrating a commitment to addressing real-life problems. Prior to assuming the role of Research Director at the Mamitua Saber Research Center, he served as a Special Assistant at the Office of the President of the MSU System. During this time, he also held the position of Director of the Presidential Management Staff, showcasing his leadership skills and versatility in navigating administrative responsibilities.



MUHAMMAD ZUHAIR L. GANI, CPA

Director of Auxiliary Services Division

(On Concurrent Capacity)

Per Special Order No. 1285, Series of 2023

Muhammad Zuhair L. Gani is a successful professional with a very strong foundation and a wealth of early experience working in the realm of public service. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy and successfully passed the CPA board exam in 2018. Currently, he is studying Juris Doctor at the MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology. He also holds a license for Career Service Professional Eligibility. Moreover, he adheres to the certified tax technician group. He has also served as an accountant in a variety of professions during every phase of his career, demonstrating an ability to manage accounting departments in every instance. His significant role as Director of MSU University Business Office indicates his passion and expertise in this particular field. In general, he is incredibly intelligent, compassionate, and dedicated. However, what defines him as a person of his quality are his amazing humility and loving simplicity, a benchmark of success enhanced by morality.



Congratulations Topnotchers!!

MIKEE MARIE E. YEMA-BADIAN, RFP

Bachelor of Science in Fisheries

TOP 8 (84.75%), FISHERIES PROFESSIONALS LICENSURE EXAM

Mikee Marie was a scholar and an active member of Darangen Cultural Dance Troupe and Senior's Council Organization. She was driven to complete her studies with resolve, determined to alleviate her family's burden following her father's passing. This experience instilled in her a deep sense of responsibility, propelling her to pursue knowledge and success. Despite nine consecutive years of grappling with apprehensions about taking the licensure exam, she emerged victorious, securing a place among the Top 8. Her remarkable achievement serves as an inspiration to many and a reminder that determination and self-belief can pave the path to extraordinary success.

"Faith transcends mere words; it serves as the anchor fortifying your strength, guiding you through the currents of challenges to sail toward the shores of success. It is the driving force that emboldens you to face risks with prayers and perseverance. Trust in the timing and hold onto the belief that everything happens for a reason. It is what is destined for you will navigate its way to you at the perfect moment."

-Mikee Marie-



JOAIRIYA COSAIN SARIP, RSW

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

TOP 9 (85.40%), SOCIAL WORKERS LICENSURE EXAM

Joairiya is a determined young woman who faced many challenges in her college journey. Despite coming from a family with financial constraints, she was able to overcome her doubts and succeed in her studies. She was particularly challenged during the period of online classes and practicum, but she bravely confronted these hurdles with her faith in God. Her passion for social work was also tested, as certain skills clashed with aspects of her personality. However, she remained resolute in her determination to help others. She drew strength from her own experiences of receiving assistance during times of hardship and was driven to pay it forward.

"The pain of regret is more hurtful than the pain of failure. It is okay that you fail, as long as you did your best and tried as much as you can. In life, you have to lose sometimes in order to gain something, which includes life lessons. Face life with faith in God and prayers. When you feel lost, go back to what made you get started?"

-Joairiya-



AMEERAAZRIA BALINDONG HADJI NASSER, RSW

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

TOP 10 (85.20%), SOCIAL WORKERS LICENSURE EXAM

Ameeraazria, the eldest of three siblings, always knew her role as a future breadwinner. Driven by this responsibility, she pursued success not only for herself but also for her supportive family. Social work fascinated her. She stood as a catalyst for change, an advocate for people's rights, and a helper to those trapped in unfortunate cycles. The versatility of social workers' roles further fueled her passion. Finally, Ameeraazria achieved her goal of becoming a registered social worker. Embracing this noble profession, she aspires to positively impact lives and society, recognizing that passing the board exam was just the beginning.

"Faith and hard work. I believe that the combination of these two are the guiding light that propel us through the labyrinth of challenges and setbacks, transforming dreams into tangible realities. It is a journey between you persevering in pursuing your dreams (hard work) and your belief in Him (faith). The One who is capable in making all things happen. Pray, persevere, and never relinquish hope, for destiny is yours alone to claim."

