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The Mindanao State University System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, with chancellors and heads of campuses are pictured here in their academic robes, following the awarding of tokens to DBM Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman. This image symbolizes the collective leadership and shared commitment to the university's mission.



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From the President's Desk


The recent 61st Commencement Exercises at Mindanao State University—Main Campus marked another milestone in our institution's enduring commitment to academic excellence and nation-building. As we bid farewell to another batch of deserving graduates, we too are reminded that their success is not merely an individual triumph but a testament to the collective efforts of our faculty, staff, families, and communities who have nurtured and guided them along their arduous journey.

Graduation is the fulfillment of years of hard work, perseverance, and sacrifice, yet it is also a call to greater responsibility. Our graduates now carry the honor of being MSUans—leaders, thinkers, and changemakers who are equipped with the knowledge and values necessary to contribute meaningfully to society. As they step beyond the university gates, they must uphold the principles of integrity, service, and excellence that define those who call MSU their alma mater.

This recent commencement was also memorable because we were privileged to have none other than Hon. Amenah F. Pangandaman, Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, as our esteemed guest speaker, and in recognition of her outstanding contributions to public service, economic governance, and her unwavering support for inclusive development, MSU proudly conferred upon her the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, honoris causa. Her long-awaited presence and her inspiring message to the graduates underscored the value of education, resilience, and service to the nation—principles that align with MSU's mission of fostering leaders who uplift their communities.

This issue of the MSU Newsletter reflects upon the significance of this moment—not only as a celebration but as a reaffirmation of our shared mission. MSU remains steadfast in its role as a premier institution for education, research, and community engagement. As our alumni take their next steps—whether in further studies, professional careers, or public service—we trust that they will carry forward the ideals instilled in them during their time here.

Happy reading!


ATTY. BASARI D. MAPUPUNO
MSU System President



A Ramadhan Greeting from the President

On the Holy Month's threshold,
Hopefully and sincerely, young and old
We pray steadfastly, for the Creator's
Grace and mercy.

Thus, it is
With love and peace
Overflowing this season
And with great affection,
I greet the MSU family.

All thanks to our Creator be,
For the comfort of home and family.
For letting us live through
Yet another Ramadhan
Full of greatness
And bounty.

Food for the soul
In flesh and spirit we wish to gain.
That our fasting and worship not be in vain.

May our sincere pleas
for the world's well-being, peace and salvation,
Turn into deliverance for the troubled,
The pained, the oppressed
In every nation!

May our tables be filled with bounty,
With enough to share with the needy,
May our fast be noted
And accepted by the Almighty.

May He shower His blessings on our community.
May it make as best a place for you and me.



Editor's Note

Welcome to the March edition of our university newsletter!

This month, we celebrate Women's Month along with the achievements of our students, faculty, and staff. We proudly highlight the 61st Commencement Exercises, where we honored the hard work and dedication of our graduates. The commencement exercises were a momentous occasion, marked by inspiring speeches, proud families, and beaming graduates. We congratulate the Class of 2025 on their well-deserved success!

We also feature the exciting Kasugay 2.0 sports activities, which showcased the athletic prowess of our students. From basketball to volleyball, and track and field to chess, our students demonstrated their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Kasugay 2.0 was a resounding success, fostering camaraderie and school spirit among our students.

In this issue, we shine the spotlight on an exemplary woman, "Pinamili" who embodies the values of our university. Her remarkable story of perseverance, resilience, and compassion is an inspiration to us all. We also feature an exchange faculty member who has enriched our academic community with their expertise and cultural perspectives. Our opinion section features thought-provoking articles that spark important discussions and debates on topics relevant to our academic community. From social justice to technological innovation, our writers share their insights and perspectives, encouraging us to think critically and creatively.

We proudly display the crème de la crème of our graduands and recent board passers, who have made us proud with their outstanding achievements. Their hard work, determination, and commitment to excellence are a testament to the quality of our academic programs.

Furthermore, we highlight our enhanced networks and linkages, which have expanded our opportunities for collaboration, research, and knowledge-sharing. We also report on important BOR resolutions that shape the future of our university, ensuring that we remain responsive to the needs of our students, faculty, and stakeholders.

Finally, we celebrate our recent accreditation successes, which affirm the quality of our academic programs and services. We also announce our inclusion in the National Book Festival, a testament to our commitment to promoting literacy, literature, and lifelong learning.

