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## 2nd NAFTE: Palapa Products Shine as Flagship BARMM Innovation

Palapa, a traditional Bangsamoro ingredient renowned for its unique flavor and nutritional value, took center stage at the recent 2nd National Agriculture and Fisheries Technology Exhibition (NAFTE) in Cagayan de Oro City.

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## Innovative Collaborations at the MSU Main Campus: CHED-SIKAP and DOST-STRAND in Action

The academic community at the MSU-Main Campus in Marawi City is extremely delighted by recent innovative collaborations and developments within the institution under the leadership of our MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro.

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# Trivia

## The Flame and Okir



Based on the BOR Resolution No. 69, Series of 1963, the MSU-Main Campus logo carries a symbol that is rich in cultural significance and academic aspirations. At the core of the MSU seal lies a burning flame, representing the unceasing pursuit of knowledge. This flame is embraced by a swirling design known as Okir, a traditional art form of the Meranaw people. Okir, with its intricate fern-like patterns, symbolizes the Meranaw community itself. Their presence surrounding the flame signifies their role as guardians of knowledge. The logo depicts the Meranaw legacy of scholarship and their commitment to preserving it for future generations. This powerful image embodies the core values of MSU. It represents the university's dedication to fostering a vibrant learning environment while preserving the rich cultural heritage on which it stands. This serves as a constant reminder of the transformative power of education and the importance of community in upholding its flame.

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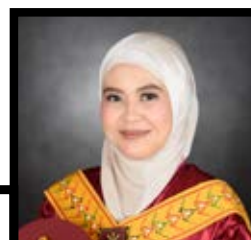
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# From the President's Desk




Assalamo Alaikum!

It is my pleasure, as always, to pen a message that serves as an opening salvo to each edition of the Newsletter. This particular edition's theme centers on the 60th Commencement Exercises held in July, the theme of which is, "MSU: Fostering Harmonious Balance between Technology and Humane Learning". As we reflect on that graduation ceremony, we are reminded of the indomitable spirit that defines the students of Mindanao State University. This year's graduates have not only completed their academic journeys but have done so under extraordinary circumstances. The global challenges we continue to face have tested our collective resolve, yet, the resilience of our students, faculty, and the entire MSU community has shone through. And this has happened at a time when technology has become more and more the order of the day that there has been a need to balance it with humanity.

A graduation is a time of celebration—a moment to honor the hard work, dedication, and perseverance that has brought each graduate to this significant milestone. It is also a time to recognize the support systems that have played crucial roles in their success. Families, friends, mentors, and peers have all contributed to the triumphs we witnessed at the Dimaporo Gym that day. But beyond the conferral of degrees and the awarding of honors, this graduation marks the beginning of a new chapter. Our graduates are stepping into a world that is rapidly changing, where their knowledge, skills, and values will be tested in new ways. As they venture forth bravely into the real world, the university is confident that they carry with them excellence, service, and leadership. We take pride in our graduates, not just for their academic achievements, but for the character and integrity they have demonstrated during their time here in MSU.

To the Class of 2024, we extend our heartfelt congratulations. You are the embodiment of what MSU stands for, and we eagerly await the positive impact you will undoubtedly make in the world. Let us celebrate this moment, reflect on our journey, and look forward to the future with optimism and determination.

Included in this edition of the Newsletter are stories of challenges, triumphs, and other achievements of the MSUan—up-to-date in knowledge, service-oriented, peace-loving, and globally competitive. Happy reading!

  
**ATTY. BASARI D. MAPUPUNO**  
MSU System President

# Editor's Note

Our Mindanao State University is indeed a beacon of hope and excellence. This exemplary achievement has been witnessed during the 60th Commencement Exercises held last July 31, 2024.

This September issue delves into the inspiring journey of Mindanao State University as it steadfastly pursues peace and development in a region marked by challenges. This issue has highlighted new sections such as The Community, The Network, and The Policy. These sections are introducing community efforts and linkages in the community and the world. The rest are policies about new trends and issues in the system.

We invite you to explore the stories of resilience, innovation, and academic triumph that define MSU. Discover how this university is shaping the future of Mindanao and contributing to the nation's progress through peace initiatives, cultural empowerment, and networking initiatives.

Join us as we celebrate the achievements of MSU and its constituents in this reaffirmation of our commitment to excellence.

  
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## About the Cover

The cover commemorates MSU's 60th Commencement Exercise for the Second Semester of Academic Year 2023-2024, a milestone marking a decade of remarkable achievements. It showcases the pride and excitement of our graduates as they embark on new journeys, carrying the torch of excellence that has defined MSU for decades. As we reflect on the institution's growth and impact, we honor the dedication of our students, faculty, and staff to deliver quality and humane education and services.







## Perspicere et Discernere

Ayesha Merdeka A. Alonto

The Office of Information, Press, and Publication (OIPP) of the Mindanao State University was granted the privilege by Commissioner Robert Maulana Marohombsar Alonto of the Bangsamoro Commission on the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (BCPCH) for Lanao to conduct an exclusive sit-down interview with the Archaeological Team conducting the archaeological excavation in Bacolod-Kalawi, Lanao del Sur, on August 14, 2024. The OIPP team was led by Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center and OIPP Director Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, myself, and Al-Anisah S. Hadji Ali

The Archaeological Team is headed by Dr. Lee Anthony M. Neri, Ph.D., of the University of the Philippines' School of Archaeology, with its members coming from UP, MSU-Main Campus and MSU-IIT.

The excavation site is at the old Kota of Bacolod-Kalawi, underneath which they have uncovered remnants of ancient civilizations that they conservatively estimate to be at least 2,000 years old. However, Dr. Lee believes that analysis and carbon dating may support an even older age, perhaps 4,000 years. One of the significant discoveries in Bacolod-Kalawi is the presence of obsidian sources. In the Philippines, there are only two other known obsidian sources: Pagudpud and Nagcarlan in Luzon. Bacolod-Kalawi makes it the third.

The importance of finding obsidian in archaeology is that it provides evidence of human civilization. The use of obsidian is associated with the Neolithic period (10,000 BC-2,200 BC) and was used in Stone Age cultures in a process called knapping to make sharp blades or arrowheads.

Other artifacts found at the excavation site include stone tools, earthenwares, and many adzes, which have generated great excitement among those knowledgeable in archaeology. Adzes were used in ancient times as cutting tools similar to axes but with the cutting edge perpendicular rather than parallel to the handle. They were used for carving and smoothing wood. This discovery proves that the ancestors of the Meranaws were skilled carvers and artisans, as evidenced by the intricate designs found in the broken pots and tablets, showcasing the high intelligence and artistic flair of the ancient civilizations that flourished in the Bacolod-Kalawi region.

The discoveries found in the excavation site in Bacolod-Kalawi are of historical significance. As Dr. Lee said, "this certainly puts Lanao on the map of our study in archaeology not just in our country but in the Southeast Asian region."

The archaeological findings in Bacolod-Kalawi provide scientific verification of the assertion once made by the late MinDA Secretary and founding Vice-Chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front, Datu Abul Khayr D. Alonto, before an international academic consortium that the "Meranaw culture is of an ancient civilization, as old or older even of the Chinese civilization with its epic, the Darangen depicting an advanced civilization of flying shields and superior artisanship, of a people with its main character defined by nobility and integrity, siran otho a tittho a miaginontolan." Indeed, the archaeological discovery brings to light the antiquity of our Meranaw culture and calls upon us to ponder whether we have retained today what once was the definition of a true Meranaw, mauntol, noble, and righteous. As my father would often say in his lifetime, "da lagid o Meranaw a mauntol."



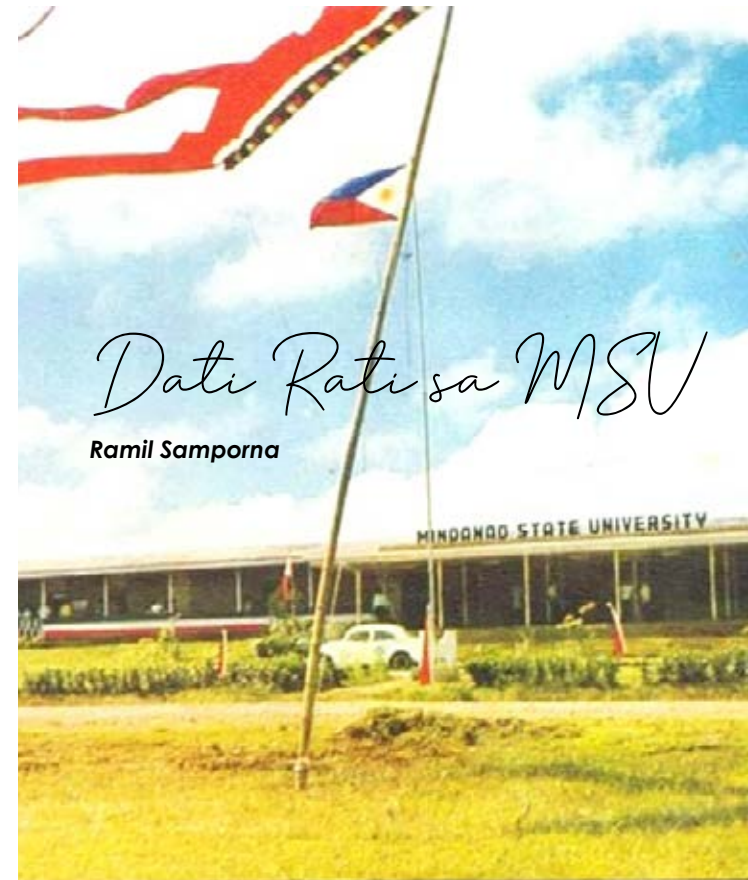
Stones found at the excavation site



In the photo (L-R): Dr. Lee Anthony M. Neri, PhD, BCPCH Comm. Robert Maulana Marohombsar Alonto, Ayesha Merdeka M. Alonto, OIPP/MCHC Director Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph



In the photo (L-R): Prof Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, Al-Anisah Hadji Ali, Ayesha Merdeka M. Alonto, Dr. Lee Anthony M. Neri, and Kate Purnell



## Dati Rati sa MSU

Ramil Samporna

First MSU Administration Building

Namiss nyo na ba ang mga "good old days" ng MSU? Ano ba ang mga trending noong mga kapanahunan ninyo? Maaaring sa bawat pagtiklop ng dekada ay may hindi tayo malilimutang kaganapan o di kaya ay kagawian na sadyang tumatatak sa ating puso at isipan na nadadala natin sa paghakbang tungo sa ating mga hinaharap.

Balikan natin ang mga iilan. Ikaw ba ay isa sa mga naghintay sa labas ng dormitoryo ng mga babae, ng mga papasok neto upang magpaabot ng mensahe o d kaya ay magpatawag ng pangalan? "Miss, sa left wing ka ba o right wing? Patawag ko sa room 12 bih kang Inday, igna naa si James". O di kaya ay isa ka noon sa mga pinatawag at lumabas sa gate ng PLH? Ano na ang nangyari sa "tawag tawag" na iyon? Naging kayo ba? Kayo pa rin ba sa ngayon?

Eto pa ang isa. Nong hindi pa uso ang "Milk Tea" at iba pang mga "Combo Meals" isa ka ba sa mga nag-aabang ng batang sumisigaw ng "Kamaliis" sa may bandang CSSH at Golf Course?

Anong dekada ka ba sa MSU? May nais ka bang ibahagi sa amin na mga trending dati rati sa MSU? Makipag-ugnayan sa amin sa pamamagitan ng pagsulat at ipadala ito sa [oipp@msumain.edu.ph](mailto:oipp@msumain.edu.ph).



Ramil Samporna

## System Grad Stories



## MSU- Buug Holds Commencement Exercises, Dormitory Turn-over

Lolivia B. Cedeño

The MSU-Buug campus held the turn-over ceremony of its dormitory and its 40th Commencement Exercises on July 12, consecutively. With the system president, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno who cut the ribbon, the seven-room dormitory project was officially turned-over to the MSU-Buug.

Right after the said ceremony, the Commencement Exercises started with Atty. Mapupuno as the guest speaker. The president left the graduates the reminder from the story of Prometheus and the tag line "When you drink, remember the source."

The MSU- Buug campus was the fourth campus that the system president has attended for the conferment of the graduates of 2024, yet the first campus of the system having President Mapupuno as the Commencement speaker.

President Mapupuno confirmed 322 graduates for the academic year 2023 - 2024; broken as follows: 51 Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Agronomy, 31 major in Animal Science, 12 Bachelor of Arts in Filipino, 10 Bachelor of Arts in English, 38 Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 19 Bachelor in Elementary Education- General Education, 19 Bachelor in Secondary Education major English, 14 BSEd Filipino, 10 BSEd Mathematics, 23 BSEd Sciences, three Bachelor of Science in Fisheries, 18 Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, 20 BS in Forestry major in Agroforestry, 10 Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management, 19 Bachelor of Science in Information Technology major in Database System, 22 Bachelor of Public Administration, and 3 Master of Arts in Education major in School Administration.



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# Commencement Exercises

2nd Semester AY 2024-2025

## MSU's Batch Sahaya: Paving the Way for a More Humane Tomorrow

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez

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The event, themed "MSU: Fostering a Harmonious Balance between Technology and Humane Learning," marked a significant moment for the university as it sent forth a new generation of leaders equipped with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to navigate the complexities of the modern world.

The graduates' batch name, Sahaya, is a Tausug word meaning "light" or "illumination," symbolizing their unwavering determination to overcome adversity. Having witnessed the challenges and dangers of the past years, this set of graduates has emerged from the darkness, determined to be a beacon of hope for their communities.

MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, extended his heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to the parents of the graduates for entrusting their children's education to the university. He also encouraged the graduates to never forget the individuals who supported and invested in their growth. He charged them to be "radiant lights in their communities," guiding their people towards a gentler, kinder, and more civil and decent world order.

*"Your MSU training has prepared you for a larger, a higher purpose. Never lower your sights. Be an instrument of the meaningful world you wish for, a world where justice, peace, empathy, and love reign,"* said by President Mapupuno.

The commencement speaker was Hon. Maria Elena P. Algabre, Assistant Secretary for European Affairs at the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines. As a passionate advocate for peace and development through cultural engagements and partnerships, Hon. Algabre inspired the graduates to harness their critical thinking, creativity, and empathy to foster genuine relationships and contribute positively to society in the face of global challenges.



Hon. Maria Elena P. Algabre, Commencement Speaker



Photo above: MSU System and University officials  
Photo below (L to R): MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno and Commencement Speaker, Hon. Maria Elena P. Algabre



MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno



Sitty Shahania M. Macarimbang is named as Batch Sahaya's Class Valedictorian.



Jowayriyyah Abduljabbar, the Class Salutatorian, receives her Plaque of Recognition from Hon. Maria Elena P. Algabre and System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno.

USLA Awardee Raheema Hafsah M. Pangarungan with Hon. Maria Elena P. Algabre and System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno

Sitty Shahania M. Macarimbang, the Class valedictorian, reminded her fellow graduates of the importance of purpose in life and urged them to build a gleaming future. She also emphasized the significance of maintaining humanity in the face of technological advancements, underscoring the value of humane learning as taught by MSU.

Jowayriyyah Abduljabbar was recognized as the Class Salutatorian, while Raheemah Hafsah M. Pangarungan received the prestigious University Student Leadership Award (USLA). These awards acknowledged their outstanding academic achievements and contributions to the university community.

In a world increasingly dominated by technology, MSU's commitment to humane learning is more relevant than ever. MSU's graduates are not only technologically proficient but also deeply rooted in human values. They understand the importance of empathy, compassion, and social responsibility in building a just and equitable society. By fostering a harmonious balance between technology and humane learning, MSU is preparing its students to be not just successful individuals but also responsible citizens who can contribute positively to the world.

The 60th Commencement Exercise was a testament to MSU's legacy of excellence. The graduates have been nurtured in a learning environment that prioritizes both academic achievement and personal growth. The university's commitment to producing well-rounded individuals is evident in the success stories of its alumni.

As these 1,745 individuals embark on their new journeys, MSU is confident that they will make significant contributions to their communities and the world beyond. Equipped with the knowledge, skills, and values instilled in them by the university, they are poised to become the leaders of tomorrow, shaping a better and brighter future for all.





## Forging Empowered Minds: MSU Naawan Holds 36th Commencement

Rosefel Iritz Maghuyop

With the theme "Empowered Minds Forged for Limitless Opportunities," Mindanao State University at Naawan (MSUN) held its 36th Commencement Exercises on July 29, 2024, at the Training and Students Activity Center.

Setting the tone, Chancellor Dr. Elnor C. Roa delivered welcome remarks before introducing the commencement speaker. She acknowledged the graduates' hard work, sleepless nights, and relentless pursuit of knowledge.

"As you stand on the threshold of a new chapter in your lives, remember that the education you have received here at MSU Naawan is more than just a degree. It is a foundation upon which you will build your future, a toolkit that will help you navigate the complexities of the world, and a beacon that will guide you toward making a positive impact on society," emphasized Dr. Roa.

This year's Commencement speaker was Misamis Oriental Governor Hon. Peter "Sr. Pedro" M. Unabia, who shared his humble beginnings as a scholar of Xavier University's Jesuit priests and highlighted the importance of education.

"Use the knowledge and skills you have acquired to make a positive impact on your community, our province, and our nation," stressed Governor Unabia.



Ceremonial turnover of six million pesos in financial assistance from the Project Governance Management Office of Misamis Oriental to MSUN. In the photo (L-R): Misamis Oriental Governor and Commencement Speaker Hon. Peter M. Unabia, MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, MSUN Chancellor Dr. Elnor C. Roa



MSU officials and MSUN graduates gather for photo op with Governor Unabia.