-Ameeraazria-



XYRYLL BERNASOL NARADA, RSW

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

TOP 10 (85.20%), SOCIAL WORKERS LICENSURE EXAM

Xyryll was not academically inclined, but he excelled in music and dance. He once became a dean's lister, but did not maintain it. The pandemic disrupted him, leading to stress and academic struggles. He questioned his abilities and doubted his purpose. The looming board exam fueled his determination to prove himself, but his motivation waned during review, resulting in low scores. Despite his setbacks, Xyryll held onto the belief that dreams can be achieved with firm determination. He recommitted himself to his studies, envisioning himself as a topnotcher. With renewed focus and dedication, he transformed his dreams into reality.

The path to success is often filled with challenges that make us question our abilities. But these setbacks are merely redirections, guiding us towards a different kind of victory. The true prizes are the lessons we learn along the way. So, to those aspiring to excel, don't overburden yourselves with pressure. Rest when weary, nourish yourself when hungry, and seek solace in faith when doubt arises."

-Xyryll-





SOCIAL WORKERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION PASSERS

1. Abdul Hakim B. Bubong, RSW
2. Abdurrahman A. Ibrahim, RSW
3. Alleah Jannah B. Amoran, RSW
4. Alnairah D. Alimoden, RSW
5. Alraima D. Lawi, RSW
6. Amedah B. Garciano, RSW
7. Amer Hussein B. Calid, RSW
8. **Ameraazria B. Hadji Nasser, RSW - 10th Placer**
9. Amerah B. Tomindug, RSW
10. Amjad S. Unda, RSW
11. Anna Asrifah R. Isah, RSW
12. Asnalie D. Abol, RSW
13. Asnia R. Sarip, RSW
14. Asnifah A. Abdullah, RSW
15. Asyah A. Abato, RSW
16. Bae Amerah Azzahra M. Pango, RSW
17. Carl Lester A. Lanit, RSW
18. Coreen B. Austria, RSW
19. Daisy Mae B. Bolodo, RSW
20. Elmida L. Cotongan, RSW
21. Era Jean D. Magdusa, RSW
22. Fahima B. Alfaisal, RSW
23. Fairozah F. Balenti, RSW
24. Faiz M. Dubar, RSW
25. Farhanie E. Mus-ab, RSW
26. Farina N. Sacap, RSW
27. Fatima B. Pangandaman, RSW
28. Glady Mae P. Aradillos, RSW
29. Haisham M. Gandawali, RSW
30. Hamza D. Deguro, RSW
31. Hanan S. Panolong, RSW
32. Haniya M. Yunus, RSW
33. Hashima T. Dimaocor, RSW
34. Hind Nicole B. Garcia, RSW
35. Hisham D. Tanguino, RSW
36. Hummeegen B. Quidet, RSW
37. Ifanah R. P. Guro, RSW
38. Jaharah L. Hadji Yusoph, RSW
39. Jalila H. Jalil, RSW
40. Jameela P. Bantala, RSW
41. Jamelah Macadiar, RSW
42. Jehan M. Kumal, RSW
43. Jehana D. Faisal, RSW
44. Jennies F. Cuesta, RSW
45. Johannah B. Amerol, RSW
46. Jomari L. Libag, RSW
47. Jona Mae C. Gultian, RSW
48. **Joairiya C. Sarip, RSW - 9th Placer**
49. Juhayriah U. Racman, RSW
50. Juliet Ighot, RSW
51. Junaira L. Macadato, RSW
52. Junivel M. Tubo, RSW
53. Kenneth Tirso M. Leopoldo, RSW
54. Malikha S. Lumna, RSW
55. Malikha P. Tongantongan, RSW
56. Mariel Kristine P. Tejero, RSW
57. Mary Cris D. Pabriga, RSW
58. Merhama D. Balt, RSW
59. Michel L. Magna, RSW
60. Mocrama P. Mabaning, RSW
61. Mohammad Jamal A. Bacaraman, RSW
62. Mohammad Fahad A. Onti, RSW
63. Nabilah U. Sultan, RSW
64. Nabillah P. Arsa, RSW
65. Najimah M. Mustapha, RSW
66. Najmah R. Sampaco, RSW
67. Nasimah Omar, RSW
68. Nihara M. Ansari, RSW
69. Nina Mariss P. Serrano, RSW
70. Noraya D. Ander, RSW
71. Norhana D. Bandera, RSW
72. Norhanna N. Sacar, RSW
73. Norjannah Hadji Mustapha, RSW
74. Norkhair A. Camama, RSW
75. Norlaila A. Matling, RSW
76. Norsaimah G. Macarasam, RSW
77. Norquisa A. Ala, RSW
78. Omnia M. Ali, RSW
79. Princess Alanisah Q. Dimakuta, RSW
80. Rania M. Pangcatan, RSW
81. Roxanne S. Dela Victoria, RSW
82. Sahara U. Abdulsamad, RSW
83. Salimodien D. Alimosa, RSW
84. Samila M. Rombra-an, RSW
85. Settei Hainah M. Ampuan, RSW
86. Settie Naisah S. Cassan, RSW
87. Sherlak D. Usman, RSW
88. Shiela N. Bicoy, RSW
89. Sittie Aima M. Ibrahim, RSW
90. Sittie Aliah M. Cariga, RSW
91. Sittie Asia S. Aliakbar, RSW
92. Sittie Fahar Nor-in Saripada, RSW
93. Sittie Jannah M. Romato, RSW
94. Sittie Ramayana B. Pangcoga, RSW
95. Sittienor Alia R. Solaiman, RSW
96. Sobairah D. Radialaot, RSW
97. Surhanie B. Rasul, RSW
98. Tarhatah B. Marangit, RSW
99. Vanessa Lucille A. Lamban, RSW
100. **Xyryll B. Narada, RSW - Top 10**