Happy reading!


PROF. SORHAILA L. LATIP-YUSOPH, PhD
The Editor-in-Chief



Pinamili



Portrait of a Meranaw Woman Leader of Many "Firsts"

Dr. Rebekah M. Alawi

Hadja Sittie Nurlayla Emily M. Marohombsar, fourth regular MSU System President and the first woman to hold said office, was born in Ganassi (Lanao del Sur), on September 7, 1935 to Gen. Louis R. Marohombsar, the first governor of undivided Lanao and Manuki M. Marohombsar, the first Miss Lanao. She was named "Pinamili", the Chosen One".

Emily, as she would later be known on records and in public dreamed of becoming a teacher thus it was no wonder that she should pursue BSEd, major in English, at the prestigious exclusive school for girls, Philippine Women's University in Manila, where the family took up residence after the expiration of the term of her father as governor in 1949. She graduated cum laude, the first Meranaw to set such a record, which only her younger sisters, Emma and Nena, would break after her.

As a working student, she enrolled in M.A. Literature (Dramatics) at Ateneo de Manila, and under the guidance of Fr. Reuters, essayed some parts in stage plays, and was thus the first Meranaw woman to appear onstage. Marriage to Atty. Abdul Marohombsar (later Vice Governor of Lanao del Sur, ARMM assemblyman, and COMELEC Commissioner) spelled giving up her graduate studies at Ateneo and a change of scene. In Marawi where she taught at Jamiatul Phil. Al-Islamia, and later as a pioneering member of the teaching force of the fledgling Mindanao State University (established in 1961), the young wife started to raise a family. In 1964-65, along with her sister Nena, she left for the U.S., on an East-West Center scholarship grant to finish an MA in Literature. Over 35 years later, she would be honoured as Outstanding East-West Center Alumna and was feted as such in New Delhi, India – another "first" for her race.

On her return from her studies abroad, she took on leadership positions – Chairman of the Humanities Division, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Vice President for Academic Affairs. In recognition of her dedicated service as an educator, she received accolade as TOWNS Awardee (1977), still a "first" for a Meranaw woman leader. Taking pride in the footprints she had started making in her chosen field, her Alma Mater, PWU, paid her the highest tribute by conferring on her an honorary doctorate degree in education. Already a recognized icon of immense possibilities whose achievements served as a radiant beacon and inspiration to her fellow Muslim Meranaw women, she was appointed the first woman President of the Mindanao State University (1993-1999). During her tenure as MSU President, she was named by Malacanang as one of the "Dakilang Ina" awardees, an honor which she rightly and richly deserved as family always came first for her. She also received the Sultan Kudarat Award for her substantive leadership as helmsman of the premier institution of higher learning in Mindanao.

A charismatic and visionary leader, then President Emily Marohombsar enjoyed local, national and even regional acclaim and popularity. She gained further distinction when the Banda Aceh government in Indonesia bestowed upon her the title Cut Nyak Dien (literally translated as "heroine").

Peace being the core of her mission as an ardent advocate for the transformative power of education, she continued to serve the nation as the first Meranaw woman member of the GRP-MILF Negotiating Panel (1998-2004).

It is not, however, her rich harvest of "firsts" that left indelible images on the minds and memories of students, fellow workers, and relatives who knew Hadja Sittie Nurlaylah "Emily" up close and personal. It is her humanity – her kindness, gentleness and thoughtfulness – that people remember best about her – e.g. a poor student who fondly recalls receiving from her some money for fare to go home during the semestral break; a younger sister who nostalgically remembers how her favorite sister patiently handcarried an LP of Callas' famous opera opuses like a precious piece of Ming or Tang vase across seven states while on a U.S. tour - a gift for her; how she sewed skirts for her as a little girl, with what was left of the cloth she made into a skirt for herself; and Frank's and his classmates remembrance of how their Literature teacher would treat them to film viewing of Shakespeare's plays and served them roasted turkey meat, this last definitely a rare 'first' experience for her class, most of whom came from underprivileged families.

ANIFA: From Marawi to Turkey

Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD

"The exchange has been an eye-opener of sorts. There are certain academic practices here that are different from ours, so familiarity with the disparity is needed to adjust appropriately. So far the experience has been mutually positive inside the classroom." These are the very words of Prof. Anifa G. Alonto-Nagamura of the English Department of the Mindanao State University- Marawi Campus when asked about her current state in Turkey.