With key stakeholders present, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, MSU System President, quoted French chemist Louis Pasteur: "Indeed, fortune favors the prepared," and added the ancient version: "Fortis Fortuna Adiuvat" (Fortune assists the Bold).

"In your chosen career, wherever your steps lead you, I hope you carry the sense of mission that MSU has infused in you, the yearning for a more decent and better world order, contributing to peace-building and harmony," said Atty. Mapupuno.

Among the 770 graduates, 43 achieved magna cum laude, 264 cum laude, 4 with high honors, and 54 with honors. Batch Harinawa's Valedictorian, Aljhun Lloyd A. Barranco, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries from the School of Marine Fisheries and Technology, was also awarded with the University Student Leadership Award, Kampilan Leadership Award, DK Villaluz Sr. University Leadership Award, MSUNFSTDI Science Leadership Award, Leadership Service Award as Supreme Student Council President, Debate Award, Excellent Academic Distinction from BFAR-X, and UniFAST Academic Excellence Award.

"Excellence, at its core, is not about surpassing others but about surpassing ourselves. It is about striving to be the best versions of ourselves. When excellence is mistaken for competition, the focus shifts from personal growth to comparison and rivalry," Barranco emphasized.

He concluded with, "Para kanino ka bumabangon? And I hope your response will be: Para sa pangarap at Para sa bayan."

Commission on Higher Education Chairman Prof. J. Prospero E. de Vera III and Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" T. Go shared congratulatory messages to the graduates through pre-recorded videos.

Moreover, the ceremony featured a ceremonial turnover of six million pesos in financial assistance from the Project Governance Management Office of Misamis Oriental to MSUN for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The event concluded with the pledge of loyalty to the alma mater by College Leadership Awardee and former SSC President Van Jason D. Arellano, followed by the Alumni Oath presided over by MSU Alumni Regent Hon. Renato D. Boniao.

The MSUN administration, faculty, and staff extend their best wishes for continued success to Batch Harinawa in their future endeavors.

## System Grad Stories

### MSU LNCAT Empowers Futures through Technical and Academic Excellence

Sittie Sohayrah D. Cadalay

MSU-LNCAT held its joint 46th & 7th Commencement Exercises and 9th Moving-Up Ceremonies on July 11, 2024, at the Bae Timbang Auditorium, MSU-LNCAT Campus, Marawi City. This significant event showcased the unwavering support of the Mindanao State University System Officials and esteemed guests toward the campus. The occasion was honored by the presence of distinguished members of the One MSU Family, including the Regents (Faculty, Alumni, and Student), Appointive Member, Board of Regents, University Secretary, Chancellors' Representatives, MSU Directors, and a special guest. Engr. Rodrigo S. Baid, the Vice President for Planning and Development, represented the System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, while Hon. Zorab Mangotara stood in for the Provincial Vice Governor Mohammad Khalid Adiong as the Commencement Speaker.

The ceremonies, both solemn and joyous, commenced with a sense of optimism and celebration. Keynote speeches highlighted the event's theme, which encapsulated the core mission of the campus: fostering an environment that acknowledges, values, and supports each student's unique path. This mission focuses on honing both academic and technical skills, equipping students for a promising future, in shaa Allah. In her opening speech, Superintendent Cairany Dia Gandamra encouraged the graduates and completers to embrace the diverse paths before them. She stated, "Let us look forward with optimism. Embrace the diverse paths ahead and remember that each step you take is a step towards empowering not only your future but the future of those around you."

Representing the Commencement Speaker, Hon. Zorab Mangotara inspired the graduating class to face new challenges with unwavering dedication to technical and academic excellence. He remarked that the graduates' pursuit be fueled by curiosity, guided by integrity, and fortified by resilience. In a world constantly evolving, their commitment to excellence will serve as a catalyst for innovation and change. Moreover, VPPD Baid, delivering a message from the



MSU officials and MSU-LNCAT graduates Class of 2024 in one frame



Norhaina D. Sharief receives her Kampilan Leadership Award in recognition to her invaluable service and leadership to the campus.

System President, emphasized the importance of making the Alma Mater proud, regardless of the paths graduates choose. "Whatever road you take, strive to uphold the ideals of excellence that our campus embodies," he noted.

Before the concluding parts, Ms. Sittie Aina Dilawi, the highest special academic awardee, delivered a heartfelt speech of gratitude, individually thanking all those who made her academic journey on campus memorable and fruitful. Additionally, before singing the university hymn, the Class of 2024 performed a graduation song titled "Go for Gold," which included a lively dance routine that added a vibrant energy to the event. The event concluded with a symbolic gesture: the release of colorful balloons accompanied by the harmonious singing of "Dakilang Paaralan, Pamantasang Mindanao." This act underscored the unity of the MSU System and the mantra "One MSU." The MSU-LNCAT family extends heartfelt gratitude to all who graced the event with their presence.

As the Class of 2024 embarks on their new journeys, they carry with them the knowledge, skills, and values instilled during their time at MSU-LNCAT. This milestone is not just an end but a new beginning, full of possibilities and opportunities. The future is bright, and the MSU-LNCAT Family looks forward to witnessing their incredible achievements that lie ahead.



## Commencement Speaker Pangandaman Enjoins MSU-IIT Graduates to be Drivers of Change

Michelle Jeanne C. Caracut



MSU-IIT's Commencement Speaker, DBM Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman encourages the graduates to be the catalyst of economic and social progress.



In the photo (L-R): Commencement Speaker DBM Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman, MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, and MSU-IIT Chancellor Atty. Alizedney Dituacan



DBM Secretary Pangandaman with the MSU System Officials and MSU-IIT Class of 2024

In her commencement address, Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman urged the Class of 2024 to step up as drivers of change, paving the way towards the transformative vision of 'Bagong Pilipinas', during the MSU-IIT's 54th Commencement Ceremonies (Second Semester Graduation) held on July 8, 2024 at the University Gymnasium.

Encouraging the graduates to embrace their roles as catalysts for economic and social progress, Secretary Pangandaman emphasized the significance of championing inclusivity and innovation in their pursuits. As the sole female member of the country's Economic Team and the only Filipina Muslim in President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s Cabinet, she called upon the graduates to rise as agents of change and to believe in the vision they collectively aspire to achieve.

Addressing the audience with grace and gratitude, Secretary Pangandaman underscored the importance of unity in realizing a future where prosperity and equality are accessible to all. Together, we can turn our aspirations into reality and build a New Philippines that we can all be proud of, she said.

Reflecting on her roots and heritage as a descendant of the royal houses of Marawi City, Secretary Pangandaman expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the opportunity to return to Mindanao for this momentous occasion. Nagpapasalamat din po ako sa inyong lahat dahil itong commencement exercise pong ito ang naging daan para makabalik na naman po ako dito sa Mindanao, she shared warmly.

Acknowledging the pivotal roles played by educators, families, and supporters in the graduates' journey, Secretary Pangandaman paid tribute to the dedication of teachers and the unwavering support of families. She encouraged the graduates to show their love and gratitude to their parents, recognizing them as the true heroes in their lives, "sa araw na ito, iparamdam niyo sa kanila ang pagmamahal at pasasalamat. Our parents are the real MVPs."

The multi-awarded Budget and Management Chief shared with the graduates the ten core values she lives by. She said that these principles have shaped her career, influenced her personal growth, and reinforced her commitment to public service. Key values such as hard work, kindness, gratitude, passion for public service, adaptability, critical thinking, and embracing heritage were emphasized as pillars for success in the ever-evolving world.

She also commended graduates like O'Neill Eugenio, Ludwig Libot, Randy Servano and Jayson Abad, and spoke of their exceptional determination and resilience in overcoming obstacles to reach their academic goals.

MSU-IIT conferred academic degrees to 1,797 graduates. 176 were graduate degrees, and 1,621 were baccalaureate degrees. 71 finished as summa cum laudes, 667 magna cum laudes, 597 cum laudes, and 22 received leadership and activity distinction awards.

MSU System President Basari D. Mapupuno conferred the various titles and degrees on the graduating class in the presence of the members of the Board of Regents, MSU System officials, MSU Campus Chancellors, MSU-IIT officials, and other guests, including DBM Undersecretaries Wilford Will L. Wong and Goddes Hope O. Libiran.

Prior to the graduation ceremonies, MSU-IIT held pre-commencement rites on July 6 and 7 for four clusters, where the ceremonial hooding of post-baccalaureate graduates, ceremonial distribution of diplomas, and presentation of academic, extra-curricular and co-curricular awards took place.

## System Grad Stories



MSU celebrates MSU-LNAC graduates Class of 2024 in a commemorative photo.

## MSU-LNAC Graduates: Leading the Charge to Industry 5.0

The Mindanao State University – Lanao del Norte Agriculture College (MSU-LNAC) celebrated the achievements of 147 graduates during its 48th Commencement Exercises on July 3, 2024. The event, held at the Campus Tennis Court, was marked by a theme of "MSU: Beacon of Peace Nurturing Minds in the Age of Industry 5.0."

Guest of honor and commencement speaker, Iligan City Mayor Frederick W. Siao, commended MSU-LNAC for its role in educating the city's residents, particularly former students of the defunct Colegio de Iligan. He emphasized the strong partnership between the city government and the university in providing quality education.

A highlight of the ceremony was the conferral of degrees to the graduates, with a remarkable eight students achieving latin honors. The BSEd Mathematics Department dominated the list of honorees.

MSU System Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Alma E. Berowa, representing President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, presided over the graduation ceremony. Other university officials, including Dr. Soraida Esmail, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Atty. Shidik T. Abantas, University Secretary and Board of Regents member, Dr. Renato Boniao, Alumni Regent, Hon. Jemmy and Hon. Wezam M. Hassan, Faculty and Student Regents, Dr. Parcon, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of MSU Maguindanao, and the Campus Secretary, were present to witness the momentous occasion.

MSU-LNAC Superintendent Dr. Indihra B. Dimaporo-Tawantawan expressed her pride in the graduating class and encouraged them to apply their knowledge and skills to address the challenges and opportunities of Industry 5.0.

As the graduates embark on new chapters in their lives, MSU-LNAC remains committed to producing competent and globally competitive professionals.



George A. Bael together with his proud mother happily receives his Kampilan Leadership Award from Student Regent Hon. Wezam M. Hassan.



Presentation of Token of Appreciation to Iligan City Mayor Hon. Frederick Siao, MSU-LNAC's Commencement Speaker





## Advancing as One MSU: A Successful Commencement

Michelle Jeanne C. Caracut

The much-awaited 20th Commencement Exercises of Mindanao State University-Marawi City (MSU-MSAT) was held on July 10, 2024, with the theme "Advancing as One MSU: Empowering the Youth with Quality Education, Academic Excellence, and Exemplary Service, Para sa Bagong Pilipinas."

The event was graced by the presence of MSU System President Hon. Basari D. Mapupuno and Undersecretary of the Department of Health Hon. Achilles Gerard C. Bravo, who served as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. Other notable attendees included the Secretary of the University and Board of Regents Atty. Shidik T. Abantas, Director of the Presidential Management Staff Atty. Rashid V. Pandi, Vice President for Research and Extension Dr. Glen A. Lorenzo, Vice President for Planning and Development Dr. Soraida A. Esmail, BOR Appointive Member Hon. Gracita R. Jacinto-Ali, Alumni Regent Hon. Renato D. Boniao, Faculty Regent Hon. Alhishan U. Jemay, Student Regent Hon. Wezam M. Hassan, as well as directors, representatives, and officials from other MSU campuses, the Commission on Higher Education, and the Local Government of Maigo.

The Commencement Exercises were officially opened by Dean of Instruction Dr. Analyn G. Abdulraof. The program commenced with a prayer led by the President of the Faculty Union, Prof. Jaber C. Borngo, followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Campus Head Atty. Jamaloden A. Basar introduced the distinguished Guest of Honor and Speaker, Hon. Achilles Gerard C. Bravo, a well-respected national figure admired by the constituents of MSU-MSAT.

Hon. Achilles Gerard C. Bravo delivered a brief yet meaningful speech to the graduating class, congratulating them on their achievement and announcing that before concluding his tenure as Assistant Secretary at the Department of Budget and Management, he secured the approval of thirty-seven (37) non-teaching personnel positions for every MSU campus.

Campus Head Atty. Jamaloden A. Basar presented 253 candidates for graduation, which was confirmed by MSU System President Hon. Basari D. Mapupuno. This was followed by the recognition of graduates with meritorious awards.

Class Valedictorian Mr. Roberto D. Sagun delivered his valedictory address, expressing gratitude to those who supported him throughout his journey. Class Salutatorian Ms. Jameema H. Mustapha led the recitation of the Pledge of Loyalty, followed by the Alumni Oath Taking led by Hon. Regent Renato D. Boniao.

The atmosphere was filled with emotion as the graduating Class of 2024, Batch Alabdiwa, sang their graduation song, followed by the MSU Hymn. The Dean of Instruction then concluded the Commencement Exercises.

After the recessional march, the entire gathering moved to the campus oval for a special ceremony—the First-Ever Balloon and Dove Releasing Ceremony of MSU-MSAT. MSU System President Hon. Basari D. Mapupuno and Campus Head Atty. Jamaloden A. Basar, along with the Latin honorees, officiated and led the releasing at the heart of the oval. This symbolic ceremony marked the culmination of the graduates' fruitful years at the university.

## OKIR: Wisdom for the People of Lanao

Sittie Ainah Bin-Bandar, Jazheel Sarino



Resource persons, participants, and organizers of OKIR Conference

Okir, a known valuable Meranaw art symbol, showcases the intricacies of the peoples' crafts and artistic designs. But, for MSU-Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center through its mission to enhance the preservation of the Meranaw knowledge both indigenous and modern, it has created the Ongangen ko Inged a Ranaw (OKIR) Conference 2024 to showcase once again the knowledge and culture of its people. This conference started in 2023 and has been continued this year with a two-day event attended and participated by researchers, professors, and students from different universities across Lanao Del Sur and the Philippines as a whole. The OKIR 2024 was co-sponsored by the Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage-Lanao.

Dr. Sorhaila Latip-Yusoph, the director of MCHC, gave the very inspiration behind the commencement of this event, emphasizing it as the avenue to distribute knowledge about the culture, tradition, and religion of the Meranaws as they continue their ways of living in this part of the country and the Bangsamoro community.

"Every work of our artists bears a human soul that must be respected with reverence. We are responsible for carrying further the consociation of our people especially the younger generation for raising awareness of the value of our native cultural heritage." an excerpt from Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno in

his written message conveyed by Dr. Mahid M. Mangontarum for his opening remarks.

Invited guest speakers delivered meaningful discussions about Ongangen, Language and Cultural preservation of the Meranaws during the plenary sessions. The researchers with their unique researches were presented and discussed in the parallel sessions. Audiences were given a chance to ask questions during the open forum, provide suggestions and insights to the studies presented. During the first day of the discussions, lives of the Meranaws, their environment, and their relationship to the Islamic religion were discussed by the plenary speaker, Alim Nor-Jamal G. Batugan, who discussed Ongangen ko Ilmo o Islam.

With strong conviction, a first year student from the College of Social Sciences and Humanities(CSSH) under the department of Communication and Media Studies, Bae Samsia Paudac, gave her opinion about the responsibility of the people to further carry the consociation of the culture, specially of the leaders and younger generations.

"It is not for them but for all of us. We are doing it for ourselves," she remarked, conveying that by preventing the culture to vanish, we do not simply perform a favor for the leaders to recognize their artworks and for the younger generations to learn not just about the culture but rather to act out the best of our culture.



## International Islamic Trade and Tourism Expo 2024: A Landmark Event for Global Collaboration

**Dr. Rashdi M. Casim**

The International Islamic Trade and Tourism Expo 2024, sponsored by GISB Holdings, was a significant milestone in global cultural and economic exchange. Held in Malacca, Malaysia, from August 1-4, 2024, this prestigious event served as a pivotal platform for fostering international collaborations and showcasing the diverse heritage of Islam. The expo underscored the importance of global cooperation within the Islamic community, offering a venue for dialogue and partnership among nations.

The expo, spearheaded by GISB Holdings' Chairman Hajji Nasiruddin Moh. Ali, attracted over 17,000 participants from around the world. This remarkable turnout highlighted the event's global reach and the unity of the Islamic community across different cultures and nations. The diverse participation demonstrated the role of such events in strengthening international ties and enhancing mutual respect among diverse groups.

Mindanao State University (MSU) played a notable role in the expo, with a delegation led by Vice Chancellor Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro, Vice President Dr. Soraida A. Ismael and Assistant Dean Dr. Rashdi M. Casim. The inclusion of MSU intern students in the event emphasized the university's commitment to integrating academic learning with real-world experience. This approach not only provided valuable exposure for the students but also highlighted MSU's dedication to holistic education.

The Filipino delegation made a significant impact at the expo, led by Secretary of the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), Sec. Sabuddin N. Abdurahim, and including Bae Alabi Baicon Cayongcat-Nuska of Raheemah, Datu Elian R. Macala of BMCCI, Board Member Raizulli L. Dimaporo of Amanah Bank, and former Provincial Comelec Atty. Udtog Tago. Their presence underscored the active role of the Philippines in promoting Islamic values and trade opportunities on an international stage.

The expo showcased Islam as a comprehensive way of life through a diverse array of halal products, culinary delights, and conferences addressing various Islamic perspectives. This multifaceted presentation highlighted the richness and diversity of Islamic culture, offering attendees a comprehensive understanding of its contributions to global society.