92.59%
MSU Passing Rate

Message

I am delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the passers of the recent Licensure Examination for Social Workers 2023. Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and I am immensely proud of each and every one of you. A special commendation is in order for our outstanding achievers, Ms. Joairiya C. Sarip (Top 9), Ms. Ameerazria B. Hadji Nasser (Top 10), and Mr. Xyryll B. Narada (Top 10). Your remarkable success not only reflects your individual brilliance but also contributes to the continued excellence of our Social Work Department.

As the Dean of the College, I am beyond grateful for the consistent excellence demonstrated by our Social Work Department throughout the years. Your commitment to academic excellence and the values of social work is truly commendable. The achievement of topnotchers is a testament to the hard work of our faculty and the dedication of our students. Congratulations once again to all the passers and our esteemed topnotchers! Your success is a source of inspiration for our college, and I look forward to witnessing your continued accomplishments in the field of social work.



SORIDA B. ALI, MPA
Dean, College of Public Affairs



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2023 PASSERS

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| 1. Fatima Zaynab N. Abdulzamad, CPA | 10. Jalainie B. Mahmud, CPA |
| 2. Jamairah M. Jamal, CPA | 11. Marjana B. Musa, CPA |
| 3. Jamil M. Macabudtos, CPA | 12. Najah A. Musa, CPA |
| 4. Naira Rayhan M. Macaumbos, CPA | 13. Sittie Yasmin M. Paca, CPA |
| 5. Ciarwena T. Pangcoga, CPA | 14. Nabil M. Pangandaman, CPA |
| 6. Nairah M. Tambie, CPA | 15. Fahad C. Daud, CPA |
| 7. Jezrielle N. Tampus, CPA | 16. Anna Raymah L. Sani, CPA |
| 8. Aliah Solaiman Nasser, CPA | 17. Jonaina A. Pundogar, CPA |
| 9. Khairul-Amer G. Magangcong, CPA | |

Message

It is with immense pride and honor for the College of Business Administration and Accountancy to warmly congratulate our Alumni Champs who passed the recent Certified Public Accountant Licensure Examination last October 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. May you continue to wave the banner of the college and the university wherever you go.

We are all proud of you. Cheers!



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



FISHERIES PROFESSIONALS LICENSURE EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2023 PASSERS

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| 1. Almira C. Estillore, RFP | 7. Norhana M. Abdul Rashid, RFP |
| 2. Annisah A. Sunggod, RFP | 8. Ronielyn Zafra Siangco, RFP |
| 3. Anwar M. Lingga, RFP | 9. Sittie Aliah B. Arab, RFP |
| 4. Asnairah M. Dimatingcal, RFP | 10. Sittie Nor Asiah G. Jabir, RFP |
| 5. Jesus Jr P. Ade, RFP | 11. Wendie E. Goña, RFP |
| 6. Mikee Marie Y. Badian, RFP – 8th Placer | |

Message

On behalf of all former Deans, the Faculty, staff, and students of the MSU College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, it is with immense joy and pride that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of you on your outstanding achievement in passing the Fisheries Professional Licensure Exam.