Anifa embarked on a faculty exchange program between MSU and Kastamonu University in Turkey. She was assigned to the position and began her teaching duties last February, contributing to the faculty by instructing English courses in the School of Foreign Languages.

As a Meranaw, I can't help but feel a sense of pride. She was a member of the Meranaw cultural mapping team from 2018 to 2020, and she has shown great enthusiasm in exploring her roots while making a meaningful impact in her community. She is truly a dedicated faculty member and an active participant in the community.

Anifa, as we affectionately refer to her, is an associate professor from our college, the College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH) here in Marawi City. As a professional, she earned her bachelor's degree in Speech Communication from the University of the Philippines, Diliman, and went on to obtain her master's degree in English Language Teaching from the Graduate Studies Department at the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mindanao State University-Marawi.

Her academic journey reflects a deep commitment to both her personal growth and the educational advancement of her community. Anifa's dedication to bridging cultural and educational gaps is evident in her pursuit of knowledge and her willingness to share it across borders. She is always a friend to many on campus, especially when it comes to sharing important Islamic teachings that she wishes to convey to everyone.



Anifa's Preparatory Speaking Class



At the Foreign Language School of Kastamonu University

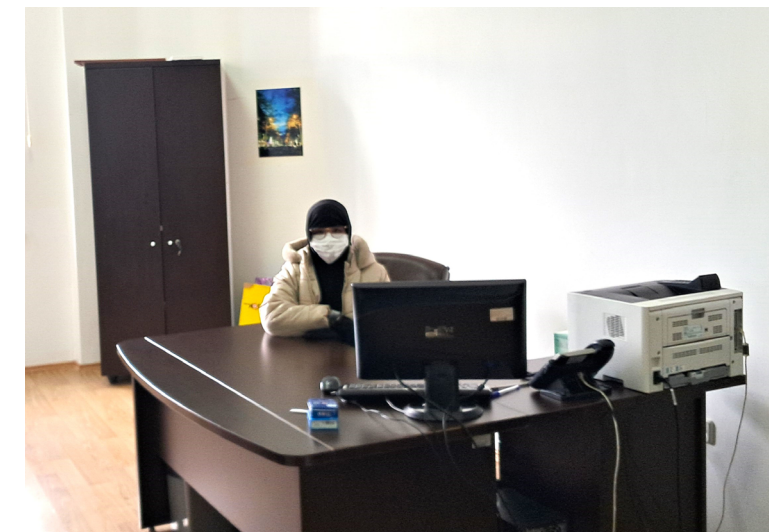
In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Anifa has been actively involved in various research projects focusing on language and cultural preservation, particularly within the Meranaw community under the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center's program and projects. Her work motivates future generations to value and maintain their distinctive identities as Meranaw. Through her exposure to Western education and her ongoing efforts to promote Islam as a way of life, she aims to share this knowledge with everyone. This is how I admire her as a person and relative here in Marawi.

As a dedicated professional, she has committed over 20 years of her career to education. She has taught in both the English Department and the Communication Studies Department at CSSH at MSU, before embarking on an international teaching journey in Libya. She was subsequently part of the English Department within the College of Education at Misurata University before moving to a more structured institution at Benghazi University.

Upon her return to the Philippines, she resumed her teaching position in the English Department at MSU-Marawi. Professor Nagamura has several published works, the latest being a Meranaw folk tale titled "A Datu's Precious Gift," which was featured in an anthology of Philippine and Indonesian folk stories published in Indonesia.

As a colleague, I have observed her elegant public speaking engagements on campus. She is among my top choices for hosting events, both at national and international conferences held at the University.

If you are one of Anifa's friends and are reading this article about her, consider yourself fortunate, just as I feel blessed to know this remarkable woman. She embodies the qualities of an excellent teacher, speaker, and an inspiring Muslimah. We can only hope that Allah continues to guide her in her journey at Kastamonu University in Turkey.



Anifa at her designated office at the Foreign School of Languages



Anifa hosting ifthar for the first day of Ramadhan at her home for the Muslim MSU students at Kastamonu. Gracing the dinner as well is Atty. Renato Pacaldo, the MSU coordinator at Kastamonu

Empowering MSU's IGP Units: A Two-Day Basic Budgeting Workshop

Hasmin M. Tambidan and Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez

Mindanao State University - Main Campus recently held a two-day Basic Budgeting Workshop for its Income Generating Project (IGP) Units at the CHTM Pavilion. Themed "Uncovering the Potentials of Budgeting," the workshop aimed to equip IGP units with the knowledge and skills necessary for sustainable financial management and improved revenue generation.