Thus, the International Islamic Trade and Tourism Expo 2024 was a resounding success, demonstrating the strength of international collaborations and the importance of celebrating and sharing Islamic heritage globally. The event affirmed GISB Holdings' commitment to fostering global dialogue and cooperation, reinforcing the role of such initiatives in bridging cultural gaps and promoting shared values.



MSU-COA Interns at the International Trade and Islamic Tourism Expo 2024

## MSU International Internship Program 2024 Closing Ceremony: A Celebration of Achievement and Collaboration

**Rashida O. Abdul-Rashid**

The MSU International Internship Program 2024 concluded on August 4, 2024 at the Malacca International Trade Centre (MITC) in Malacca, Malaysia. This event marked the culmination of an enriching and transformative journey for the students and faculty of MSU, who participated in the program from June 20, 2024 to August 4, 2024. The ceremony was not only a celebration of the students' achievements but also a testament to the fruitful partnership between MSU and Global Ikhwan Services and Business (GISB) Holdings, a collaboration that was solidified with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) earlier this year.

The closing ceremony took place immediately following the International Islamic Trade and Tourism Expo 2024, an event that the interns were privileged to attend. The expo provided the students with a broader understanding of the global Islamic community, showcasing the intersection of commerce, culture, and religion. This experience was a significant aspect of the internship, reinforcing the importance of Islamic principles in everyday life and professional endeavors.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of several distinguished guests, highlighting the significance of the event. GISB Chairman Hajji Nasiruddin Mohammad Ali, a key figure in fostering the collaboration between MSU and GISB Holdings, led the ceremony with his inspiring words. Representing President Basari D. Mapupuno was Vice Chancellor Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro, whose presence underscored the importance of this partnership in advancing MSU's internationalization agenda. Also in attendance were Assistant Dean Dr. Rashdi M. Casim, SA Prof. Sacaria Gulam, and Prof. Rashida Abdulrashid, all of whom played vital roles in guiding and supporting the students throughout their internship journey.

The ceremony was further honored by the presence of Secretary Sabuddin N. Abdurahim of the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), Raheemah, led by Bae Alabi Baicon Cayongcat-Nuska, also played a significant role in the event, bringing together Filipino Halal enthusiasts who were eager to witness the culmination of this pioneering program. Their participation highlighted the growing interest in Halal practices and the role of education in promoting Islamic values.

Throughout the internship program, the students were immersed in various agricultural fields and processing centers managed by GISB Holdings. They were assigned to different GISB farms and business centers across Malaysia, where they gained hands-on experience in agricultural practices from farm to table. The internship also included an educational benchmarking on Halal Science and Product Development at the University of Putra Malaysia, providing the students with valuable insights into the integration of Islamic principles in modern agricultural practices.

The students' exposure to Malaysia's rich culture, coupled with their practical learning experiences, made the internship a comprehensive educational journey. The program not only equipped them with the technical skills needed in agriculture

but also deepened their understanding of Islamic practices and values, reinforcing the idea that Islam is not just a religion but a way of life.

The closing ceremony was a fitting end to this remarkable journey, reflecting the success of the collaboration between MSU and GISB Holdings. It celebrated the students' accomplishments, the strength of the partnership, and the shared vision of both institutions in promoting sustainable development and food security within an Islamic framework.

In Ikhwan TV, Vice Chancellor Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro expressed his deep gratitude to GISB Holdings for their unwavering support and hospitality. He emphasized that this internship program is a shining example of what can be achieved through international collaborations, and he looked forward to further strengthening the ties between MSU and GISB Holdings. This internship program would be the first of many initiatives aimed at fostering educational and cultural exchanges.

The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt expression of gratitude from the students and faculty of MSU. They acknowledged the invaluable experiences and lessons learned during the internship and expressed their eagerness to apply this knowledge in their future endeavors. The event was a poignant reminder of the power of collaboration and the shared commitment to education, faith, and community.

As the MSU International Internship Program 2024 came to a close, it left an indelible mark on all those involved. The program not only achieved its objectives of practical learning and cultural exchange but also strengthened the bonds between MSU and GISB Holdings, paving the way for future collaborations that will continue to benefit students, educators, and the broader community.

This ceremony, and the program it celebrated, stand as the success of the MOA signed earlier this year and the shared vision of MSU and GISB Holdings for a brighter, more sustainable future.



MSU-COA Interns at the International Trade and Islamic Tourism Expo 2024



## 2nd NAFTE: Palapa Products Shine as Flagship BARMM Innovation

**Dr. Rashdi M. Casim**

Palapa, a traditional Bangsamoro ingredient renowned for its unique flavor and nutritional value, took center stage at the recent 2nd National Agriculture and Fisheries Technology Exhibition (NAFTE) in Cagayan de Oro City. Held from June 4-6, the event showcased the latest advancements in the agriculture and fisheries sectors, with Palapa products emerging as a standout highlight.

The exhibition, organized by the Department of Agriculture (DA), brought together 46 exhibitors who showcased innovative products and solutions designed to enhance the agriculture and fisheries sectors. The event served as a platform for knowledge exchange and technological demonstrations, highlighting the importance of these sectors to the Philippine economy.

However, it was the DA-BARMM's R&D product, "Palapa Paste and Powder," that captured the attention of attendees and industry experts alike. This innovative creation, pending an IP patent, showcased the region's potential for culinary and commercial breakthroughs. The DA-BARMM expressed its admiration for Palapa's unique taste, encouraging Mindanao State University (MSU)-Marawi to develop a comprehensive commercialization plan.

In his keynote address, Senator Mark Villar emphasized the critical role of the fishery sector in the national economy. "As we open this year's NAFTE, it is important to recognize the significance of the fishery sector to our economy. The Philippines, being an agricultural country with a strategic geographic location, has a substantial portion of its economy rooted in agriculture. In fact, 8.9 percent of our GDP comes from the agricultural sector," Villar stated.

MSU Naawan also showcased their NICER program on Sea Cucumber Research and Development Center. Dr. Ruby Gonzales, Director of Research, opened discussions for a potential research collaboration with Dr. Rashdi M. Casim on studies involving Sakurab and Spirulina. Dr. Casim further engaged in discussions with the DA-Biotech Program Office Director, Paul Limson, on possible research into Sakurab morphological characterization and genetic variation for its geographical identity, continuing the use of the College of Agriculture's biotech facilities.

The exhibit featured a selection of products from the BARMM region, including Inaul garments, coffee powder, tinadtag (crispy rice cake), dodol (sticky rice with coconut milk), seaweed chips, turmeric powder, and fresh farm produce.

Dr. Celeste N. Querijero, a veteran and retired researcher from the College of Agriculture, showcased



Palapa Paste and Powder products displayed during the 2nd National Agriculture and Fisheries Technology Exhibition (NAFTE)



Winners of the exhibit receive prize from the Department of Agriculture.

products from her farm under DA-Misamis Oriental. She offered her expertise in research and development, specifically in the cultivation of the indigenous mushroom locally known as "Krup" (*Schizophyllum commune*).

One of the event's highlights was the recognition of BARMM's participation, which earned the MAFAR-BARMM delegates the "Best Booth" award and a prize of P20,000 for their creative presentation of Bangsamoro products, including the innovative Palapa products.

This exhibition not only highlighted the technological advancements in the agriculture and fisheries sectors but also fostered collaborations and partnerships aimed at furthering research and development in these crucial fields.

## PHCW: Fostering Mental Well-being through Targeted Training Initiatives

**Raijana T. Esmail-Fayez**

The newly established Panginam Healing and Wellness Center (PHWC) has taken significant strides in promoting mental health and well-being through a series of training programs.

A two-day In-Depth In-House Training on Psychological First Aid (PFA) and Listening Sessions was conducted on May 27 and June 3, 2024, at the PHWC Building on the MSU-Main Campus. The training targeted guidance counselors from the MSU-Integrated Laboratory School, MSU-Institute of Science Education Science High School, and the Division of Student Affairs.

The training aimed to enhance participants' understanding of mental health basics and equip them with the skills to provide effective psychological first aid. The PFA component focused on the principles, core concepts, and practical application of psychological first aid, while the Listening Session emphasized communication, empathy, and understanding. Participants expressed enthusiasm and positivity toward the training, highlighting its importance in fostering deeper conversations about personal challenges.



PHWC Team with the MIO personnel



During the Mental Health Training among the MIO staff



PHWC pool of mental health professionals led by Dr. Limpao who conducted the In-House Training on Psychological First Aid and Listening Sessions



During the Psychological First Aid In-House Training and Listening Sessions

The center also conducted a Mental Health Training for the staff of the Manila Information Office (MIO), headed by Director Hannah Marquez, on July 3-4, 2024, at MSU-MIO, Ermita, Manila. The sessions encompassed a broad spectrum of topics such as understanding mental health, stress management techniques, and effective communication strategies.

Participants enthusiastically took part in role-playing exercises and group interactions during the workshops. The collaborative structure of the training empowered the attendees and enriched their learning experiences. The training also received positive feedback, with participants expressing confidence in their ability to apply the learned skills to support themselves and others.

Both training programs were spearheaded by the Center Lead, Dr. Aminoding B. Limpao, with his pool of mental health professionals. These initiatives underscore PHWC's commitment to promoting mental health and well-being. By equipping individuals with essential skills and knowledge, the center is contributing to a broader movement towards increased mental health awareness and support. These efforts are crucial in creating a supportive environment where individuals feel empowered to address their mental health needs and build resilience.



## Unstoppable MSU ROTC Emerges as Champion in BARMM RAATI 2023-2024

**Rohainie T. Bunsu**

The Mindanao State University Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MSU-ROTC) Unit proved to be an unstoppable force during the recent Regional Annual Administrative Tactical Inspection (RAATI) for the academic year 2023-2024. Reinforcing its reputation for excellence, the unit achieved an unparalleled overall rating of 99.16%, solidifying its position as the undisputed top performer in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Held on May 26, 2024, at the MSU Main Campus Oval Ground in Marawi City, this year's RAATI was particularly momentous as it marked the first inspection conducted after the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The event, a cornerstone in the ROTC calendar, evaluates the administrative and tactical readiness of ROTC units across the region. It serves as a comprehensive assessment of the cadets' skills, discipline, and overall performance, ensuring they meet the high standards expected of future military leaders.

Under the capable leadership of Cdt. Col. Mohammad Nabil H. Daud, 1CL, the Corps Commander, and the guidance of Col. Tante D. Angagao INF (GSC) PA, the ROTC Commandant, as well as the support of NSTP Director Prof. Abdulrasid T. Lucman, the MSU-ROTC Unit excelled, securing the highest score in the entire BARMM region. This achievement is a testament to the unwavering dedication and hard work of the ROTC students, who demonstrated exceptional discipline and commitment throughout the inspection.

The RAATI inspection was led by Col. Billy O. Dela Rosa INF (GSC) PA, who served as the Chairman of the RAATI board, accompanied by his esteemed team. The event was further graced by notable officials, including Prof. Abdulrasid T. Lucman, NSTP Director; Col. Markton G. Abo INF (GSC) PA, Group Commander of the 16th Regional Community Defense Group (16RCDG); and Col. Tante D. Angagao INF (GSC) PA, Commandant and Community Defense Center (CDC) Director. Representing the MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, was Presidential Management Staff Director, Atty. Rashid V. Pandi.

The day's proceedings commenced with the ROTC cadets in mass formation, followed by the Arrival of Honor rendered to welcome the esteemed guest, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, the MSU System President, represented by Atty. Rashid V. Pandi, the PMS Director. A ceremonial parade of cadets, accompanied by the inspiring melodies of the university band, ensued, enhancing the grandeur and solemnity of the occasion.

The inspection encompassed a series of rigorous military evaluations, including company parade, class inspection, company drill, and various military stakes. These challenges tested the cadets' expertise in small unit tactics, field stripping, map reading, knot tying, disaster relief and rescue operations, firearms assembly and disassembly, methods of instruction, and theoretical knowledge. Throughout these demanding tasks, the cadets demonstrated exceptional precision, discipline, and proficiency, reflecting the rigorous training and preparation synonymous with the MSU-ROTC Unit.

The event culminated with an address by Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, who wholeheartedly commended the unit's outstanding performance and joined in celebrating their remarkable achievement.

This extraordinary accomplishment is a result of the tireless efforts and unwavering commitment of the cadets, military officers, faculty, and staff involved in the MSU-ROTC program. The entire NSTP and MSU community takes immense pride in the ROTC unit's achievements, which embody the core values of discipline, excellence, and service. The MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, deserves special recognition for his steadfast support of the NSTP office, particularly during the recently concluded RAATI.

## MSU-External Units Ignite Research Culture with Inaugural Colloquium

**Dr. Jasmin C. Tawantawan**

A pioneering step towards cultivating a robust research culture within the MSU-External Units was taken on May 22, 2024, with the successful conduct of the first research colloquium at the College of Agriculture Audio-Visual Room, MSU-Main Campus. Themed "One MSU-External Units: Developing a Culture of Research in Basic Education to Foster Academic Transformation," the event brought together a dynamic community of 39 student researchers, enthusiastic faculty members, and 13 dedicated principals.

Under the leadership of Dr. Samsia M. Paitao-Dumrang, the colloquium provided a platform for showcasing and sharing diverse research outputs across social sciences and scientific disciplines. Students presented their research findings through engaging oral and poster presentations.

Dr. Fema M. Abamo, Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development, served as the keynote speaker. She emphasized research's critical role in society, declaring, "Do research, and you will lead." This powerful message illuminated research's transformative potential for innovation and leadership.

A panel of experts, including Dr. Johara D. Alangca-Azis, Dr. Wardah D. Guimba, Dr. Salamah M. Basher, and Dr. Razel C. Soriano, provided valuable insights and constructive feedback on the students' final outputs. Beyond presentations and evaluations, the colloquium fostered collaboration and networking among students, creating a supportive environment for future research endeavors.

The exceptional research conducted by MSU-Lopez Jaena students was recognized with multiple awards, including both Best Oral Presentation awards and the Best Poster Presentation. A study on rice husk-based briquettes also garnered the Best Paper award.

This inaugural research colloquium marks a significant milestone in the MSU-External Units' journey towards becoming a research-intensive institution. By prioritizing student achievement, collaboration, and fostering future leaders, this event laid the groundwork for continued academic transformation within the MSU-External Units system.



During the distribution of certificates with the Asst. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (External Units), Special Assistants, Panel Members, and MSU-Lopez Jaena Faculty and Students

## 16th Philippine Food Expo 2024: MSU Highlights Halal Products

**Dr. Adley L. Masnar**

The bustling halls of the World Trade Center Metro Manila came alive from April 12 to 14, 2024, as the 16th Philippine Food Expo unfolded, showcasing the country's vibrant culinary landscape. Among the myriad of exhibitors, Mindanao State University stood out, proudly presenting its Halal Research and Development (R&D) products – the Palapa Paste and Palapa Powder Seasoning.

At the forefront of this showcase was Dr. Rashdi M. Casim, whose innovation brought these remarkable creations to life. With an eye on global markets, Mindanao State University seized the opportunity to exhibit these products, recognizing their potential for exportation. Spearheading this endeavor was the university's president, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, along with key figures like Director Zuha Gani of the University Business Office (UBO) and Dr. Mobarak D. Hadji Amin, the Dean of the College of Agriculture.

This Expo was not just a local affair; it was a convergence of minds from various local and international industries. The Department of Agriculture's diverse array of products showcased the Philippines' rich culinary heritage, setting the stage for Mindanao State University's standout presentation. The presence of Senator Cynthia Villar and top officials from the Department of Agriculture

underscored the Expo's significance. Their resounding support for Philippine products echoed through the halls, highlighting their crucial role in driving economic growth.

In a remarkable turn of events, the Palapa Paste and Palapa Powder Seasoning flew off the shelves within two days of the exhibit. Visitors clamored to support these limited-edition offerings, expressing their eagerness to experience the authentic flavors of Mindanao.

However, the journey does not end here. While awaiting patent approval under Mindanao State University and seeking licensing from the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), opportunities for collaboration and partnership remain open. The potential for these Halal products to make waves in international markets is undeniable, poised to elevate Mindanao's culinary heritage onto the global stage.

As the curtains closed on the Philippine Food Expo 2024, Mindanao State University's Halal products left an indelible mark, not just as culinary delights but as symbols of innovation, tradition, and the boundless potential of Philippine ingenuity.



# A voice of

## What is 'Leadership' to BORSec?



Leadership is creating a path, a direction and a motivation for partners and colleagues to follow. Leadership is community building towards a singular goal. In my experiences, I have always made sure that when I lead, the group I am with understands and agrees with me. When there is disagreement, I make sure that every voice is heard and considered.



# A voice of reason

Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD

Looking for the best person who can emerge from the cacophony of arguments, bringing a sense of calm and clarity to any heated discussion? I can bring you to a person in the University who has all these qualities. He is Atty. Shidik T. Abantas, LLM, MDM.

Atty. Abantas also known as BORSec is the Secretary of the University and the Board of Regents of this respected institution. He is the man you need to speak to and be enlightened when in doubt. Aside from his voice that speaks not just with conviction, but with empathy and understanding, he motivates you with his logic and evidence, which can brighten your day as you exit his office.

As a young and accomplished legal professional, he has quickly made a name for himself in the fields of legal academia, development management and Moro youth advocacy. I have known him since his student days and witnessed his development within academia, at MSU's legal department, and now in his role as the university's secretary overseeing policies approved by the Board of Regents.

Becoming the youngest person appointed as BOR and University Secretary was a significant milestone for this young leader. Within just eight months of taking on the role, several important tasks were successfully completed.