I know how much hard work all of you have put in, and it's evident in the results. I wish that you achieve many more such milestones and make your parents and teachers feel proud of you in the future as well.

Parents, this success is dedicated to you. It is your undying belief in us as well as in your children that inspires us to shape their young minds and transform them into dreamers, achievers, and performers. Your success will undoubtedly contribute positively to the industry's growth, innovation, and sustainability.

To all the licensure exam passers: your achievement clearly shows your dedication to excellence and your thorough comprehension of the intricacies of the fishing industry. Your success is a testament to your own commitment as well as the excellent quality of instruction and preparation you acquired from our esteemed university.

Furthermore, to our remarkable topnotcher who had emerged at the forefront of this competitive examination, your exceptional performance serves as a shining example of the highest level of expertise and proficiency in the field of fisheries. Your achievement is a testament to your unwavering dedication, passion, and hard work, setting a standard for excellence for future graduates to aspire to.

With your well-earned license in hand, you can join the workforce with confidence knowing that your expertise will make a big difference in the fisheries sector's development, sustainability, and innovation. Your accomplishments not only bring honor to yourselves but also bring pride to our institution. May this achievement be a stepping stone to even greater accomplishments and opportunities in your career. I have no doubt that your expertise and dedication will continue to make significant contributions to the field of fisheries and beyond.

Once again, congratulations on this remarkable achievement! We are immensely proud of your success and wish you continued excellence in your future endeavors.

To God be all the glory!



MA-ANN M. CAMARIN, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences



FORESTERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2023 PASSERS

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| 1. For. Abdel Walid A. Mamaco | 28. For. Hamza A. Adato | 55. For. Nasrollah D. Gutoc |
| 2. For. Abdul Rafi M. Musa | 29. For. Hamza B. Omar | 56. For. Nawarie M. Ampaso |
| 3. For. Abdul Rahman D. Ditucalan | 30. For. Hamza M. Noor | 57. For. Nehal To. Sidic |
| 4. For. Abdul Wariz A. Didaagun | 31. For. Hanifa A. Datuimam | 58. For. Neil Darren P. Betonio |
| 5. For. Abdulaziz R. H.Faiz | 32. For. Hapsah Am. Suaib | 59. For. Niaranmae M. Bucar |
| 6. For. Abdulhafid A. Haron | 33. For. Hasnor S. Montila | 60. For. Nooh A. Abdulcarim |
| 7. For. Ahmad D. Benasing | 34. For. Hezam T. Abdulwahab | 61. For. Norhani S. Pantao |
| 8. For. Alanoden W. Ramber | 35. For. Irish Mae C. Cubelo | 62. For. Norhanna D. Disimban |
| 9. For. Alibsar Ba. Sarip | 36. For. Jamal D. Amer | 63. For. Norjannah S. Pacasum |
| 10. For. Amer Hamza U. Sarangani | 37. For. Jamshid B. Tungcaling | 64. For. Nosairy B. Taurak |
| 11. For. Amer Hussein I. Rinayong | 38. For. Johardy R. Benito | 65. For. Nurlaila M. Omar |
| 12. For. Amerah B. Pakinson | 39. For. Junada S. Disalongan | 66. For. Omar Su. Sultan |
| 13. For. Amiema M. Noor | 40. For. Jury Mae S. Mangontawar | 67. For. Ozair M. Abdulhamid |
| 14. For. Aminah C. Andig | 41. For. Karissa Mae A. Azarcon | 68. For. Princess Aliah M. Maruhom |
| 15. For. Angelica C. Mongas | 42. For. Khalid C. Abdul-rahman | 69. For. Radzi Ca. Sumaguina |
| 16. For. Arham P. Mambuay | 43. For. Klint Ian Q. Lalim | 70. For. Rainisah Abdullah |
| 17. For. Arminah S. Nabil | 44. For. Mary Cena C. Olayon | 71. For. Reigh Lynn C. Torres |
| 18. For. Azizul Islam N. Camar | 45. For. Moamar D. Casanoding | 72. For. Salahuddin Sa. Sandab |
| 19. For. Bassam M. Abdulhamid | 46. For. Moh S. Rasuman Sumpingang | 73. For. Salahudin M. Daracag |
| 20. For. Baybenor Ungad | 47. For. Moh'd Jihad S. Diron | 74. For. Salima A. Lawi |
| 21. For. Cheynne Shaira P. Bagtilay | 48. For. Mohammad Asraf B. Abbas | 75. For. Salman Sa. Olomodin |
| 22. For. Ebrahim A. H. Musa | 49. For. Mohammad Hussein M. H. Jamel | 76. For. Sittie Aisah Monara |
| 23. For. Estring H. Omar | 50. For. Mohammad Naem D. Miondas | 77. For. Sohail I. Asalan |
| 24. For. Faidah T. Amroden | 51. For. Mohammad Nur C. Diamel | 78. For. Talal P. Macasindel |
| 25. For. Glory Ann M. Victorama | 52. For. Muamar M. Cariga | 79. For. Yusop M. Yunos |
| 26. For. Haisam M. Panolong | 53. For. Mus-ab Pa. Salic | 80. For. Zohaira P. Macapanton |
| 27. For. Hamdani P. Esmail | 54. For. Nasief M. Najer | 81. For. Nahid T. Jalani |