The first day, February 25, 2025, focused on foundational budgeting principles. Dr. Imara C. Andam, CPA emphasized the crucial role of strategic budgeting in the university's growth. Representing the Dean of the College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA), Prof. Sahraman D. Hadji Latif, MS, ME, College Secretary Oliver U. Limato Jr. highlighted the importance of effective budgeting for supporting the university's IGP initiatives. Prof. Johara M. Marandacan, CPA, also provided a clear overview of the workshop's objectives and agenda.



Organizers and participants of the Basic Budgeting Workshop for MSU Income Generating Project (IGP) Units

A series of insightful lectures provided a comprehensive understanding of budgeting. Majdi D. Jalal, CPA, addressed the "Why of Budgeting," underscoring its importance for financial stability, accountability, and strategic decision-making. Building on this foundation, Prof. Alcasar P. Maongco, CPA, REB, delved into "The How of Budgeting," offering practical guidance on developing and implementing effective budgets, including essential techniques and best practices. Dr. Aldrich June B. Caraele, REB, REA, concluded the lectures with a presentation on "Growing Your Income Generating Project," sharing valuable strategies and insights on maximizing IGP for sustainable growth and revenue generation. His presentation included case studies of successful IGP models and practical advice on overcoming common challenges.

The day concluded with a hands-on workshop focused on conducting a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis for each IGP unit, setting financial goals, and developing initial strategic plans. Participants actively engaged in group discussions and exercises, applying the knowledge gained from the lectures.

The second day commenced with the continuation of the SWOT analysis presentations from Day One. Representatives from various IGP units—including the Housing Management Division, Food Services Division, Ceramics Center, College of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation (CSPEAR), and College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (CFAS) - presented their findings and discussed potential strategies for improvement. This provided a valuable opportunity for peer learning and cross-departmental collaboration.

The second workshop focused on translating the SWOT analyses into actionable strategies and developing realistic revenue projections. Participants were guided through exercises designed to help them create detailed, financially sound plans for their respective IGP units. This included identifying key performance indicators (KPIs), developing marketing and sales strategies, and forecasting revenue based on realistic assumptions and market analysis. The facilitators provided personalized feedback and guidance to ensure the plans were both ambitious and achievable.

The two-day Basic Budgeting Workshop successfully empowered MSU's IGP units with the essential knowledge and skills for enhanced financial management and sustainable growth. The combination of theoretical lectures and practical, hands-on workshops equipped participants with the tools to develop and implement effective budgeting strategies, leading to improved financial performance and greater contribution to the university's overall financial sustainability. The collaborative environment fostered during the workshop also promoted cross-departmental communication and strengthened relationships among MSU's IGP units. The university anticipates significant positive impacts on the financial health and future growth of its IGPs as a result of this valuable training.



MCHC and OIPP Representatives (From L to R: Maria Liza J. Sumonod, Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph and Hasmin M. Tambidan)



Dr. Imara C. Andam, CPA

Prof. Alcasar P. Maongco, CPA



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MSU Strengthens Research and Extension Initiatives at 2nd R&D Summit

Sittie Aina T. Pandapatan

The Mindanao State University- Main Campus successfully conducted its 2nd Research and Development (R&D) Summit on February 6-8, 2025, at Estregan Beach Resort, Sultan Naga Dimaporo, Lanao del Norte, with the goal of fostering collaboration, sharing insights, and exploring effective strategies to advance the university's research, extension, and development programs. The summit also aimed to align MSU's R&D initiatives with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) targets and priority agenda, as well as President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.'s 8-point socioeconomic agenda.

The summit was organized by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development (OVCRED), headed by Vice Chancellor Fema M. Abamo. It brought together faculty members from various MSU campuses, including MSU-Main Campus, MSU-Lanao National College of Arts and Trades (LNCAT), MSU-Maigo School of Arts and Trades (MSAT), MSU-Lanao del Norte Agricultural College (LNAC), MSU-Buug, MSU-Main Campus Sindangan and Bataraza Extensions. Also present were University Officials, Special Assistants to the Office of the President, members of the University Research, Extension, and Development Council (URED), consultative bodies, and personnel from various MSU-Main administrative units.