Firstly, a thorough digitization of BOR records was initiated. This modernization effort aimed to streamline processes and make records more accessible. Additionally, an online presence for the Office of the BOR Secretary was established, enhancing transparency and communication.

The Secretary's office saw substantial upgrades with the acquisition of new computers and essential equipment, ensuring that the office could operate efficiently in a digital age. Lastly, the office's organizational

structure was reviewed and refined, optimizing workflows and improving overall effectiveness. These achievements underscore the impressive progress made in a remarkably short period.

BORSec is not only a voice for the youth but also for the entire Moro community. As the President of the Coalition of Moro Youth Movement, Inc., he leads the largest Moro youth organization in the Philippines, consisting of thousands of members. This group is dedicated to backing the peace efforts in Mindanao, educating young people on peace-building, and fostering a community of youth actively engaged in nation-building. During the congressional discussions on the Bangsamoro Basic Law, the organization gathered over 500 million signatures in support of the bill. Before the enactment of the Bangsamoro Organic Law, his group engaged in dialogues with various groups, sectors, and communities across the entire BARMM to secure its approval. Over the past six years, the organization has conducted Moro Youth Peace Camps, offering workshops on the peace process, peace-building, leadership, and ethical governance to numerous youth communities.

He is truly the individual who emerged as the voice of rationality. He contributes to the development of MSU policies in conjunction with Moro advocacies. Yet, he ensured to complete the degrees he had always aspired to attain. Atty. Abantas recently obtained his Master of Laws degree from San Beda University – Manila. Additionally, he successfully completed his Master in Development Management in 2022 following his Juris Doctor in 2014 from Xavier University.

Through his unwavering dedication and passion, Atty. Shidik T. Abantas continues to be a beacon of hope and a catalyst for positive change, making a lasting impact on the lives of many and setting a commendable example for others to follow. Atty. Shidik T. Abantas' accomplishments are truly remarkable, considering his young age. But as a young gentleman with such wisdom that echoed in those carefully chosen words, he is a reminder that, even in the midst of chaos and busy work loads in the University, there is always room for compassion and thoughtful dialogue with him. With his presence, any tension in the room seems to fade away as he skillfully brings in a renewed sense of optimism.

On a personal note, as a mother myself, I am moved by his heartfelt words regarding his mother's prayers for his success. Confirming with deep emotions, he expressed that "A mother's prayer is essential in her son's success and there is no greater motivation than a mother's prayer for her son's feats. We may grow strong, but our mothers have a special place not only in our minds but in our hearts."





## IDADAIT: A Community Stakeholders' Orientation at MSU-Main Campus

Raijana T. Esmail-Fayez



PHWC Lead, Dr. Aminoding B. Limpao with representatives from PNP and some PHWC Mental Health Focals, Service Specialists, and staff

In pursuit of empowering individuals and communities towards sustainable inner peace, the Panginam Healing and Wellness Center (PHWC), in partnership with the Philippine National Police (PNP) Marawi City, represented by PTCol Gieson M. Bania, PCpt Esnairah M. Lucman, Pat Abdul Khaliem P. Unda, Plt Diana Dyn D. Pedregosa, and PCpl Flora Mae Bagapor, hosted the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (IDADAIT) Community Stakeholders' Orientation at the Old ICTC Building, 3rd Street, MSU-Main Campus, Marawi City on June 19, 20, 24, 26, and 27, 2024.

The orientation aimed to introduce PHWC to various Barangay Local Government Units (BLGUs) around the MSU Campus and provide key community stakeholders with essential information on anti-drug abuse and illicit trafficking regulations. The program also emphasized educating participants about the impact of these issues on community-wide mental health and explored feasible community-based prevention strategies.

The orientation yielded encouraging results, with participants expressing interest in continued involvement in mental health advocacy and support initiatives. Barangay Local Government Units' Officials and BPAT officers from Biaba Damag, Cadayonan, Lomidong, Banga, Cabingan, Rapasun, and Dimalna played a crucial role in the activity's success.



IDADAIT Orientation among the representatives of BLGUs near MSU-Main Campus

## Elevating Mental Health Awareness

Prof. Nassefah D. Ali-Rasol, MAN, RN

In the recent effort to boost mental health awareness within the community, a series of initiatives were launched to educate and engage residents. The campaign included workshops, public talks, and informational materials distributed across local centers. Key topics covered included recognizing mental health issues, available treatments, and strategies for supporting those affected.

Community leaders and mental health professionals collaborated to deliver these messages effectively. Additionally, local media coverage and social media outreach played crucial roles in spreading awareness. Early feedback indicates a noticeable increase in understanding and openness regarding mental health, contributing to a more supportive and informed community environment.



Community Assembly at Brgy. Maliwanag, Saguiaran, Lanao del Sur  
From L-R: Prof. Romano D. M. Raki-in, Prof. Nassefah D. Ali-Rasol, Prof. Sittie Hara U. Ondi, Prof. Shiennah L. Jamesula, Prof. Shirikit I. Casim, and Prof. Almirah B. Abdullah

The community assembly on mental health awareness of the College of Health Sciences was held on May 25, 26, and 30, 2024, at the different Barangays in the Municipality of Saguiaran, Lanao del Sur. The series of events aimed to increase understanding and reduce stigma surrounding mental health issues. Attendees included community leaders, local residents, mental health professionals, and advocacy groups.

The assembly featured keynote speeches, interactive workshops, and personal testimonials. Mental health advocates discussed various mental health conditions, treatment options, and coping strategies, while workshops provided practical tools for managing stress and supporting others. The assembly concluded with a Q&A session and the distribution of informational resources. Feedback from participants highlighted increased awareness and a strong sense of community support, underscoring the series of community assembly's success in fostering a more informed and compassionate environment.



Community Assembly at Brgy. Batangan, Saguiaran, Lanao del Sur  
In the photo: Rural Health Midwife Ma'am Roca and the rest of his stad together with the College of Health Sciences' Level 3 students

## MAPHYA Empowers Pregnant Women, Holds Buntis Party

Nikka Falcon

In celebration of this year's International Women's Month, the organization of Maternal and Pediatrics Health Youth Advocates of the College of Health Sciences, spearheaded by Prof. Aznida A. Alayua-Dica, conducted a Buntis Party held at the PMTC building, Biaba-Damag, Marawi City, last March 3, 2024.

This outreach program focused on the pregnant women in the community and emphasized the importance of providing comprehensive care and support to both mothers and their newborns during the crucial early stages of life. It included a range of services and assistance, such as vital signs taking, providing essential health education sessions, distributing hygiene kits, and manicure and pedicure services. All of these encapsulated the theme, "Nurturing Healthy Beginnings: Ensuring Well-Being for Both Mother and Baby."

"Sa panahon ng pagbubuntis, hindi lamang paglago ng sanggol ang nangyayari; kundi ang paglago rin ng isang ina na mamahalin, dalagaan, at magmamahal sa kanyang anak. Bawat hakbang, bawat pagbabago, at bawat sandali ng pangangalaga ay nagtataguyod ng kinabukasan na puno ng pagmamahal at posibilidad. (During pregnancy, not only does the baby grow; the mother also grows in love, care, and affection for her child. Every step, every change, and every moment of care supports a future filled with love and possibilities)," mentioned Prof. Nassefah Omar in her lecture about the importance of prenatal care.

Women, particularly mothers, play a huge and impactful role in society. They shape the next generation's values, beliefs, and behaviors as they nurture and teach their children, significantly contributing to the overall well-being of families and communities. They also serve as powerful examples of women's capabilities and strengths. Their resilience, determination, and leadership within the family inspire other women to pursue their goals and aspirations.

International Women's Month recognizes the perseverance, accomplishments, and contributions of women across generations and cultures, as well as calling for continued progress toward gender equality and empowerment. And as the world pays tribute to the long-standing history and current battle for gender equality around the world through Women's Month, this event serves as a reminder of mothers' significance in our society.

In her speech, the Dean of CHS, Dr. Athena Jalaliyah B. Derico-Lawi, said, "Let us continue to support and strengthen women and mothers, not just this month but every day of their lives. Because through their love, intelligence, and steadfast leadership, they inspire and empower us to pursue our dreams and aspirations."

Furthermore, the event also highlighted the importance of breastfeeding to educate and empower future mothers regarding its benefits, which include providing essential nutrients, boosting immunity, and reducing the risk of various diseases for the baby; fostering a bond between mother and child; and its cost-effectiveness.

"With every breastfeeding, we give our children the right nutrition and love, which are the foundations of their development and health," mentioned Prof. Monifah F. Adiong-Rendall in her lecture about the importance of breastfeeding.

Overall, the program was able to educate, nurture, and empower 50 future mothers in the community, highlighting its success and significance in promoting maternal and child health.



The taking of vital signs, which was one of the free services offered by the organization



The giving of certificate to Hon. Anwar S. Tago, Jr.'s secretary for her presence and valuable insights that further enriched the program



Participants, mostly composed of mothers, engaging in meaningful conversations and discussions after the lecture



The Dean of the College of Health Sciences inspiring future mothers and health leaders with her empowering speech



## Path to Empowerment: Building Sustainable Well-Being in Barangay Papandayan, Marawi City

Ashley Ali Bangcola, DScN

The Mindanao State University-College of Health Sciences (MSU-CHS) has embarked on a transformative journey toward community empowerment through its Extension Program titled "Path to Empowerment: Building Sustainable Well-Being" in Barangay Papandayan, Marawi City. Launched on May 23, 2024, in collaboration with the Local Government Unit of Barangay Papandayan, Marawi City, pursuant to Special Order 569, this initiative marks a significant milestone in the university's commitment to holistic community development.

The inaugural activity of the Extension Program, conducted on May 23, focused on addressing a pressing health concern among the elderly population in Barangay Papandayan: hypertension awareness and management. Over 30 elderly residents actively participated in a health education workshop held at the Barangay Hall. The workshop aimed to increase awareness and understanding of hypertension, encouraging lifestyle modifications and regular blood pressure monitoring among the elderly.

On her opening remarks, Dr. Athena Jalaliyah B. Derico-Lawi, Dean of MSU-CHS, emphasized the importance of health education and community engagement in fostering well-being. Hon. Abdulmalic Ayo Tindug, Chairman of Barangay Papandayan, also extended a warm welcome, acknowledging the collaborative efforts between the university and the local government.

Prof. Naseha Omar from the College of Health Sciences delivered an informative seminar on hypertension, covering its causes, risks, symptoms, and management strategies. Her engaging presentation provided valuable insights tailored to the participants' needs, enhancing their understanding of the topic.



Free Blood Pressure check services facilitated by the CARE volunteers

Participants engage in physical activity during the workshop's exercise session.



The MSU-CHS extension program members and the CHS-Advocates for the Rights of the Elderly (CARE) student volunteers



Prof. Amnah Sharief discusses healthy lifestyle and practices for elderly with hypertension.

One of the elderly participants share his thoughts during the workshop.

Building on the success of the first activity, the Extension Program's second event on June 1, 2024, focused on "Healthy Lifestyle Practices Workshop and Exercise Sessions for Elderly with Hypertension." The workshop, led by CHS faculty member Prof. Amnah Sharief, emphasized the importance of exercise and balanced diets in managing hypertension. The highlight of the event was a tailored exercise session designed to engage participants in practical physical activities suitable for their condition. This session not only demonstrated the importance of regular exercise but also encouraged participants to incorporate these activities into their daily routines.

The outcomes of the two workshops were promising, with participants expressing increased awareness and a commitment to proactive health management. Many elderly participants expressed their intention to adopt healthier lifestyles and undergo regular health check-ups, marking a positive step towards improved well-being.

The success of the workshop was further amplified by the active involvement of college's faculty members, led by Project Leader Dr. Ashley A. Bangcola, Co-leader Prof. Alibasher Macalnas, and members Dr. Laarni Caorong and Prof. Amnah Sharief, alongside student volunteers from CHS Advocates for Rights of the Elderly (CARE). Their dedication and support ensured the smooth execution of the event, from logistics management to participant assistance.

Ultimately, this extension program stands as a beacon of hope for empowering and improving the well-being of the community in Barangay Papandayan, Marawi City. Through collaborative partnerships and innovative approaches, the program aims to uplift lives and create a healthier, happier future for the community.

## Breaking Ground: GISB Holdings, MSU Join Forces for Halal Agriculture Advancement

Dr. Mobarak D. Hadji Amin



In the photos are MSU Officials headed by System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno together with the representatives of GISB Holdings Sdn., Bhd.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between GISB Holdings Sdn. Bhd. and Mindanao State University (MSU), Marawi Campus, Marawi City, Philippines, was signed at the GISBH Headquarters in Selangor, Malaysia, on April 25, 2024. This landmark agreement marks a significant step towards advancing halal agriculture through collaboration and innovation.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Hj. Mohd Fazil Md Jasin, a member of the GISBH Advisory Board, representing the Executive Chairman (EC) Mr. Hj. Nasiruddin Mohd Ali on behalf of GISB Holdings Sdn. Bhd.; and the Mindanao State University in Marawi City, as represented by the President of the MSU System, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno. Said signing was attended by distinguished proponents Dr. Mobarak D. Hadji Amin, Dean of the MSU College of Agriculture, alongside faculty members Dr. Rashdi M. Casim, Dr. Adley L. Masnar, and 13 officials from the esteemed Mindanao State University. The MSU delegation, which included VP Atty. Saaduddin Aluya Jr., Soraida A. Ismael, CPA, Tarhata M. Capal, CPA, Hasmina Dimalna, CPA, Zuhair L. Gani, CPA, Faisal G. Mangotara, JD, Muhaimen C. Umpat, Atty. Hanimai L. Macumbal, Saphia D. Gani, Sittie Ndjerah M. Maruhom, CPA, Dr. Abdulcader M. Ayo, Dr. Sahraman H. Latif, and Dr. Cairani D. Gandamra, visited the GISB Holdings establishments. They learned about the vision, mission, and philosophy of GISB Holdings in serving the Muslim community.

At the core of this historic agreement lies a shared vision of fostering the halal agriculture industry. GISBH, with its wealth of expertise, commits to providing On-the-Job Training (OJT) for the students and technical staff in related agricultural technologies under the staff development program of the College of Agriculture. In reciprocity, MSU graciously opens its doors, earmarking space for the establishment of Halal Agri-Tourism, a beacon of educational enlightenment and promotional endeavors with GISB Holdings.

A notable highlight of the event was the launch of Palapa-Sambal, a research-based product specialized for Malaysian preferences. This product will be manufactured by Mindanao State University and distributed by GISB Holdings. With GISB Holdings' presence in 21 countries, Palapa-Sambal has the potential to be introduced globally, showcasing the collaborative efforts and innovative spirit of both institutions.

## CHS Forges New Ties with MAHSA University in Malaysia

Dr. Athena Jalaliyah Derico-Lawi

The College of Health Sciences from Mindanao State University (MSU-CHS) undertook a significant visit to Malaysia, engaging in a series of productive activities including benchmarking, program outcomes discussions, and drafting the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Malaysian Allied Health Sciences Academy (MAHSA) University. The visit, held from January 26 to February 1, 2024, took place in Bandar Saujana Putra, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia.

Representing MSU President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, the CHS delegation, led by Dean Dr. Athena Jalaliyah Derico-Lawi, included Assistant Dean Dr. Ashley A. Bangcola and Clinical Coordinator Prof. Shirikit Casim. The delegation received a warm welcome from MAHSA University and toured the campus, gaining insights into the university's advanced facilities and innovative teaching methods.

A key highlight of the visit was the formal signing of the MOU on January 30, 2024. This MOU aims to establish a partnership based on mutual respect and collaboration, fostering professional working relationships and joint efforts for academic, professional, and technical advancement. It also seeks to promote mutual agreement and excellence in potential projects, increased cooperation, and knowledge exchange between the two institutions.

Following the delegation's successful visit, the formal signing of the MOU was conducted by MSU President Atty. Basari D.



Faculty members from MSU-CHS and MAHSA University during the MOU signing ceremony on January 30, 2024

Mapupuno at the MSU Office of the President. The agreement is valid for five years, with a review scheduled six months prior to its expiration to assess potential renewal or modifications. Prof. Dr. Ikram Shah bin Ismail, Vice Chancellor at MAHSA University, expressed enthusiasm about the partnership, anticipating significant advancements and shared successes. He stated, "We are excited about the opportunities this partnership brings for both institutions and look forward to a fruitful collaboration."

This visit marks a substantial step forward for MSU-CHS in strengthening international collaborations and expanding its academic and professional horizons.



## Innovative Collaborations at the MSU Main Campus: CHED-SIKAP and DOST-STRAND in Action

Dr. Johara D. Alangca-Azis

The academic community at the MSU-Main Campus in Marawi City is extremely delighted by recent innovative collaborations and developments within the institution under the leadership of our MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro. In a letter dated April 17, 2024, addressed to our President, Dr. Freddie T. Bernal, the Director IV of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Region X, officially confirmed the approval of MSU-Main Campus in Marawi City as a Delivering Higher Education Institution (DHEI) under the Scholarships for Staff and Instructors' Knowledge Advancement Program (SIKAP) Grant, covering fifty-one (51) graduate programs from various colleges (please see Table 1 below). Additionally, in another letter from the Department of Science and Technology-Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI), dated March 8, 2024, Director Albert G. Mariño, Deputy Director, and Officer-in-charge formally acknowledged the inclusion of our Main Campus as a Delivering Institution in the Department of Science and Technology, Science and Technology Regional Alliance of Universities for National Development (DOST-STRAND) Program for our eight (8) graduate programs from various colleges (please refer to Table 2 below).