82.65%
MSU Passing Rate

2nd Top
Performing School

Message

My warmest congratulations to the BS Forestry graduates of the College of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Mindanao State University (MSU-CFES) at Marawi City who successfully passed the October 2023 Foresters Licensure Examination.

Your diligence and hard work to gain quality education from your alma mater have manifested in your performance in the recent Licensure Examination for Foresters. You made MSU Marawi City the 2nd top performing Forestry School in the Philippines and for that, we are proud and grateful. MSU-CFES takes immense pride in your amazing performance. Apply your excellent attributes to lead and make a change wherever you will be employed.

Again, congratulations and I wish you success in your future pursuits.



ABDUL-NASSER D. LOMANTONG, MSC
Dean, College of Forestry and Environmental Studies



PHYSICIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2023 PASSERS

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| 1. Aldrinalene J. Carzo, MD | 21. Martin Clyde G. Paglinawan, MD |
| 2. Aliczar L. Wagas, MD | 22. Marx Caesar S. Barluado, MD |
| 3. Al-Mahdi Rasul Muslimin P. Sema, MD | 23. Maryam D. Adil, MD |
| 4. Angelica Katrina O. Corpuz | 24. Mikhael Ivan Kris A. Advincula, MD |
| 5. Aubrey Rose F. Flores, MD | 25. Myra F. Omar, MD |
| 6. Ayah S. Mohamad, MD | 26. Nerissa N. Pretal, MD |
| 7. Bai Khaliqa Anisha M. Macabato, MD | 27. Phoebe V. Inubio, MD |
| 8. Crysha Faith C. Fuentes, MD | 28. Raisah C. Lomangcolob, MD |
| 9. Dianne P. Jagonia, MD | 29. Raven F. Miculob, MSc, MD |
| 10. Fatimah Akmilah N. Acraman, MD | 30. Rose Leah L. Jerusalem, MD |
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| 19. Ma. Teresa B. Arangcon, MD | 39. Wisal O. Yusoph, MD |
| 20. Mark Angelo M. Panelo, MD | |

81.40%
MSU-COM First-Time Takers Passing Rate

Message

Greetings!!!

Mindanao State University College of Medicine congratulates the 39 alumni who passed the Physicians Licensure Examination held in October 2023. As a medical student you all have worked so hard and now you reached another milestone in your career path. This is just the beginning of how you can show the world what a true MSUan Physician is - competent, compassionate and committed.

May you all continue to accomplish great things in your future not only for yourselves and family but most especially for our beloved country.