The summit officially commenced with a warm welcome address from Dr. Indihra B. Dimaporo-Tawantawan, the Superintendent of MSU-LNAC and co-organizer of the event. Hon. Ulwan M. Dimaporo, the Vice Mayor of Sultan Naga Dimaporo, also graced the event and expressed his full support for MSU's R&D initiatives.

Day 1: Learning from Best Practices

The first day of the summit featured an insightful presentation by Dr. Rey Y. Capangpangan, the Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation, and Global Engagement of MSU-Naawan, who



Vice Chancellor Dr. Fema M. Abamo

shared their best practices in research and development. His discussion provided valuable insights into improving research productivity and fostering innovative outputs aligned with national development goals.

Following his talk, panel discussions were conducted that allowed participants to share their insights, raise concerns, and provide feedback on the presentation. These fostered a dynamic exchange of ideas in the field of research and development. The participants were able to engage in meaningful discussions regarding potential challenges, opportunities, and areas for improvement in research activities.

The first day ended with the presentation of the 2024 Research and Development (R&D) notable accomplishments of OVCRED and the participating MSU campuses, which specifically showcased their successful research projects, publications, and community extension engagements from the previous year.

Day 2: Aligning Research Programs with National Priorities

The second day opened with a presentation on the MSU-Marawi Research and Extension Budget by Sittie Nadjerah M. Marohom, CPA, the Director of the Campus Budget Office. She provided an overview of the research and extension financial framework, ensuring that the participants were informed of the funding landscape and budget utilization for the fiscal year.

Following the budget presentation, Vice Chancellor Fema M. Abamo facilitated a collaborative workshop focused on aligning research and extension programs with DBM targets and priority themes. This session aimed to streamline the university's research thrusts to meet national funding standards and performance indicators. Participants were guided in formulating viable and high-impact research proposals designed to address socio-economic needs and secure potential funding from DBM and other external funding agencies.

The workshop also emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration among MSU campuses to maximize research resources, expand networks, and increase the impact of research outcomes. Faculty members were encouraged to collaborate across disciplines and campuses to generate multidisciplinary research outputs addressing real-world societal challenges.

Additionally, directors from various offices under OVCRED presented their respective mandates and strategic directions, ensuring that their objectives remain aligned with the university's overarching research and development agenda.



Attendees of the R&D Summit

Day 3: Policy and Institutional Support for Research Engagement

The final day of the summit featured a presentation from the Office of the Vice President for Research and Extension (OVPRE), represented by Atty. Ayeesha-Maruki A. Macarambon on behalf of Engr. Glen A. Lorenzo, PhD, the Vice President for Research and Extension. The presentation focused on BOR #130, s. 2023, which is the streamlining of research and extension involvement in the Individual Performance Commitment and Review (IPCR), a policy for enhancing faculty engagement at the MSU System. This policy aims to integrate research and extension efforts into faculty performance assessments, ensuring greater participation and accountability in advancing MSU's research agenda.

The University President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, represented by his Special Assistant, Dr. Mahid M. Mangontarum, expressed his message of support and lauded the participants for their unwavering commitment to advancing research and extension initiatives. He reaffirmed the university's full support in strengthening collaborative research endeavors and ensuring that MSU remains at the forefront of innovation and development.

The 2nd R&D Summit served as a platform for collaboration, strategic planning, and alignment of MSU's research and extension programs with national development goals. The summit's outputs are expected to significantly enhance research productivity, secure government funding, and foster meaningful socio-economic development in the region.

With MSU's firm dedication to research excellence, the summit reaffirmed its role in driving innovative solutions, sustainable development, and academic impact, fully aligned with the DBM targets and President Marcos' 8-point socioeconomic agenda.



Flags of the participating teams (Photo by Mindanao Varsitarian)



Dr. Glen Lorenzo, Vice President for Research and Extension



Mr. Rhom Armel Frias



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



Photo by Mindanao Varsitarian

In the photo are some MSU Officials led by MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, during the first day of Kasugay 2.0.

Kasugay 2.0: A Celebration of Unity, Camaraderie, and Talent

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez

Kasugay 2.0: Rise of the Regions, held from February 1 to 4, 2025, transcended a typical inter-regional competition; it was a vibrant four-day showcase of exceptional community engagement and the diverse talents within the MSU community. This annual event featured a dynamic array of sporting and cultural competitions, highlighting participants' skills and teamwork. Kasugay 2.0 went beyond traditional athletic events, incorporating unique competitions designed to celebrate regional traditions and artistic expressions, fostering deeper connections with heritage.