**Table 1. 51 Approved Graduate Programs for CHED SIKAP**

1. PhD in Biology	27. Master in Agribusiness Management
2. PhD in Mathematics	28. Master of Science in Animal Science
3. PhD in Physics	29. Master of Science in Farming System
4. Master of Arts in Psychology	30. Master in Business Administration
5. Master of Arts in Filipino -Wika	31. MA Education major in Reading
6. Master of Arts in Filipino -Panitikan	32. MA Education major in Guidance and Counseling
7. Master of Arts in History	33. MA Education major Educational Management
8. Master of Arts in English Language Teaching	34. PhD in Educational Management
9. Master of Arts in Language Studies	35. MS in Industrial Engineering Tech
10. Master of Arts in Global Studies	36. MS in Industrial Eng'g Tech Electrical & Energy
11. Master of Arts in Peace & Devt. Studies	37. MS in Industrial Eng'g Tech Materials Science
12. Master of Arts in Philippine Studies	38. Master of Science in Forestry
13. PhD in Language Studies	39. Master in Eco-Governance & Social Forestry
14. PhD in Philippine Studies	40. Master of Science Nursing- Nursing Admin
15. Master of Science in Physical Education	41. MS in Teaching major in General Science
16. MPA in Public Policy and Program Admin	42. MS in Education major in Secondary Math
17. MPA in Human Resource Management	43. MS in Teaching major in Elementary Science
18. MPA in Public Fiscal Administration	44. MS in Teaching major in Elementary Math Mat
19. MPA in Organization and Management	45. Ph.D. in Science Education major in Biology
20. MPA in Local & Regional Govt. Admin	46. Ph.D. in Science Education major in Mathematics
21. Master of Science in Social Work	47. Master of Arts in Islamic Studies-Muslim Law
22. MSCD-Community Development Practice	48. Master of Science in Biology
23. MSCD-Community Development Research	49. Master of Science in Mathematics
24. MSCD-Social Devt. Planning & Admin	50. Master of Science in Physics
25. Doctor of Public Administration	51. MS in Teaching High School Math
26. Master of Science in Agribusiness Mgt.	

**Table 2. APPROVED GRADUATE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR DOST-STRAND 2**

1. PhD Biology	6. MS Animal Science
2. PhD Mathematics	7. MS Farming Systems
3. PhD Physics	8. MS Forestry
4. MS Agribusiness Management	9. MST Mathematics
5. (Academic Track with Thesis)	

### Expanding Opportunities with CHED-SIKAP Grant

The CHED-SIKAP Grant, also known as the Scholarship for Instructors' Knowledge Advancement Program, has been established to provide financial assistance to teaching and non-teaching staff members at Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) who wish to pursue advanced studies. This program aligns with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) aim to enhance the quality of education by promoting professional development among educators and staff. The revised guidelines for the SIKAP Grant were approved by the CHED, as outlined in CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 06, series of 2020, in accordance with Republic Act No. 7722 and CHED Memorandum Order No. 15, series of 2019. Further, this scholarship program is open to incoming or existing graduate students



Left photo: Visit of the DOST officials to assess the various S & T graduate programs on August 1-2, 2023  
The middle and right photos were taken during the Orientation and Training on DHEI Application for CHED-SIKAP Scholarship.

who undertake their studies in eligible graduate programs offered by designated delivery higher education institutions (DHEIs), such as the Mindanao State University-Main Campus in Marawi City. The scholarship benefits encompass, among other items, tuition and other related fees, living stipend, book/subscription and other resource allocation, transportation and communication allocation, and thesis/dissertation/capstone project allocation. In addition, a grantee may be eligible to receive research support grants, research publication incentives, and early completion incentives. For additional details regarding full-time as well as Part-Time Study under the CHED-SIKAP Grant, please refer to CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 16, s. 2021: Revised Guidelines-CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 06, series of 2020 and CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 28, s. 2021 or the Revised Guidelines of CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 06, series of 2020, respectively.

It is worth noting that on April 28, 2023, VCAA Cabaro, accompanied by his Special Assistants, first visited the CHED Region X office in Cagayan de Oro to express our interest in applying as a DHEI for our Graduate Programs in the Campus. On June 13, 2023, an orientation training session was held to inform faculty members of the necessary requirements for the SIKAP application. With the help of the campus Grant Manager Officer and Special Assistant to the OVCAA, Dr. Nida A. Ilupa together with the dedicated faculty members from concerned colleges, we were able to comply with these requirements and secure approval in April 2024. Our selection as a delivering higher education institution (DHEI) reflects our commitment to provide innovative and advanced education and training to scholars throughout the country. Our extensive range of fifty-one (51) graduate programs, which encompasses fields such as science, technology, engineering, language, education, social work, public administration, among others, allows scholars to pursue their interests and enhance their expertise.

### Innovative Programs with DOST-STRAND

The MSU-Main Campus is not only a proud partner of the CHED-SIKAP scholarship program but also collaborates with the DOST-STRAND (Science and Technology Regional Alliance of Networks for Development) initiative. The DOST-STRAND initiative focuses on fostering innovation and research in the science and technology fields. Through this partnership, our campus provides graduate programs that equip students with advanced knowledge and skills to address modern challenges.

As the Project Leader for the STRAND initiative at the MSU-Main Campus, Vice Chancellor Cabaro, with the unwavering support of President Mapupuno, has committed to expanding the range of degree programs accessible through DOST-STRAND. This initiative aims to create further opportunities for graduate students and attract more students to campus. This endeavor aligns with President Mapupuno's 10-Point Agenda, which strives for academic excellence through science and technology; hence, our institution applied for additional graduate programs in DOST STRAND.

Our application as a delivery institution for additional Science and Technology graduate degree programs has undergone a rigorous evaluation process. On August 1-2, 2023, DOST officials visited our campus to assess the facilities, faculty members, and other relevant criteria. Fortunately, the DOST Technical Working Group (TWG) and DOST Secretary have recommended and approved our university as a delivery institution (STRAND 2), which means that we will be granted five scholarship slots for master's and/or doctoral programs in the identified STEM degrees. These scholarships will be made available to students, as long as they comply with the policies and standards for graduate education established by the CHED. Additionally, this program will strengthen the faculty profile of our university by granting graduate scholarships to faculty members in the identified STEM fields.

### A Commitment to Excellence

The above-mentioned accomplishments showcase our institution's steadfast dedication to academic excellence and pioneering research. By collaborating with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the MSU Main Campus has emerged as one of the leading institutions for postgraduate studies in the Philippines. Our esteemed faculty members, renowned for their extensive expertise and unfaltering commitment, are prepared to guide and cultivate future leaders, pioneering scholars, and creative visionaries.

Therefore, we cordially invite aspiring scholars and educators to join us in this thrilling journey of growth and discovery. Thanks to the support of CHED-SIKAP and DOST-STRAND, the MSU Main Campus has been significantly enhanced and is now exceptionally well-equipped to deliver a truly transformative educational experience. United, we endeavor to broaden the boundaries of knowledge and make substantial contributions to society.

For additional information about our graduate programs and scholarship opportunities, kindly visit our website: [www.msumain.edu.ph](http://www.msumain.edu.ph). We look forward to extending a cordial welcome to you from the Mindanao State University-Main Campus community.





# Panamar: The MSU President's Linkages in 2024

Source: Office of the President - Records Management Office



Memorandum of Agreement made, executed, and entered by and between **MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)** and **Global Ikhan Services and Business Holdings (GISBH) Sdn Bhd** to collaborate in the establishment, expansion, or development of Halal agri-industries



Memorandum of Understanding made and entered into by and between the **MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)** and the **GISB Holdings Sdn Bhd** to strengthen, promote, and develop co-operation between the parties on the basis of equality and mutual benefit in the areas of common interests



Memorandum of Agreement made, executed, and entered by and between the **MSU-Marawi Sindangan Extension Campus** and the **Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)** for the construction of academic building in MSU-Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte, with a total amount of PhP15,000,000.00 prior to the Republic Act No. 11975, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act of 2024 that took effect on January 1, 2024



Memorandum of Agreement entered into and executed by and between **MSU** and **Iloilo Science and Technology University (ISATU)** for the conduct and effective and efficient implementation of the research project entitled, "Fabrication and Characterization of Silica Nanoparticles/Chitosan from Crab Shell Waste Doped with Gold Nanoparticles"



Memorandum of Agreement executed by and between **MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)** and **Landbank of the Philippines (LBP)** for the implementation of ATM Payroll Facility among the MSU personnel



Memorandum of Understanding entered by and between **MSU-Main Campus** and **Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers of the Philippines - United Arab Emirates Chapter (IIEE-UAE Chapter)** to accept MSU students, provide resource speakers, and conduct virtual technical seminars to support the Seminars/Colloquia course and complement the existing curricula to match organizational demands



Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into by and between **MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)** and **MSU-Buug** to collaborate on the implementation of the research projects, viz: 1) Sociocultural Dimensions of AMR in the Community and Surveillance of Multidrug-Resistant ESKAPE Pathogens in the Healthcare Setting and 2) Antimicrobial Resistance in Water-Fish-Human Nexus: Mapping of Antibiotic-Resistant Escherichia coli, Salmonella spp, shigella spp., and Vibrio cholerae Using One Health Approach under the program "Inter-Regional Network through One Health Approach to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) with the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) as the Monitoring Agency



Memorandum of Understanding between **MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)** and **University of the Philippines** to promote mutual understanding between the institutions through academic, research, and extension cooperation



Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into by and between **MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)** and **dusitD2 Davao** to allow qualified MSU students to undergo On-the-Job Training program in the hotel, subject to terms and conditions provided for in the agreement

Memorandum of Understanding made and entered into by and between **MSU System** and **Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology (TAR UMT)** to provide a framework in the collaboration activities and promote cooperation in a wide variety of programs and projects, taking into consideration the principle of mutual interests, equal rights, and respect of each other's independence

Staff Exchange Agreement between **MSU** and **Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology (TAR UMT)**, Malaysia to develop mutual cooperation, promote academic exchange

Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into by and between **MSU** and **National Irrigation Administration (NIA) - Laguna Rizal Irrigation Management Office** to allow qualified MSU students taking Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering to undergo On-the-Job Training program in the institution, subject to terms and conditions provided for in the agreement

Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between **MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)** and **Municipality of Piagapo, Lanao del Sur** to the conduct of community-based extension programs and services including the development of farming system model in the partner municipality

Memorandum of Understanding between **MSU** and **MAHSA University**, Malaysia to form a partnership based on mutual respect, develop a professional working relationship and joint effort for academic, profession, and technical advancement, and promote mutual agreement and excellence in potential projects, future co-operation, and knowledge exchange between the parties

Memorandum of Understanding executed by and between **MSU** and **Bangsamoro Sports Commission (BSC)** to promote sports development in the Bangsamoro region through the conduct of various sports activities in the campus

Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between **MSU - College of Public Affairs Social Work Department** and the **Local Government Unit of Barangay Papandayan, Marawi City, Lanao del Sur** to conduct community-based extension programs and services including activities related to sustainable community organizing, governance and social welfare in the partner barangay

Memorandum of Understanding entered into and agreed between **MSU** and **University of Turkish Aeronautical Association** to enhance research capabilities, international relevance, academic programs, knowledge exchange, and research

Memorandum of Agreements between **MSU-Medical Services and Hospital (Infirmary)** and Partner Referral Hospital **Amai Pakpak Medical Center (APMC)**, such as: a) between the Laboratory and Radiology Sections of Infirmary and the APMC, b) between the Internal Medicine Specialist and Infirmary, c) between the Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialist and Infirmary, and d) between the partner Pediatric Specialist and Infirmary

Memorandum of Understanding between **MSU** and **SusTek Pte. Ltd.** to collaborate on a diverse range of projects, including joint research initiatives, curriculum development, internship programs, and capacity building activities





## Policy on the Fair and Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence and Technologies

The emergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools and technologies have rapidly transformed the landscape of higher education that is met with contrasting perspectives. There are those who believe that AI offers universities a plethora of benefits in the digital era, while there are others who are anxious about the potential risks it brings to academic integrity. For universities in less-developed and developing economies, there is the danger of further widening the digital and income divides.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all students, faculty, and staff across academic practices, facilities, and operations at Mindanao State University, regardless of enrollment or employment arrangement and status. It shall also cover outsourced service providers operating on behalf of MSU within or outside its campuses.

## PURPOSE

This policy aims to:

1.1 Provide a framework for the ethical and responsible use of AI technologies in research, teaching, and learning in MSU;

1.2 Ensure academic integrity and uphold standards of originality and attribution in academic work: and

1.3 Promote transparency and accountability when using AI technologies in academic settings.

## ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

The University recognizes the rapid advancement of technology and the opportunity it offers as it continues to fulfill its mission of providing quality education for the sustainable development of the nation and the global community. At the same time, it is mindful of the ethical implications of adopting these technological developments. As such, MSU shall observe the following principles in using Generative AI and AI-assisted technologies.

**1. Transparency.** The University strongly advocates honesty in disclosing all relevant information pertaining to the use of AI technologies in any academic work. It enjoins its constituents to provide clear and transparent description and explanation of the AI technologies used in research. The academic community is expected to inform and provide all necessary information to students and other stakeholders, as applicable, on AI technologies used in teaching and learning.

**2. Fairness and Equity.** The University is committed to observing fairness and equity in the use of AI technologies in research and in teaching and learning. Specifically, MSU shall endeavor to conduct research that is free from bias and of discrimination. Moreover, the University shall ensure that AI tools utilized in teaching and learning are designed and implemented in a manner that allows all students to have equitable access to educational opportunities, regardless of their characteristics or background.

**3. Privacy and Data Protection.** MSU respects the privacy of all its constituents and shall continue to uphold data protection and privacy standards as the law requires. It shall continue

to practice informed consent and data anonymity, when necessary, particularly in the conduct of research that involves the use of AI technologies.

**4. Accountability.** The University strongly advocates accountability. As such, faculty and administrators implementing research and teaching and learning initiatives are enjoined to be responsible for outcomes of AI-driven activities and any ethical issues that may emerge.

**5. Research and Pedagogical Integrity.** MSU is a staunch believer of academic integrity. Thus, the use of AI tools and technologies should reflect sound pedagogical principles and must not compromise the integrity of teaching and learning content or assessments. The use of AI-generated content or data must be judiciously and carefully evaluated to avoid plagiarism, falsification, or misrepresentation.

## USE OF AI IN RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORK

**1. Data Privacy.** Laws and the Implementing Rules and Regulations on data privacy should be strictly complied with when collecting, handling, or processing personal information using AI technologies.

## 2. Human Oversight in AI-assisted Research Reporting.

In preparing research reports and journal articles for publication, generative artificial intelligence (AI) and AI-assisted technologies shall solely be used as tools to improve readability and language, enhancing the clarity and linguistic quality of manuscripts. Due and careful consideration should be exercised to prevent any breach of confidentiality or intellectual property rights prohibited by this policy. Outputs generated from AI tools must undergo rigorous human scrutiny and modification to adhere to the principles of fairness and equity. AI and AI-assisted technologies should not be listed as an author or co-author or be cited as an author. Authorship implies responsibilities and tasks that can only be attributed to and performed by humans.

**3. Transparency and Attribution.** Researchers and creatives using AI tools and technologies in their work must be transparent about their use. Proper attribution to AI tools and models used, including the source and version, where available and applicable, should be provided in research outputs. Ethical considerations, such as how potential biases or privacy issues were addressed, should be discussed and included in a written or created work for publication.

Authors of special projects, theses, and dissertations are required to disclose their use of AI and AI-assisted technologies when writing their manuscript by including a statement placed at an appropriate section as may be determined by the Department, School, College, Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Enterprise, or any degree-granting unit of the University. The statement should be a new and separate section entitled "Declaration of Generative AI and AI-assisted Technologies in the Writing Process." Additionally, the statement shall bear the following text or a similar disclosure to the same effect and shall be accompanied by the signature(s) of the author(s):

**"During the preparation of this work the author(s) used [NAME TOOL / SERVICE] in order to [REASON]. After using this tool/service, the author(s) reviewed and edited the content as needed and take(s) full responsibility for the content of the publication"**

This declaration does not apply when only basic, non-AI tools are used for checking spelling, grammar, and references.

There is no need to add a statement if the author(s) has (have) nothing to disclose.

**4. Compliance with Laws and Regulations.** Researchers should comply with all relevant and pertinent laws, regulations, and University policies regarding the utilization of AI in research such as data protection, use of human subjects, and intellectual property rights, among others. Should the researchers need assistance or guidance to the same, the former shall coordinate with the Director of the University's Research Integrity and Compliance Office (RICO).

**5. Plagiarism.** Author(s) must ensure that use of AI-generated content, such as text, should not involve plagiarism. Author(s) should carefully review AI-generated materials and ensure proper citation and attribution. Plagiarism, as any form of academic dishonesty, shall be dealt with according to existing policies. Should the researchers need assistance with the use of plagiarism checker and other similar tools, they shall coordinate with the Institute Librarian or the Director of the Center for Information and Communications Technology (CICT).

Additionally, Faculty members and lecturers are enjoined to require students to submit assignments and other course requirements using the MSU Online Learning Environment (MOLE), which already employs a plagiarism checker (as a plugin). Similarly, the University shall guarantee the availability of subscriptions to plagiarism checkers and similar tools.

**6. Review.** Written outputs of research and creative works involving AI should undergo review to ensure their quality, scientific rigor, validity, ethical considerations, and compliance with this policy. Advisers and/or reviewers are prohibited from uploading a submitted manuscript or creative work or any part of it into a generative AI tool as this could potentially violate the authors' confidentiality and proprietary rights and may breach data privacy rights, particularly when the paper or creative work contains information that could identify the identity of the author(s). The Chancellor shall issue a review mechanism to ensure sound implementation of this process.