Congratulations sa mga bagong **Doktor Para sa Bayan!!!**



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

Ikaw, Bantayog - Wika

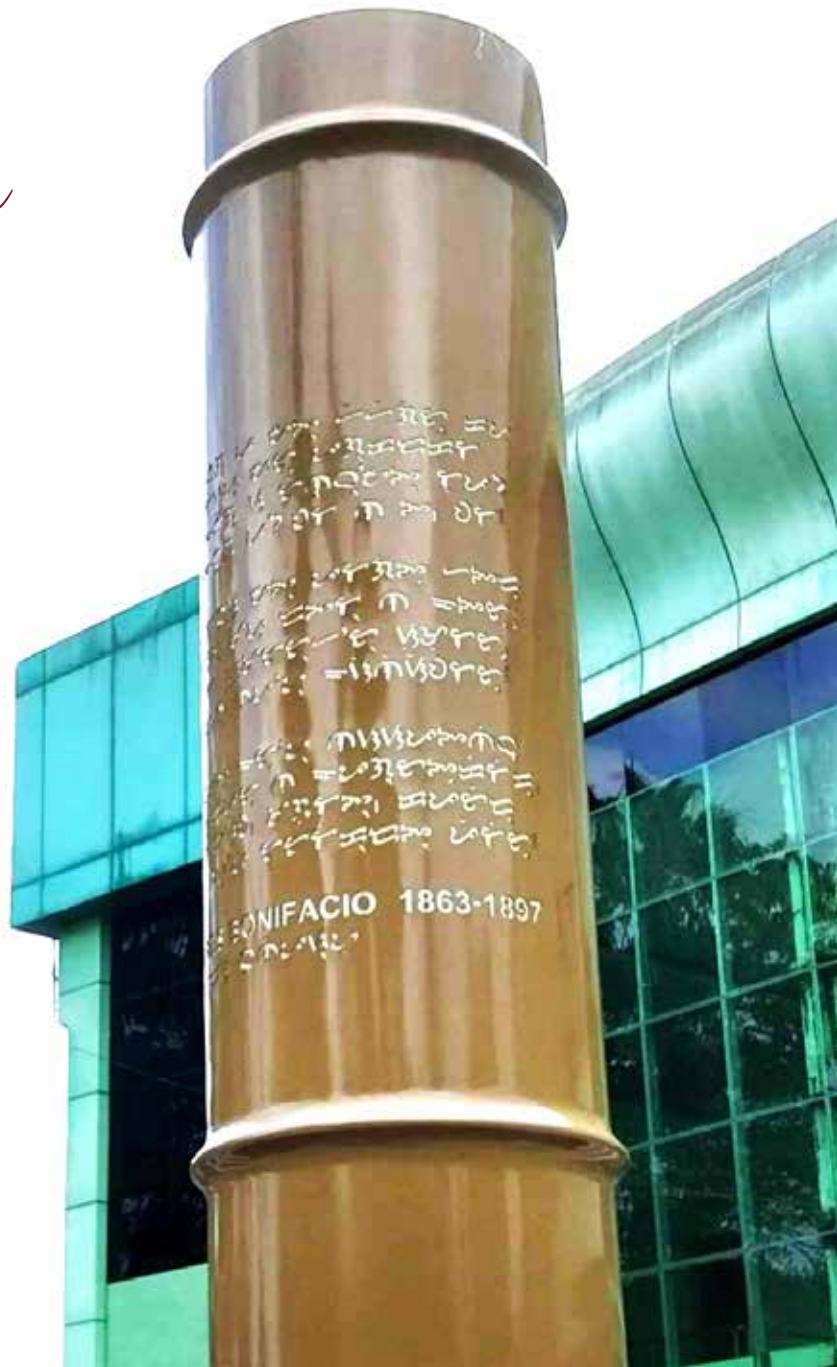
ni: Dr. Edna M. Manginsay

At ikaw, Bantayog-Wika
Sa pedestal mo ay
patuloy kang magwagayway
Ng husay at galing ng lahing Meranaw!

Patuloy mong iluwal
Mula sa iyong sinapupunan
Hanggang sa lawak ng lawa ng Lanao.
Ibugwak mo, ang yaman
Ng kulturang nilamon at nilimot
Ng kapanahunan.

Upang muling magningning
At tuluyang ilantad
Ang baul at yaman ng kulturang
Dumadaloy sa dugong bughaw!

(Tulang binasa ng may akda sa Pasinaya ng Bantayog-Wika para sa Wikang Meranaw bilang pagbigay pugay sa Bantayog-Wika, noong ika-2 ng Setyembre 2023, sa kampus ng Mindanao State University, Lungsod Marawi.)



Winner for the Previous Issue Meranaw Words Trivia

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Claim your Prize at the MSU-MCHC Office

New Meranaw Word Trivia Contest

What are the Meranaw words for the following parts of the body:

Throat - Knee - Nape

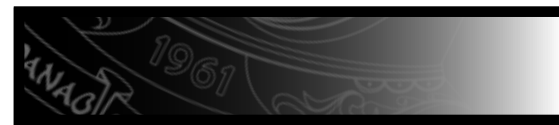
Submit your answer to the question
by scanning this QR code:



Approved BOR Resolutions

262nd Meeting (March 2023)