The "Rise of the Regions" theme underscored the unique cultural heritage and competitive spirit of each participating region. Four main competing groups—the Venturers (Regions 10, 11, and MIMAROPA), the Weavers (Regions 9, 12, and 13), the Voyagers (faculty and staff), and the Reapers (BARMM)—demonstrated the strong regional identities and the spirit of friendly competition that defines Kasugay- the Meranaw term for "games" or "sports".

The opening ceremony at the MSU Grandstand on February 1st set a dynamic tone. A lively Zumba session energized the crowd, followed by a thrilling Fun Run. This Fun Run alone highlighted individual athleticism, with top performers including Rohayla Lucman, Rhea Mae Dagapio, and Dawn Mary Jarkon Francisco (women's top three) and Alnahar Deca, Raffy Palacios, and Abdulrahman Maute (men's top three).

Vice President for Research and Extension Dr. Glen Lorenzo, representing MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, delivered a compelling keynote address emphasizing the importance of health and well-being, drawing upon the

Japanese concept of *ikigai*. He inspired participants to fully embrace the multifaceted nature of the competitions. Mr. Rhom Armel Frias, representing Senator Sonny Angara, reinforced the Senator's continued support for student-led initiatives, emphasizing Kasugay's vital role in fostering teamwork and friendship. A highlight of the ceremony was the symbolic unveiling of regional banners and the lighting of the ceremonial urn- a powerful visual representations of unity and the competitive spirit.

The closing ceremony at the Dimaporo Gymnasium on February 4th celebrated the collective achievements. A spirited singing competition among MSU employees and a captivating dance competition further highlighted the diverse talents within the MSU community. The Reapers emerged victorious, securing gold, with the Venturers earning silver and the Weavers bronze. The Voyagers were also commended for their unwavering perseverance. Importantly, the competitive spirit was always secondary to the overarching themes of unity and camaraderie.

Vice President for Planning and Development, Engr. Rodrigo S. Baid, highlighted the unifying power of shared goals and collaboration. Prof. Hendely Adlawan's closing remarks eloquently summarized the event's significant impact on community cohesion and expressed enthusiastic anticipation for future Kasugay events.

The success of Kasugay 2.0 was significantly bolstered by the generous sponsorships of Senators Sonny Angara, Bong Go, and Pia Cayetano, reflecting their commitment to the community's well-being and growth. The event served as a powerful testament to the unifying spirit of competition, the rich cultural heritage of the MINSUPALA regions, and the enduring strength of the MSU community. Kasugay 2.0 not only fostered a stronger sense of unity and pride but also underscored its enduring value as a vital component of MSU's vibrant student life and its crucial role in strengthening community bonds.



The Reapers (BARMM), Overall Champion of Kasugay 2.0

MSU Marawi Recognized as the Top Performing SUC in Level II Accreditation for 2024

Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Mindanao State University (MSU) Main Campus - Marawi has once again solidified its standing as a premier academic institution in the country by being awarded as the Top 1 Performing State University and College (SUC) with the highest number of Level II Accredited Programs for 2024 by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP).

This prestigious recognition was conferred on March 7, 2025 during the 38th AACCUP Annual National Conference and General Assembly, reaffirming MSU Marawi's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and quality assurance in higher education.



MSU delegation headed by Dr. Alma E. Berowa receives the MSU awards as s Top Performing SUC in Level II Accreditation for 2024 during the 38th AACCUP Annual National Conference and General Assembly.

Leading the MSU delegation in receiving the award was Alma E. Berowa, PhD, Vice President for Academic Affairs of the MSU System and Chair of the Campus Quality Assurance Board (CQuAB). She was joined by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro, Quality Assurance Director Atty. Jayneveb A. Recentes, Prof. Richard S. Celeste, Dr. Rohanifa T. Mama-Marohombsar, and Prof. Sacaria Gulam.

Their presence at the conference highlights the university's commitment to upholding high accreditation standards and ensuring continuous academic development.

With the MSU System's collective achievement, the MSU Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography also brought pride to the university system by securing the Top 2 spot as the SUC with the Highest Number of Level II Accredited Programs. This achievement reflects the strength of the One MSU vision, championed by University President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, which emphasizes system-wide academic excellence and innovation.