**7. Communications Pertaining to Research or Creative Work.** Advisers and/or reviewers are prohibited from uploading letters and other communication about research or creative work submissions to an AI tool, as these files or documents may contain confidential information about the authors. In addition, doing so would risk data privacy and proprietary rights breaches.

**Section 8. Assessment of Submitted Research or Creative Work.** Advisers and/or reviewers must not employ generative AI or AI-assisted technologies in evaluating or making decisions about submitted research or creative work.

## USE OF AI IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

**1. Curriculum Integration.** To enhance and enrich students' learning experience, faculty members and lecturers are encouraged to integrate AI tools and technologies into the curriculum. This should be done with utmost consideration while ensuring that the use of such AI tools and technologies aligns with intended learning objectives and outcomes and that it should support inclusive education.

**2. Ethical Considerations.** Faculty members and lecturers should address ethical considerations related to using AI tools and technologies as part of their classroom management mechanism, discussing topics such as academic integrity, bias, fairness, accountability, and relevant school policies.

**3. Assessment.** When assessing student work involving AI tools and technologies, faculty members and lecturers should clearly communicate expectations, including whether AI-generated content is permitted, and assess students' originality and critical thinking.

**4. Assessment of Submitted Course Requirements.** Faculty members and lecturers must not employ generative AI or AI-assisted technologies in evaluating or deciding a submitted course requirement.

## RESPONSIBLE AI DEVELOPMENT

**1. AI System Development.** Faculty researchers, staff, and students involved in AI system development should adhere to ethical AI development practices and the principles governing AI tools and technologies as described in Article VI of this policy.

**2. Research Collaboration.** Collaboration with external AI developers and organizations should align with the University's ethical principles and institutional values, ensuring that the use of AI in research work maintains research integrity and ethical standards.

**3. Bias Mitigation.** Faculty researchers, external research collaborators, staff, and students should actively address and mitigate bias in AI models and systems developed, ensuring that these do not discriminate or perpetuate unfair stereotypes.

**4. Validation and Testing.** All models and systems developed by the University's faculty researchers, external research collaborators, staff, and students must undergo rigorous validation and testing to ensure accuracy, reliability, and ethical use. The Chancellor shall issue a validation and testing mechanism to ensure sound process implementation.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POLICY, VISIT**  
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## Resolution No. 41, Series of 2024

### Research and Extension Load Equivalence (RELE) Scheme for Faculty Researchers and Extensionists in MSU-Main Campus

#### Rationale

Cognizant of the current administration's priority on strengthening R&D productivity to surpass the performance targets set for OVCRED while also striving for global recognition, all faculty researchers and extensionists on the main campus with approved research or extension programs/projects are authorized to carry a Research and Extension Load Equivalence (RELE) per approved project during the implementation period where one (1) RELE unit is equivalent to 1 unit teaching load per semester. These proposed provisions aim to provide faculty researchers and extensionists with a reasonable workload and timeframe to successfully implement approved projects/programs, viz:

1. The involvement of each faculty (designation) in the research or extension project/program has a specific RELE per semester (Table 1) amending BOR # 281, s. 2002 [Mindanao State University (MSU) System Manual on Research and Extension Policies and Administration], and partly adopting MSU IIT Res. no. 295, S. 2019 for the definition of terms, load distribution, and member designation.
2. The maximum RELE per project is prorated to the approved funding per project per year (Table 2).
3. RELE will only be granted to research and extension projects that have a minimum implementation period of 6 months.
4. The RELE applies to internally and externally funded projects/programs.
5. The RELE is project-based (i.e. applicable to each component project in a program), and each project may be given a maximum RELE of 18 units and 15 units per semester, distributed among members depending on their designation or involvement in the project. Sample RELE distribution for a project is shown in Table 3.
6. For externally funded projects/programs that offer honoraria to members, any resulting faculty overload (more than 18 units) due to RELE cannot be converted into monetary overload. However, the concerned researchers/extensionists may decline overload, as long as they meet their minimum teaching load requirement (i.e. 9 units for regular faculty members without administrative designations), except in cases where exigency of service is required.
7. For internally funded projects where team members do

not receive honoraria, the excess faculty load due to RELE can become monetized overload, however, such faculty may refuse overload, as long as they meet their minimum teaching load requirement (i.e. 9 units for regular faculty members without administrative designations), except in cases where exigency of service is required.

8. For externally funded programs/projects, the funding institutions such as DOST may grant a total of 12-month implementation extension (2 semesters), thus the implementing institution will follow the extension duration allowed by the funding institution and so its applicable RELE.
9. In the case of internally funded projects, a maximum extension of 6 months can be given without RELE, but the unexpended balance of the project can still be utilized.

**Table 1.** Matrix for RELE specific to designation (involvement) of each faculty in an approved research/extension program/project.

Designation	RELE	Remarks
Program Leader	9	A Program Leader may handle a maximum of two* funded research/extension programs at the same time.
Project Leader	Max of 6	A Project Leader may handle a maximum of two* or 4** funded research/extension projects at the same time.

#### Excerpt 1

5.8 The number of programs to be handled by a program leader shall not exceed two (2) programs at a time.

5.9 The number of projects to be handled by a project leader shall not exceed two (2) projects at a time. However, in case of researches or undertakings with limited number of experts, the project leader may be allowed to handle a maximum of four (4) projects at a time provided that his/her track record shall be evaluated by the Agency Head and Monitoring Council/Agency concerned. After evaluation has been undertaken and it is found that the project leader may efficiently handle 4 projects at a time, the Agency Head and Monitoring Council/Agency concerned shall endorse the same in writing to the DOST-GIA EXECOM or Funding Agency as the case may be, for approval.

#### Excerpt 2

Program Leader (at least)	1 – 2 projects 3 – 4 projects 5 or more	PhP	10,200/mo. 11,600/mo. 14,600/mo.
Project leader		PhP	8,800/mo./project
Project Staff Level 3		PhP	7,500/mo./project (SG 24, S8)
Level 2		PhP	6,000/mo./project (SG 18, S8)
Level 1		PhP	4,800/mo./project (SG 15, S8)

Research / Extension Team Member (RTM /ETM) / Project Staff***	Max of 3	A Research Team Member may be involved in a maximum of three* funded projects at the same time.
Research Collaborator	Max of 3	A Research Collaborator may be involved in a maximum of three* funded projects at the same time.

\*Except in meritorious cases, as evidenced by his/her track record (timeliness in completing research and extension projects, presentations, and publications, among others).

\*\*For externally funded projects a maximum of 4 projects may be allowed following the DOST guidelines MC no. 001 S. 2009-DOST-GIA-Honorarium-Rates as shown in Excerpt 1.

\*\*\* For honorarium purposes. Source: MC no. 001 S. 2009-DOST-GIA-Honorarium-Rates as shown in Excerpt 2.

**Table 2.** Maximum allowable RELE per project per semester prorated according to approved funding per year

Approved funding per year (PhP)	Maximum RELE per semester of implementation
0*	0
1 to 100,000**	6
100,001 to 500,000	9
500,001 to 1,000,000	12
1,000,001 to 3,000,000	15
More than 3,000,000	18***

\*For patriotic research or extension work, a self-funded project where the researcher or extensionist does not seek any financial support or RELE.

\*\*For approved research or extension project that specifically requests for RELE only also falls under this category.

\*\*\*If the project is led by the program leader in an approved program.

**Table 3.** Sample RELE distribution matrix for a project with approved funding greater than P3,000,000 in a year.

Project	Program Leader	Project Leader	RELE Units		Total RELE per Project
			No. of Members	No. of Units/ Members	
Led by the Program Leader	9 Units		1	3 units	12
			2	3 units	15
			3	3 units	18
			4	9/4 units	18
			n	9/n units	18
Led by the Project Leader	6 Units		1	3 units	9
			2	3 units	12
			3	3 units	15
			4	9/4 units	15
			n	9/n units	15

#### Effectivity

Upon approval by the BOR, this proposal shall be implemented in the first semester of AY 2024-2025 first school year

**Proponent** : OVCRED, MSU-Main Campus

**Endorsed by** : Fema M. Abamo, PhD, Chair, MSU Main RAEC



1.0 OVERVIEW

MISSION AND VISION OF THE UNIVERSITY

1.1 MISSION

MSU System is committed to:

1. Lead in social transformation through peace education and integration of the Muslims and other cultural minority groups into the mainstream society;
2. Ensure excellence in instruction, research development, innovation, extension,
3. and environmental education and discovery;
4. Advance national and international linkages through collaborations and,
5. Demonstrates greater excellence, relevance and inclusiveness for Mindanao and the Filipino nation.

1.2 VISION

MSU System aspires to be a Center of Excellence in Instruction, Research and Extension transforming itself into a premier and globally competitive national peace university.

A. OWNERSHIP

The laptop remains the property of the University. Students are expected to abide by the Acceptable Use Policy and Agreements.

All material on the laptop is subject to review and monitoring by authorized ICTC staff. If the student leaves the University, the laptop must be immediately returned.

B. LAPTOP CARE AND PROTECTION

It is imperative that students use their laptops in an acceptable manner and as a learning tool. Programs which allow the students to access the internet, online chat, and email, should be used in a responsible manner.

B.1 Student Responsibilities

B.1.1 Usage, when it can be used, by whom and purpose

- Laptops should not be used by any other student or family member except for the parent or guardian when assisting with schoolwork.

B.1.2 Additions and deletions to software

- Students are not permitted to delete any software or install additional software that impacts on the performance of the machine as a learning tool. If in breach of this, your laptop will be reimaged.
- Installation of home printers, scanners and internet are acceptable.

B.1.3 Offensive images and audio

- Students are prohibited from accessing or storing offensive images and audio on notebooks or other digital storage devices.

B.1.4 Stickers and permanent markers

- Stickers and permanent markers can be used on the laptop (protective sticker on outside screen) only.
- Inappropriate images/slogans/words are not acceptable and will be removed.

B.1.5 Food and Beverages

- Students are not permitted to eat or drink whilst using laptops.

B.1.6 Charging the battery

- It is the student's responsibility to ensure their laptop battery is fully charged.
- Do not tamper with the connections.

B.1.7 Organization of files

- Students are permitted to create folders to assist them in the organization of their work.
- Make regular backups.
- All material stored on the laptop must not breach copyright rules and regulations.
- Excessive storage of non-educational material is not permitted on the laptops.
- Have a structure to your file storage and name documents correctly. This will make easier to find them.

B.1.8 Laptop Use

What should go in your laptop bag?

- Please be careful not to store anything except your laptop in your bag.
- The extra items could result in damaging your laptop.

Handling your laptop

- When in use, the laptop should be placed in a secure and safe position.
- The laptop should not be carried around whilst the screen is open.
- Be careful not to store items on top of your laptop or bag that can cause damage.
- Laptops should be switched off before placing into the bag.
- Always pick your laptop up by the base of the laptop to avoid damaging the screen and casing.

Care of the laptop bag

- The bag should be fully zipped before being carried.
- Your laptop should be carried in the protective bag provided by the University.
- The bag provided by the University must always be used.
- The bag must be free from graffiti.

Passwords

- The password policy allows for students to regularly change their passwords.
- This password should not be given to anyone else or written down in the immediate vicinity of the laptop.
- It is recommended that this is a combination of letters and numbers.
- Do not use passwords that are obviously related to the users.
- If you suspect someone of knowing your password, change it immediately.

Operating Conditions

Please do not place objects on top of your laptop and never carry it around while it is turned on.

- Avoid exposing your laptop to:
- Direct sunlight or sources of heat such as desk lamp.
- Dust, dirt, rain, liquids, or moisture.
- Heavy shock or vibration.
- Your laptop should not be near any magnetic current.

LCD Screen

- LCD Screens are delicate- they don't like being poked, prodded, pushed or slammed.
- Never pick up your laptop with its screen.
- Make sure all obstructions such as pen are removed from the keyboard before closing your screen.
- Do not slam the screen closed.
- Clean your screen regularly. To clean your screen:
  1. Switch off your laptop.
  2. Lightly dampen a non- abrasive cloth with water and gently wipe screen in a circular motion.
  3. Avoid applying pressure to the screen.

AC Adaptor

- Connect your adapter to your laptop.
- Do not step on your power cord or place heavy objects on top of it.
- When unplugging the power cord, pull on the plug itself, rather than the cord.
- Do not wrap your cord tightly around the adaptor box.

Keyboard

- Gently brush your keyboard with clean, soft bristled paint brush or similar to remove dirt.

Issues

- All issues big or small should be reported to ICTC. Any delay may result in your receiving a charge, due to further complications.
- ICTC is always open with any concern you have.

C. Missing Laptop Procedures and Strategies

C.1 I have lost my laptop, what should I do?

We understand that losing your laptop can be stressful, try and stay calm and complete the following steps:

1. Quickly begin searching for the area in which the laptop was last seen.
2. If your laptop is stolen, report this to the Police station and file a police blotter.
3. Submit an affidavit of loss together with the police blotter and a photocopy of our ID to the Legal Services Division for information.
4. Report the same to the ICTC.

C.2 I left my laptop on public transport

1. Immediately contact the transport provider.
2. Report this to the ICTC.
3. ICTC will gather key information from you to help in the recovery of your device.

C.3 I have found a laptop left in an unsecure location, what should I do?

All laptops found unattended within the University must be returned to ICTC. This will allow for a single point of management for laptop recovery. ICTC on receipt of the laptop will use the details on the laptop to locate the owner of the laptop and endeavor to contact the

owner as quickly as possible. This will help speed up the recovery of the device and lessen the anxiety of the user.

Are there any proactive strategies I can do to help stop my laptop going missing?

1. Make sure your laptop and bag are clearly named.
2. When the laptop is not in use, store the laptop in the lockers.
3. Unfortunately, your laptop may go missing, so make sure back-ups are not stored with them.
4. Write down your laptops serial number to give to authorities (if you are unsure ask the ICTO staffs).
5. Personalize your laptop so it stands out from the crowd.

D. Damage or Theft/Loss of Laptop

All laptops are covered by a manufacturer's warranty. The warranty covers the manufacturer's defects and normal use of the laptop. It does not cover negligence, abuse, or malicious damage.

All laptops are covered by an accidental damages insurance plan. This plan covers repairs associated to accidental breakage caused from drops and falls etc. It does not cover negligence, abuse, or malicious damage. Claims for accidental damage may incur excess charge. Subsequent damages may see an increase to charges.

Any vandalism, damage, loss, or theft of the laptop must be reported immediately to the ICTC. The excess applicable and payable by the parent/guardian for the theft or complete loss of a laptop is P20,000 as determined by the ICTC.

In case of suspected theft, a police report must be made by the student and submit the same together with the affidavit loss to the Legal Services Division for information.

If a laptop is damaged or lost through neglect, abuse, or malicious act, ICTC will determine whether replacement is appropriate or whether or not the student will pay the damaged or lost laptop.

Students will be required to replace the lost or damaged chargers and accessories.

Substitution of Equipment

Loss or damage

If the laptop is lost, stolen or damaged, the student must report it to the ICTC as soon as practicable.

If loss or theft occurs, the student should inform the police immediately and file police blotter. Action in response to damage or loss will be determined by the ICTC.