Source: Office of the MSU System and BOR Secretary



A. MSU System

Resolution No. 239, S. 2023 - Approval of the promotion, re-ranking or reclassification of the 33 faculty members from various campuses of MSU System with the rank of associate professor, subject to the availability of funds and whenever necessary

Resolution No. 240, S. 2023 - Approval of the Initial Rank of the one faculty member from MSU-IIT, subject to the availability of funds

Resolution No. 241, S. 2023 - Confirmation of Resolution No. 2-R, S. 2023, the grant of authority for Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno to travel to Malaysia on September 17-23, 2023 to join the delegation of MSU to benchmark on Halal Curriculum and Program Development in Malaysia and also attend the MOU signing between MSU and the universities like IUM and UPM

Resolution No. 242, S. 2023 - Confirmation of Resolution No. 3-R, S. 2023, the request of MSU-IIT to utilize the CHED-Lakas Project's unspent savings from the 2022 allocation amounting to PhP2, 586,348.00 to acquire one set of UV-Visible Spectroscopy equipment

Resolution No. 243, S. 2023 - Confirmation of 12 Special Orders from various campuses of MSU System

Notation of the Report on Successful Conduct of the Rawaten Cultural Extravaganza held at Metropolitan Manila Theater last October 6, 2023 and the Protest of ASPEN addressed to the BAC of MSU-IIT

B. MSU-Marawi

Resolution No. 246, S. 2023 - Approval of the budget utilization of realized and collected income under fund 05 of MSU Marawi for the period of June 5, 2023 to September 7, 2023 in the total amount of PhP62,920,689.59 to cover the budgetary allotment for the planned programs and activities of the university for the CY 2023

Resolution No. 247, S. 2023 - Approval of the Program of Receipts and Expenditures covering the NEP-Fund 01 for FY 2024 and the estimated collections of Tuition and Other School Fees, and Business Related Income-Fund 05 of MSU-Marawi in the amount of PhP2, 898,977,000.00

Resolution No. 248, S. 2023 - Approval of the Program of Receipts and Expenditures for Free Higher Education (FHE) for summer SY 2023-2023 and the Graduation Fees for second semester SY 2022- 2023 of MSU-Marawi in the total amount of PhP13,007,730.00

Resolution No. 249, S. 2023 - Approval of the proposed locally-funded projects (infrastructure) under for FY 2025-2029 of MSU-Marawi amounting to PhP4,160,840,013.84

Resolution No. 250, S. 2023 - Approval of the proposed programs/projects for Research, Extension, and Innovations for FY 2025-2029 of MSU-Marawi amounting to P297,440,889.70

Resolution No. 251, S. 2023 - Approval of the procurement of one unit motor vehicle utilizing the savings from income in the amount of PhP1,800,000.00

Resolution No. 252, S. 2023 - Approval of the grant of authority to request for funding to implement the project Smart Campus Development for Education enhancement of MSU-Marawi in the amount of PhP990,000,000.00 in accordance to the approved MSU-Marawi ISSP

Resolution No. 253, S. 2023 - Approval of the promotion and re-ranking or reclassification of item of one faculty member with the rank of Assistant Professor 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. 254, S. 2023 - Approval of the promotion, re-ranking or reclassification of two 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. 255, S. 2023 - Approval of the grant of tenure to the following 15 faculty members

Resolution No. 256, S. 2023 - Approval of the transfer of supervision of MSU-RT Lim Extension from MSU-Marawi Campus to MSU Buug Campus

Resolution No. 257, S. 2023 - Confirmation of 72 Special Orders

Resolution No. 258, S. 2023 - Confirmation of 26 Special Orders

Resolution No. 259, S. 2023 - Confirmation of four Agreements entered into by and between the MSU – Marawi City as represented by its President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, and partner agencies

Notation of the MSU-Marawi Research and Development Agenda 2023-2028

Oh God, heal our hearts. The senseless violence that unfolded has left us reeling in shock and grief, as we mourn the loss of innocent lives and grapple with the aftermath of this devastating act.

We pray for the restoration of our university, a place of learning and enlightenment that has been shattered by this act of violence. May the spirit of resilience and unity that has always defined our community prevail, as we rebuild and reclaim our campus as a beacon of hope and inspiration.

As we move forward, guide our steps with wisdom and grace. Help us to find meaning in this tragedy, to transform our grief into a catalyst for positive change. May our university emerge from this darkness stronger, more united, and more committed to the pursuit of knowledge and the betterment of our world.

Ameen.



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