Achieving Level II accreditation status signifies that MSU's programs meet rigorous quality assurance standards set by AACCUP, ensuring enhanced academic and research capabilities, strong faculty qualifications and professional development, well-equipped learning facilities and student support services, and robust community engagement and extension programs.

This recognition is a testament to MSU Marawi's leadership in providing world-class education, making it a top choice for students seeking high-quality academic programs in Mindanao and beyond.

This milestone is not just a win for MSU Marawi but for the entire MSU System, as it continues to strengthen its academic programs, improve faculty development, and ensure student success.

One MSU, One Commitment to Academic Excellence!



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The Plaque of Recognition received by Mindanao State University-Main Campus as Top Performing SUC in Level II Accreditation for 2024



Faculty and Staff of MSU-Malabang Community High School with Dr. Samsia M. Paitao-Dumrang, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dir. Datudacula Mandangan Dimacuta, OP Representative and Director of the MSU Supply Office.

MSU-Malabang CHS Expands Horizons with New SHS Building and Renovated Faculty Office

Juhanna O. Balindong

MSU-Malabang Community High School has officially opened its newly constructed two-story Senior High School (SHS) building and a renovated Faculty Office, marking a significant step in improving its facilities. This development, funded through the SHS Voucher Program budget from previous years, underscores the school's commitment to enhancing the learning environment for both students and faculty.

The upgraded Faculty Office now features a kitchen, two comfort rooms, and a glass-walled Principal's Office—enhancements designed to improve functionality and create a more professional workspace for educators and administrators. These developments mark a transformative step in the school's efforts to provide top-tier facilities that support both students and faculty in their academic endeavors.

The inauguration program, held on February 24, 2025, brought together esteemed guests and key stakeholders, emphasizing the strong collaborative network that drives the school's progress. Attending the ceremony were Dr. Samsia M. Paitao-Dumrang, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dir. Datudacula Mandangan Dimacuta, OP Representative and Director of the

MSU Supply Office, accompanied by staff; and Dr. Sakina U. Mindalano, Area Supervisor, alongside External Unit staff. Also present were principals from various MSU external units, including Dr. Dayamon T. Magdara-Mocsir (MSU Siawadato CHS), Dr. Saerah Khadija Macabago (MSU Baloi CHS), Prof. Noraisah M. Cader (MSU Saguwaran CHS), Prof. Rohanie R. H. Tayeb-Pasandalan (MSU Tugaya CHS), and Prof. Sittie Maisah-Nehar M. Dalidig (MSU Balindong CHS).

Highlighting the institution's dedication to security and community collaboration, the 64th Infantry Knights Battalion was represented by 2LT Kerr P. Ancog (INF) PA and 2LT Rafael N. Palac (CE) PA, along with uniformed personnel. The event also welcomed Ms. Amania Janeena B. Alo from the LGU Malabang, PTCA President Mr. Amero Mangayao, and retired faculty members Mrs. Baira M. Ergas, Mrs. Najeha Laguindab, and Mr. Ramir Ali, underscoring the enduring support of the school's academic and local communities.

The successful execution of this initiative reflects the commitment of the MSU-Malabang CHS faculty and staff. Their meticulous planning, coordination, and dedication played a crucial role in turning this vision into reality. Leading this transformation is Dr. Conaida G. Camama, Unit Principal, whose leadership has been instrumental in enhancing the school's infrastructure and fostering an environment of excellence.



Unit Principal Dr. Conaida G. Camama and other officials during the ribbon cutting

With these new facilities, MSU-Malabang CHS continues to strengthen its mission of delivering quality education. The expansion is more than an infrastructure upgrade—it is a reflection of the school's progressive vision, dedication to innovation, and determination to equip students with the resources needed to thrive in an ever-evolving academic landscape. This milestone cements the institution's role as a center of learning that is continuously evolving to meet the needs of the next generation.



Hon. Amenah F. Pangandaman, DBM Secretary and Commencement Speaker



MSU-MARAWI CELEBRATES 61ST COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD

Maintaining a Balance of Technology and Moral-Spiritual Values in Times of Significant Change

The Mindanao State University (MSU) in Marawi City recently concluded its 61st Commencement Exercises for the First Semester of Academic Year 2024-2025, marking a historic milestone with unparalleled success. Held at the iconic Dimaporo Gymnasium on February 19-20, 2025, the event celebrated the achievements of 840 graduands representing the university's 17 colleges. The ceremonies were filled with pride, inspiration, and hope as MSU once again demonstrated its commitment to academic excellence and nation-building.