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# Approved BOR Resolutions

Source: Office of the MSU System and BOR Secretary

## 266th BOR Meeting (March 2024)

<b>Resolution No. 1, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the search for Chancellors of MSU Autonomous Campuses
<b>Resolution No. 7, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the promotion, re-ranking or reclassification of the thirty-four (34) faculty members from various campuses of MSU System with the rank of associate professor - professor
<b>Resolution No. 8, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Initial Rank of the three (3) faculty members from MSU-IIT and MSU-TCTO with the rank of Associate Professor
<b>Resolution No. 9-A, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Doctor of Science in Nursing Program of MSU-Marawi as endorsed by the System University Council (SUC)
<b>Resolution No. 9-B, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Bachelor of Science in Midwifery Program of MSU-Marawi as endorsed by the System University Council (SUC)
<b>Resolution No. 9-C, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Revised Master of Applied Statistics Program of MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology as endorsed by the System University Council (SUC)
<b>Resolution No. 9-D, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Revised Master of Science Education Program of MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology as endorsed by the System University Council (SUC)
<b>Resolution No. 9-E, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Revised Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education (Ph.D. in Science Education) Program of MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology as endorsed by the System University Council (SUC)
<b>Resolution No. 9-F, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Revised Master of Science in Mathematics (MS Mathematics) Program of MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology as endorsed by the System University Council (SUC)
<b>Resolution No. 9-G, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Revised Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics (Ph.D. Mathematics) Program of MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology as endorsed by the System University Council (SUC)
<b>Resolution No. 10, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the mandatory offering of Halal 101: Fundamentals of Halal as endorsed by the System University Council (SUC), subject to the issuance and provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)
<b>Resolution No. 11, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the proposed MSU System-wide Policy on the Fair and Ethical use of Artificial Intelligence and its applications
<b>Resolution No. 12, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the proposed MSU-IIT's Educational Philosophy
<b>Resolution No. 13, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the MSU-IIT's "Sustainable Future Research Award: Undergraduate and Graduate Thesis/ Capstone Projects/ Special Projects/Dissertation Competition on Optimizing Community Impact through Integrating a SustainableDevelopment Perspective for Enhanced Environmental, Social, and Economic Outcomes"
<b>Resolution No. 14, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Peace Education Policy and Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao (IPDM),
<b>Resolution No. 16, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the grant of authority to the President and Chancellors of the university to enter into Memorandum of Agreement with Department of Public Works and Highway (DPWH) in relation to the issuance of DPWH-CHED joint Memorandum Circular No. 01, S. 2024

<b>Resolution No. 18, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Zero Single-Use Plastics Policy in MSU-Marawi, for system-wide application
<b>Resolution No. 19, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the granting authority to constituent universities and colleges of MSU, with mature research and innovation, to develop and prepare the establishment of their own Knowledge, Innovation, Science and Technology (KIST) Park
<b>Resolution No. 25, S. 2024</b>	Confirmation of the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by and between the Bangsamoro Sports Commission (BSC) as represented by its Executive Director, Salihwrdi B. Alba and the Mindanao State University (MSU) System as represented by its President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno to utilize the sports facilities and oval-shaped field as venue for various sports activities
<b>Notation of the Actual Number of Graduates of MSU System for the First Semester, AY 2023-2024</b>	
<b>Resolution No., S. 2024</b>	Approval of the creation of Ethics and Probity Office
<b>Resolution No. 37, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the promotion and re-ranking or reclassification of item of five (5) faculty member with collegiate rank of MSU-Marawi together with the summary of credentials-evaluation, subject to availability of funds, and further approval of the Department of Budget and Management
<b>Resolution No. 38, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the promotion and re-ranking or reclassification of twenty-one (21) 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
<b>Resolution No. 39, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the grant of tenure to thirteen (13) faculty members
<b>Resolution No. 40, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the creation, establishment and institutionalization of a holistic contextualized Panginam Healing and Wellness Center for MSU-Marawi constituents and its community
<b>Resolution No. 41, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Research and Extension Load Equivalence (RELE) Scheme for faculty researchers and extensionists in the MSU-Main Campus
<b>Resolution No. 42, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of University-Issued Student Laptops
<b>Resolution No. 44, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Guidelines for Traffic Management, MSU-Marawi Campus Vehicle Sticker (Decal) and Parking Regulations and Violation Fines
<b>Resolution No. 46, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Revised Scholarship Stipends for MSU-Marawi, effective starting January 2024 until revoked, amended, or repealed by competent authority. The stipends are subject to assessment at every end of the Academic Year for possible modifications, if possible, and the release of the stipends shall be subject to the availability of funds specifically allocated for the purpose.
<b>Resolution No. 49, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the eight (8) Agreements entered into by and between the Mindanao State University – Marawi City as represented by its President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, and partner agencies

## 267th BOR Meeting (June 2024)

<b>Resolution No. 195, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the promotion, re-ranking or reclassification of the sixty-four (64) faculty members from various campuses of MSU System with the rank of Associate Professor - Professor
<b>Resolution No. 196, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the Final Rank of the eight (8) faculty members from various campuses with the rank of Associate Professor – Full Professor
<b>Resolution No. 198, S. 2024</b>	Approval of the award of Doctorate Degree (Honoris causa) Doctor of Humanities to Regent



Resolution No. 199, S. 2024	Amina T. Rasul- Bernardo
Resolution No. 200, S. 2024	Approval of the amendment of ISRP Provision I. Initial Ranking
Resolution No. 201, S. 2024	Approval of the adoption of three (3) consecutive semester basis of Grade Point Average (GPA) for Gainers of Scholarship/ Merit Scholarship by all campuses offering the said scholarship program
Resolution No. 202, S. 2024	Approval of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the BOR Resolution No. 10, S. 2024 otherwise known as HALAL 101: Fundamentals of Halal
Resolution No. 202, S. 2024	Approval of the the opinion of the Office of the University Legal Counsel that the University's College of Law is not within the jurisdiction of the Legal Education Board (LEB) by virtue of the MSU Charter (R.A. 1387, as amended) and the Charter of LEB (Section 12 of R.A. 7662)
Resolution No. 205, S. 2024	Approval of the three Agreements entered into by and between the Mindanao State University System as represented by its President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, and partner agencies
Resolution No. 206, S. 2024	Confirmation of the Special Orders No. 549, 207, 230, 403, 671, 683, 732, and 764
Resolution No. 207, S. 2024	Confirmation of the Resolution No. 3-R-1, S. 2024 adopted by the board thru referendum, the ten thousand two hundred seventy-nine (10,279) candidates for graduation from all campuses of the University for the Second Semester and Summer Term of Academic Year 2023-2024
Resolution No. 208, S. 2024	Confirmation of the Resolution No. 3-R-2, S. 2024 adopted by the board thru referendum, the Guidelines on University Student Leadership Award (USLA) of MSU
Resolution No. 221, S. 2024	Approval of the the Research and Development Grant of MSU-Marawi
Resolution No. 222, S. 2024	Approval of the travel grant for research dissemination of MSU-Marawi
Resolution No. 223, S. 2024	Approval of the amendment to BOR Resolution No. 231, S. 2015 on the Guidelines for Books and Book Chapter Publication Incentives for MSU-Marawi
Resolution No. 224, S. 2024	Approval of the amendment to BOR Resolution No. 4, S. 2020 on incentivizing Articles published in the Scopus-Indexed Conference Proceedings Journal for MSU-Marawi
Resolution No. 225, S. 2024	Approval of the promotion and re-ranking or reclassification of item of six (6) faculty member with collegiate rank of MSU-Marawi together with the summary of credentials- evaluation, subject to availability of funds, and further approval of the Department of Budget and Management
Resolution No. 226, S. 2024	Approval of the promotion and re-ranking or reclassification of seventeen (17) 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. 227, S. 2024	Approval of the reclassification of twenty-six (26) faculty member of various colleges 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. 228, S. 2024	Approval of the grant of tenure to the following twenty-five (25) faculty members together with the summary of the evaluation
Resolution No. 229, S. 2024	Approval of the Harmonized Flow of Research-Related Communications of faculty members and students in MSU-Main Campus
Resolution No. 230, S. 2024	Approval of the moratorium on the conduct of the MSU-Main Campus Research Spotlight
Resolution No. 231, S. 2024	Approval of the project proposals of MSU-Marawi for the CHED Research, Innovation, and Extension Grants-in-Aid (RIE-GIA) Program
Resolution No. 234, S. 2024	Confirmation of the two (2) agreements entered into by and between the MSU-Marawi City as represented by its President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, and partner agencies

# Resolution No. 18, Series of 2024

## Zero Single-Use Plastics in the Mindanao State University-Main Campus

### Rationale

This proposal intends to ban single-use plastics on Campus, which is imperative in combating the global environmental crisis we face today. These plastics are major contributors to pollution in our oceans, lakes, rivers, and landfills, leading to devastating impacts on marine life, ecosystems, and human health. Additionally, the production and disposal of single-use plastics contribute significantly to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. By eliminating single-use plastics, we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, decrease waste in our environment, and ultimately work towards a more sustainable future. Governments, businesses, and individuals need to prioritize the transition to more eco-friendly alternatives to protect our planet for future generations. This endeavor is focused on diminishing the university's environmental footprint, advancing sustainability, and cultivating responsible waste management habits in different clusters across the Campus premises, effective immediately.

### ARTICLE III ZERO PLASTIC WASTE IMPLEMENTATION

**Section 6. Single-Use Plastics.** The following single-use plastics are hereby prohibited within the Campus premises:



Balloons and Sticks  
for Balloons



Candy and Gum  
Wrappers



Cellophanes and  
Sando Bags



Cigarette butts  
(from cigarette)



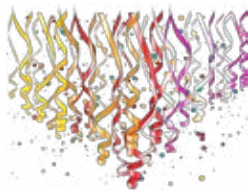
Disposable Food  
Hand Gloves



Doypacks



PET Bottles



Plastic Confetti



Plastic Cups and Lid



Plastic food  
wrappers  
(Clingwrap)



Plastic Plates



Plastic Posters &  
Tarpaulins



Plastic Straws



Plastic Stirrers



Plastic Utensils



Polystyrene  
(Styrofoam) Cups  
and Lid



Polystyrene  
(Styrofoam) Food  
Containers



## Top 10 Outstanding Faculty Members with At Least 25 Years in Service (For 2nd Semester, A.Y. 2023-2024)

Based on the Teaching Efficiency Rating (TER) Result from the OVCAA



1

**PROF. JOCELYN P. AMAN**  
MSU-Institute of Science Education



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**PROF. NIDA A. ILUPA**  
College of Agriculture



3

**PROF. IMARA C. ANDAM**  
College of Business Administration and  
Accountancy



4

**PROF. HENRY P. ARINGA**  
College of Natural Sciences and  
Mathematics



5

**PROF. SONNY M. MAGNO**  
MSU-Institute of Science Education



6

**PROF. ALCASAR P. MAONGCO**  
College of Business Administration and  
Accountancy



7

**PROF. MONARA M. MARUHOM**  
King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic  
and Asian Studies



8

**PROF. GRACE S. RAFAL**  
College of Social Sciences and  
Humanities



9

**PROF. ROSEMARIE M. TERIO**  
College of Natural Sciences and  
Mathematics



10

**PROF. BERNADITA L. CALIPUSAN**  
College of Agriculture

## New Campus Officials and Designations



### **ASST. PROF. DONNABELLE LUMBATAN-ABDULLAH, RN, MAN**

*Campus Head, MSU-Marawi Campus Bataraza Extension  
Per Special Order No. 973-Series of 2024*

Asst. Prof. Donnabelle L. Abdullah has a rich academic background and a strong commitment to nursing. She is a proud MSUan since childhood. Her passion for nursing led her to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at MSU-College of Health Sciences, where she honed her clinical skills in hospital and community settings. Her dedication to nursing education is evident in her extensive experience in the academe. She was one of the founding faculty members of the MSU-Buug Nursing Extension Program and has been a valuable member of the MSU-Main Campus faculty since 2012. With a specialization in Maternal and Child Health Nursing and Medical-Surgical Nursing and as a mother of five, she is a staunch advocate for breastfeeding and maternal-child health. She has also served in various leadership roles. Currently, she is a faculty member and campus head of MSU-Main Campus Bataraza Extension.



### **GAOS E. BENITO**

*Executive Director, Center for Women Studies  
Per Special Order No. 1158-Series of 2024*

Gaos Eppie Benito graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Pacasum College, Marawi City, in 1988. She began her career as a Clerk IV in the MSU Community Relations Office in 1993 and was promoted to Administrative Assistant II in 2005. In October 2020, she was promoted to Project Evaluation Officer II, and in February 2024, she became a Project Development Officer III. Over the past three decades, she has worked in various administrative capacities at MSU. She is a dedicated and reliable employee with a strong work ethic, flexibility, and dedication to excellence. As a widow for 31 years, she has demonstrated remarkable perseverance and independence. She has successfully raised her eight children through college, providing for them and supporting their education. Her achievements are a testament to her ingenuity, resilience, and unwavering commitment to her work and family. She is a role model for empowered women, inspiring those around her with her strength and determination. Given her experience and dedication to empowering women, she can drive positive change and impact to women's development as the new Executive Director of the Center for Women Studies.

## MERANAW WORD OF THE DAY

**ranon**

noun [ra-non]  
love, care.

"So ranon o ina ko wata iyan na di khatimbang."  
*A mother's love to her child can't be measured.*

### New Meranaw Word Trivia Contest

What are the Meranaw words for the following colors:

**Orange**  
**Purple**  
**Pink**

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





# *Congratulations!*

Our MSU Officials and Professors who garnered additional laurels are inspirations to all MSUans.



**ATTY. SHIDIK T. ABANTAS, MDM, LLM**  
Master of Laws  
San Beda University  
MSU System and BOR Secretary  
Faculty, College of Law



**PROF. ONAYA P. ABDULMALIK-LABE, PhD**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
University of the Philippines - Diliman  
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Doctor of Philosophy in Philippine Studies  
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**PROF. AMINODING B. LIMP AO, PhD**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Ateneo de Davao University  
Lead, Panginam Healing and Wellness Center  
Faculty, College of Social Sciences and Humanities



**PROF. HAMMIM B. CASAN, PhD**  
Doctor of Arts in Literature and Communication  
Cebu Normal University  
Faculty, MSU-College of Social Sciences and Humanities



**PROF. MOHAMMAD RYAN L. DIAMLA, PhD**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Philippine Studies  
Mindanao State University-Main Campus  
Faculty, MSU-College of Health Sciences

# *Latin Honors* *Batch Sahaya*

Source: 60th Commencement Exercises  
(2nd Semester, AY 2023-2024) Souvenir Program

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**SITTY SHAHANIA M. MACARIMBANG**  
BS Biology  
CLASS VALEDICTORIAN



**JOWAYRIYYAH H. ABDULJABBAR**  
BS Psychology  
CLASS SALUTATORIAN



**AIRENE JUNE A. AMBOS**  
BS Biology



**SITTIE RASHIDA M. MINDALANO**  
BS Psychology



**AIMAN A. CANDIDATO**  
BS Biology



**MOHAMMAD NASSEF D. ALI**  
BA English Language Studies



**JOHN PEPS M. DALES**  
BA Journalism



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**NURHAIFA H.S. PUNGINAGINA, SCL**  
Top 1 (86.750%)  
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**SITTIE NASRIYA G. GUBAT, SCL**  
Top 2 (86.100%)  
2024 Shari'ah Bar Examination



**SITTIE FAIROZA Y. ALONTO, JD, SCL**  
Top 3 (86.025%)  
2024 Shari'ah Bar Examination

"Balancing work and studies gave me just under a month to prepare for the SBE. Despite the tight timeframe, I committed myself to studying with dedication. I invested in good reads, took detailed notes, and integrated prayer into my routine. I carefully managed my time to maintain a balance between study and rest. In the final moments before the exam, I turned to prayer, my ultimate lifeline. The experience taught me how being intentional and steadfast can truly make a difference in achieving one's goals."



**FATIMAH SOHRA L. USODAN, SCL**  
Top 6 (85.100%)  
2024 Shari'ah Bar Examination

"Faith. Hard work. Humility. These three principles have guided my journey. Invest wholeheartedly in your pursuits, maintain self-belief, and trust in the Only Creator. Eventually, success will follow. As the Qur'an states: "And my success is not but through Allah. Upon Him I have relied, and to Him I return." (11:88) Remember to combine relentless effort with profound humility, recognizing that every milestone reflects both your perseverance and Allah's favor."



**AZNAIRAH O. ACMAD, SCL**  
Top 7 (84.875%)  
2024 Shari'ah Bar Examination

"In the pursuit of success, remember that the journey itself is as important as the destination. Embrace the lessons learned along the way, and let them guide your steps towards a more righteous and progressive life."



**ENGR. ABDULWASI A. BARAPANGCAT, SCL**  
Top 8 (84.400%)  
2024 Shari'ah Bar Examination

"As a Mechanical Engineer, I am used to numbers, designs, and machines. The idea of crafting persuasive legal arguments seemed daunting, but I stood firm and chose to master courage and bravery to take a leap. With the grace of Allah, I came back victorious. Don't be afraid to pursue your goals. Have the courage to fight for them. With determination, faith, and Allah's mercy, you will achieve success."



**NORJANNAH K. TANOGA, CPA**  
Top 7 (89.67%)  
May 2024 Certified Public Accountants Licensure Examination

"I never imagined myself to become a topnotcher. But indeed, if you are meant for greater heights, the stars will align for you. As MSUans, we are trained for excellence. Just be passionate and committed to your goals because, In Shaa Allah, you will reap what you truly deserve. Nothing is impossible with Allah Subhanahu wa Taala"



**ENGR. SAADANY P. AMINODEN**  
Top 4 (93.50%)  
April 2024 Electrical Engineers Licensure Examination

"Achievements don't happen by accident. They are the products of dedication and hard work, but maintaining them requires a lot of patience, and motivation plays an important role. Dream high and have goals in life, for your dreams and goals will be the source of those dedication and hard work."



**FATMAH ALIAH T. MANDI, LPT**  
Top 8 (90.80%) - Elementary Level  
March 2024 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers

"Becoming a topnotcher in the licensure examination was not merely a personal achievement but a testament to the fact that dreams are attainable with enough effort, perseverance, determination, and sincere prayer. To all of you who are striving, keep in mind that every step you take and the effort you put in can bring you closer to your dreams."



**NAHARA D. ABDULAZIS, LPT**  
Top 9 (91.00%) - Elementary Level  
March 2024 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers

"Doubts and pressures always kept me awake at night. When I saw my name on the list of topnotchers, memories of my preparation flooded back. I realized how those doubts and pressures pushed me to my limits. Truly, using our biggest fears as motivation can give us an extraordinary drive to aspire for more—this is something I experienced firsthand. Even now, I'm often asked what I did to prepare. All I can say is to fully trust in the plans of Almighty Allah while also doing your very best."



**HANANIA P. DIMACALING, LPT**  
Top 10 (90.60%) - Elementary Level  
March 2024 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers

"My journey to becoming a topnotcher has been challenging, but it's been a rewarding experience. I wasn't always a high-achieving student. However, I began working diligently towards my own goals and progress, leading to achievements that surpassed my expectations. I hope that others will start appreciating themselves more and strive for their own accomplishments at their own pace, without feeling pressured to meet others' expectations."



**ALMIRAH O. MIMBALA, LPT**  
Top 10 (90.80%) - Secondary Level  
March 2024 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers

"The path to success is not that easy; it's quite bumpy and rough, with many obstacles that might stop you from going on. However, when you dare to dream and put your mind and heart into pursuing them, no one and nothing can stop you. Believe in your capabilities and persevere. If you are aiming for something, pray for it, then work for it, and in Allah's will, you will attain success."





## 2024 SHARI'AH BAR EXAMINATION PASSERS

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|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Abdellah L. Abdulmalik, SCL       | <b>14. Fatimah Sohra L. Usodan, SCL (Top 6)</b> | 27. Nawal A. Saumay, SCL                          |
| 2. Abdul Azis Mabandes M. Gubat, SCL | 15. Hamdan M. Baraiman, SCL                     | 28. Norlika M. Abdulmalik, SCL                    |
| 3. Abdulbasit M. Abolhusain, SCL     | 16. Hamdy L. Rominimbang, SCL                   | <b>29. Nurhaifah H.S. Punginagina, SCL (Top1)</b> |
| 4. Abdulrahman S. Angni, SCL         | 17. Jehada A. Elias, SCL                        | 30. Omelkhair M. Abdulgani, SCL                   |
| 5. Absar D. Hadji Salic, SCL         | 18. Johaimen H.S. H. Abbas, SCL                 | 31. Pahera S. Zubair, SCL                         |
| 6. Aliyah Y. Muslimen, SCL           | 19. Johaira M. Dardagan, SCL                    | 32. Princess S. Balindong, SCL                    |
| 7. Alnaira B. Amer, SCL              | 20. Jonairy S. Azis, SCL                        | 33. Rahimah A. Gandamato, SCL                     |
| 8. Alnala M. Kapampangan, SCL        | 21. Juhairiya B. Abdulhamid, SCL                | 34. Rofaidah P. Agakhan, SCL                      |
| 9. Alyannah S. Talib, SCL            | 22. Khalid H. A. Abdensa, SCL                   | 35. Shamil M. Pangcoga, SCL                       |
| 10. Anna Jalilah T. Sarip, SCL       | 23. Maimanah C. Benasing, SCL                   | 36. Sittie Farah Aizah L. Macalandong, SCL        |
| 11. Arham H. Mala, SCL               | 24. Maning Abdul Kareem A. Ampatua, SCL         | 37. Sittie Hayfah D. Balut, SCL                   |
| 12. Asnairah M. Taib, SCL            | 25. Mohammad M. Rapun, SCL                      | 38. Unotan-Racma Abazoo Lucman, SCL               |
| 13. Faiza B. Omar, SCL               | 26. Mohammad Nadhif R. Hadji Nabel, SCL         |   |

### Message

The King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic, and Asian Studies has consistently strived for academic excellence, especially in the Shari'ah Bar Examinations. This unwavering commitment has once again been validated in the recent 2024 Shari'ah Bar Examinations, where KFCIAAS proudly secured the Top 1 and Top 6 positions.

As the current Dean, I am deeply overjoyed by this remarkable achievement. It truly reflects the full dedication, perseverance, and commitment of our esteemed faculty, diligent staff, and most importantly, our exceptional students. This success is not merely an individual triumph but a collective victory for our beloved Mindanao State University. It stands as a testament to the quality of education we provide, which seamlessly integrates both the intellectual and spiritual development of our students.

Our college currently offers a range of programs including AB Islamic Studies with a major in Shari'ah, BS Teaching Arabic, BS International Relations, BS Islamic Banking and Finance, and Master of Arts in Islamic Studies (Muslim Law).

Once again, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone involved in this extraordinary accomplishment, with special recognition to our MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno. May this achievement inspire us all to continue striving for excellence, not only academically but also in our spiritual endeavors, seeking to please ALLAH (s.w.t.) as we contribute to the betterment of our society.



**ABDULCADER M. AYO, PhD**  
Dean, King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies



## MAY 2024 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION PASSERS

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. Abdul Aziz Disumimba, CPA  | 23. Marjannah Pagayawan, CPA                  |
| 2. Abdul Hakim Mandangan, CPA | 24. Melanie Castillo, CPA                     |
| 3. Ahman Noainy Antap, CPA    | 25. Mohammad Saddam Dima, CPA                 |
| 4. Almidah Decampong, CPA     | 26. Mosakari Tanggor, CPA                     |
| 5. Alnaidah H. Naim, CPA      | 27. Mus'ab Jihad Sansarona, CPA               |
| 6. Amer Hussein Balang, CPA   | 28. Nadja Panantaon, CPA                      |
| 7. Amerah Mutia, CPA          | 29. Nasren Billy, CPA                         |
| 8. Anna Raysah Maba, CPA      | 30. Nihayah Necnec Mascara, CPA               |
| 9. Arjumand Ducol, CPA        | 31. Noha Naga, CPA                            |
| 10. Asima Radiamoda, CPA      | 32. Nomairah Macapodi, CPA                    |
| 11. Asnor Tabua, CPA          | 33. Norhayna Abdulwahab, CPA                  |
| 12. Azaleah Minodar, CPA      | <b>34. Norjannah Tanoga, CPA (7th Placer)</b> |
| 13. Bashereen Guiling, CPA    | 35. Noroddin Guro, CPA                        |
| 14. Datu Ezrael Kamandan, CPA | 36. Sittie Ainna Unte, CPA                    |
| 15. Dimas Ben Hassan, CPA     | 37. Sittie Alia Bansara, CPA                  |
| 16. Esmailah Rangiris, CPA    | 38. Sittie Alnaifa Angin, CPA                 |
| 17. Fathiya Linog, CPA        | 39. Sittie Haina Galman, CPA                  |
| 18. Hosniah Tomara, CPA       | 40. Sittie Hayra Racman, CPA                  |
| 19. Jamaloden Salacayan, CPA  | 41. Sitty Sohayella Ibrahim, CPA              |
| 20. Johayrah Sultan, CPA      | 42. Tasnima Abdulmalik, CPA                   |
| 21. Lady Jean Namayan, CPA    | 43. Yassin Nasroden, CPA                      |
| 22. Laut Bantuas Jr., 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 May 2024.

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



## MAY 2024 CHEMICAL ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION PASSERS

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Engr. Christine Grace Marie H. Dulpina | 8. Engr. Khadija M. Unte            |
| 2. Engr. Claydel Jacquilane S. Patron     | 9. Engr. Mark Ryan P. Enriquez      |
| 3. Engr. Faizah A. Abbas                  | 10. Engr. Nashima G. Esmail         |
| 4. Engr. Felsamae M. Apales               | 11. Engr. Redintor Bautista         |
| 5. Engr. Fortunato li D. Truza            | 12. Engr. Ruthchelle D. Estremos    |
| 6. Engr. Jamael L. Burngawan              | 13. Engr. Trina Louella B. Datukaka |
| 7. Engr. Jemark G. Corporal               |                                     |

## APRIL 2024 CIVIL ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION PASSERS

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Engr. Abdul Gaffur P. Ali       | 23. Engr. Jecco P. Galela                 |
| 2. Engr. Abduljami G. Macaombao    | 24. Engr. Josef Franch G. Gonzales        |
| 3. Engr. Ahmadany M. Abdulrahman   | 25. Engr. Kimverly D.S. Agua              |
| 4. Engr. Aiman B. Hamim            | 26. Engr. Maryam Hafeesah M. Solaiman     |
| 5. Engr. Al Fikre H.Z. Abdulaziz   | 27. Engr. Matthew Ghil Consigna           |
| 6. Engr. Al-fahad H. Carim         | 28. Engr. Mohammad Hassan A. Camid        |
| 7. Engr. Al-hassan U. Abosopian    | 29. Engr. Mohammad Hussein A. Lucman      |
| 8. Engr. Alyssa Marie M. Maca-alin | 30. Engr. Mohammad Ryan P. Macaraya       |
| 9. Engr. Ariel B. Lumacad          | 31. Engr. Mohanief S. Ader                |
| 10. Engr. Arjhon D. Marquez        | 32. Engr. Muslimin B. Ariman              |
| 11. Engr. Asneah M. Samo           | 33. Engr. Naif D. Galman                  |
| 12. Engr. Bagani G. Mariano        | 34. Engr. Norhan M. Aminollah Jr.         |
| 13. Engr. Charlene L. Gonzaga      | 35. Engr. Omayya B. Abdullah              |
| 14. Engr. Charliemagne A. Reyes    | 36. Engr. Rahma M. Mipangcat              |
| 15. Engr. Esmail O. Alawi          | 37. Engr. Rayamana M. Alawiya             |
| 16. Engr. Faidah M. Bazonon        | 38. Engr. Rohadzma N. Najeb               |
| 17. Engr. Fais H. Ibrahim          | 39. Engr. Rynaldo O. Castrado             |
| 18. Engr. Jalal P. Latiph          | 40. Engr. Sittie Juvaira A. Disamburun    |
| 19. Engr. Janisa I. Sarip          | 41. Engr. Sittie Normaliah B. Limbotongan |
| 20. Engr. Jasmine D. Ditopor       | 42. Engr. Soraimah U. Mindalano           |
| 21. Engr. Jayvan A. Sindatol       | 43. Engr. Yassien L. Maguindanao          |
| 22. Engr. Jean C. Semine           | 44. Engr. Zael N. Panolong                |

## APRIL 2024 ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION PASSERS

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Engr. Abdul Hasheb D. Saripada | 7. Engr. Christian V. Cabaña      |
| 2. Engr. Abduljabbar P. Dipatuan  | 8. Engr. Haniya M. Maute          |
| 3. Engr. Alikhan P. Macodi        | 9. Engr. Hashem C. Abubakar       |
| 4. Engr. Allaysah O. Gasanara     | 10. Engr. Mohammad Raffy P. Jamal |
| 5. Engr. Asima U. Rasid           | 11. Engr. Nahid G. Mamco          |
| 6. Engr. Bernard A. Pedraraja     | 12. Engr. Norhainie A. Lawi       |



### 13. Engr. Saadany P. Aminoden (4th Placer)

14. Engr. Samsoding M. Usman
15. Engr. Sitty-Amanah M. Ismael
16. Engr. Vicel D. Verana

## AUGUST 2024 ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION PASSERS

1. Engr. Erwin T. Cabang
2. Engr. Abdel Hamid S. Muksan
3. Eng. Norhana S. Sarangani

## AUGUST 2024 MECHANICAL ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION PASSERS

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Engr. Hussein A. Abedin          | 6. Engr. Fahad D. Macarik        |
| 2. Engr. Sherhan B. Abdul           | 7. Engr. Jalal M. Rico           |
| 3. Engr. Dwight Benedict V. Infesto | 8. Engr. Jasima M. Rinton        |
| 4. Engr. Loreza L. Liza             | 9. Engr. Abdulhakim M. Sambitory |
| 5. Engr. Norshida D. Macabantog     |                                  |

### Message

Congratulations to the new engineers who successfully conquered the recent Chemical, Civil, Electrical, and Mechanical Licensure Examinations! The MSU-Marawi College of Engineering is incredibly proud of your accomplishment and the dedication and perseverance you have demonstrated throughout your academic journey.

We are confident that your strong foundation in engineering principles, coupled with your unwavering resolve and passion for the field, will enable you to achieve great things in your chosen professions. As you embark on this new chapter, remember the invaluable lessons learned within the halls of our institution.

May the Lord bless you with wisdom, creativity, and a sense of ethical responsibility as you navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. We extend our warmest wishes for your successful and fulfilling careers, where you can make a significant impact on society through your expertise and ingenuity.



*Karla M. Madrid-Khalid*  
**ENGR. KARLA M. MADRID-KHALID**  
 Acting Dean, College of Engineering





## MARCH 2024 LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS PASSERS

### BACHELOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR IN ENGLISH (BSEd ENGLISH)

1. Airah M. Tucalo, LPT
2. Amanah T. Yunos, LPT
3. Apipa E. Macarao, LPT
4. Asnalyn Panarigan, LPT
5. Asnihaya I. Ayob, LPT
6. Cadidja T. Sumaguina, LPT
7. Friendly Mark H. Andrino, LPT
8. Hairah Z. Pancho, LPT
9. Hania D. Kapampangan, LPT
10. Hayamira S. Sultan, LPT
11. Hidayat M. Batingolo, LPT
12. Jehan M. Basher, LPT
13. Jehan M. Racman, LPT
14. Johaira D. H.Moner, LPT
15. Jopaida H.O. Abedin, LPT
16. Nasnia C. Decampong, LPT
17. Nayfah M. Kapampangan, LPT
18. Nissa Aryannah I. Usman, LPT
19. Norhanifa H. Sowaib, LPT
20. Norliza L. Ibrahim, LPT
21. Nurhalid C. Abdul, LPT
22. Papaladin M. Ampaso, LPT
23. Sahanie G. Dimaampao, LPT
24. Samrainah Mangbisa, LPT
25. Sauda T. Dimapundug, LPT
26. Shailanie D. Aminola, LPT
27. Sittie Aina Cosain, LPT
28. Tasnimah A. Junaid, LPT

### BACHELOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR IN FILIPINO (BSEd FILIPINO)

1. Abdulgahar L. Jamael, LPT
2. Alaisa M. Alixander, LPT
3. Alayka P. Balangi, LPT
4. Asmeenah C. Mohammad, LPT
5. Asnaimah S. Macawaris, LPT
6. Fahmin M. Dimakuta, LPT
7. Jonaira M. Angni, LPT
8. Junaid M. Saicalabi, LPT
9. Norhaniyah O. H.Yahyah, LPT
10. Saniah J. Imam, LPT

### BACHELOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR IN TLE (BSEd TLE)

1. Nadjma M. Angni, LPT
2. Namerah H. Abdulgani, LPT
3. Shairalyn N. Kiram, LPT

### BACHELOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR IN MATHEMATICS (BSEd MATHEMATICS)

1. Almira O. Mimbala, LPT
2. Aslima A. Acmad, LPT
3. Fhahida L. Lomala, LPT
4. Hidayat M. Mamintal, LPT
5. Jasmin B. Juharry, LPT
6. Mohmina T. Moominin, LPT
7. Monesa Talicop, LPT
8. Nabillah S. Cabili, LPT
9. Najera B. Madid, LPT
10. Norkisa S. Baru-ang, LPT
11. Normaima M. Cali, LPT
12. Novie Nicole F. Buhawe, LPT
13. Ralnisah Ramal, LPT
14. Sahara M. Tiboron, LPT

### BACHELOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR IN SCIENCES (BSEd SCIENCES)

1. Cosnea S. Mustapha, LPT
2. Elmer A. Barredo, LPT
3. Mae Ann L. Borromeo, LPT

### BACHELOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR IN SOCIAL STUDIES (BSEd SOCIAL STUDIES)

1. Aisah S. Abdul, LPT
2. Arief S. Pascan, LPT
3. Jalal M. Limbona, LPT
4. Janisa A. Mapandi, LPT
5. Marjana C. Pasagi, LPT
6. Najilah Domara-ag, LPT
7. Nor-Alrofaidah Hadjiomar, LPT
8. Rihab P. Omar, LPT

### BACHELOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (BEEd)

1. Elly Rae Roselle T. Tizon, LPT
2. Honeyzane T. Gerzon, LPT
3. Khalidah M. Macapodi, LPT
4. Naslia M. Racman, LPT

### BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY AND LIVELIHOOD EDUCATION MAJOR IN HOME ECONOMICS (BTled HOME ECONOMICS)

1. Nassria A. Liwalug, LPT
2. Norhanifah M. Cabugatan, LPT
3. Sittei Asiah P. Mustari, LPT
4. Sohaila S. Marimpong, LPT

### BACHELOR IN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION MAJOR IN HOME ECONOMICS (BTVTed HOME ECONOMICS)

1. Carima A. Omar, LPT
2. Hafidah D. Abdulmalik, LPT
3. Jalilah D. Pagayaon, LPT
4. Johaniah H.R. Magandia, LPT

### BACHELOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (BEEd)

1. Aisah A. Unda, LPT
2. Ajdaida T. Yassin, LPT
3. Almera A. Ali, LPT
4. Alraida M. Pundaodaya, LPT
5. Amirah M. Pacote, LPT
6. Asmah C. Batua-an, LPT
7. Asnora D. Sultan, LPT
8. Fatmah Aliah T. Mandi, LPT (8th Placer)
9. Halida M. Malawani, LPT
10. Hamidah K. Sangcopan, LPT
11. Johaine A. Mimbala, LPT
12. Khairiyah S. Dimangandam, LPT
13. Melanisah M. Alug, LPT
14. Nabila D. Hassan, LPT
15. Nafisa M. Amer, LPT

5. Nilhaya M. Boloto, LPT
6. Norhanidah G. Hadji Ali, LPT
7. Norshaleha C. Matanog, LPT

16. Naharah D. Abdulaziz, LPT
17. Najidah C. Sharief, LPT
18. Najma M. Mamintal, LPT
19. Napsia M. Cairoden, LPT
20. Noraimah P. Abdul, LPT
21. Norania M. Mangate, LPT
22. Norhaina Norodin, LPT
23. Normala D. Randasan, LPT
24. Omehayra M. Limbona, LPT
25. Raita C. Asgar, LPT
26. Rufaidah A. Mutia, LPT
27. Saifah A. Ali, LPT
28. Sittienor I. Omar, LPT
29. Sohayya B. Tonto, LPT
30. Sorainy B. Ibrahim, LPT

## Message

Congratulations to the College of Education March 2024 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers Topnotchers and Passers!

Your dedication, perseverance, and hard work have paid off, bringing honor not only to our institution, the Mindanao State University, but also to the entire Bangsamoro community.

You have proven that with determination and faith, success is within reach. You embody the spirit of our college—striving for academic brilliance and service to society. May this achievement be the first of many in your journey as educators, shaping the future with knowledge, compassion, and integrity.

As you step into the teaching profession, may you continue to inspire and illuminate the path for future generations. You are the pride of the College of Education, and we look forward to seeing the incredible difference you will make in the field of education.



*Minerva Saminah M. Naga*  
**MINERVA SAMINAH M. NAGA, PhD**  
Dean, MSU College of Education





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