The event for this graduation was MSU: Sustaining an Equipoise of Technology and Moral-Spiritual Values Amidst Prodigious Change. This theme for this year's commencement underscored the

university's dedication to balancing modern advancements with timeless principles. As the world rapidly evolves, MSU remains committed to fostering graduates who are not only technologically adept but also grounded in ethical and spiritual values. This dual focus ensures that students are well-prepared to face the challenges of an increasingly complex global landscape while maintaining a strong moral compass.

As MSU continues to evolve, it remains steadfast in its mission to uphold these core values, ensuring that its graduates are equipped to thrive in a rapidly changing world while staying true to the principles that define their character.

This year's commencement exercises showcased extraordinary academic accomplishments, with one Summa Cum Laude and 19 Magna Cum Laude graduates leading the pack. At the forefront was Arif T. Kurangking, the class valedictorian, who graduated Summa Cum Laude with an impressive cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 1.190. A proud alumnus of the AB Islamic Studies program under the King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic, and Asian Studies, Kurangking exemplified dedication and scholarly rigor throughout his journey at MSU being a student artist.



CEO Abdul Rashid "Elian" R. Macala, Pre-commencement Speaker



Following closely behind was Gilbert C. Baradillo, the class salutatorian, who earned the distinction of graduating Magna Cum Laude with a CGPA of 1.229. A graduate of the BTLED Home Economics program from the College of Education, Baradillo's achievement highlighted the importance of technical education in fostering skilled professionals ready to contribute to society.

Adding depth and inspiration to the occasion were two remarkable guest speakers whose presence underscored the significance of leadership, innovation, and public service.

On February 19, Abdul Rashid "Elian" R. Macala delivered the pre-commencement address. As Country Director for BIMP-EAGA-BARMM Regional Governor, CEO-President of PCCI BARMM, and head of Sofi Fuel Group of Companies, Macala is a testament to the transformative power of education. An esteemed alumnus and former student leader of MSU, he shared heartfelt reflections on his time at the university and urged the graduands to embrace their roles as catalysts for change in their respective fields.

Macala said that "You will enter a workplace filled with automation, artificial intelligence, and digital tools, but never forget that the best employees, the best leaders, and the best entrepreneurs are not just those who understand technology, but those who also have character." The quote highlights the importance of character alongside technological proficiency in achieving success.

Further, the highlight of the second day came with the attendance of the main guest of honor, Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). In recognition of her outstanding contributions to economics and governance, MSU conferred upon her the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics (Honoris Causa). Her keynote speech resonated deeply with the graduands, emphasizing the efforts made by the valedictorian and the salutatorian in their efforts to finish their goals in life.

As a testament to unity and resilience, the 61st Commencement Exercises not only celebrated individual achievements but also symbolized the collective resilience and unity of the MSU community. For decades, MSU has stood as a beacon of higher education in Mindanao, producing graduates who have gone on to make significant impacts across various sectors. This year's ceremonies reaffirmed the institution's role as a nurturing ground for future leaders committed to uplifting communities and driving progress.

For now, the echoes of applause and cheers from the Dimaporo Gymnasium serve as a reminder of what has been achieved and what lies ahead. Congratulations to all the graduands of MSU's 61st Commencement Exercises! May your journeys be guided by wisdom, purpose, and unwavering determination.



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MSU Strengthens Ties with Canada

Prof. Melba M. Angni

Mindanao State University (MSU) continues to expand its international partnerships as it actively participated in the recently concluded EduCanada event "EduCanada Pathways to Partnerships: B2B Meetings", a premier gathering that fosters academic linkages between the Philippines and Canada. Representing MSU, Director Melba M. Angni of the International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO), engaged in high-level discussions with key Canadian representatives to explore avenues for collaboration.

One of the pivotal figures in this initiative is Trade Commissioner Angel Cachuela of the Embassy of Canada, who has committed to facilitating communication and connections between MSU and top Canadian universities and colleges. She assured that she would assist in identifying the best institutional partners for MSU to enhance academic and research engagements.

During the event, Director Angni held productive discussions with the Trade and Investment Officers of Saskatchewan, Canada, to forge a potential partnership between MSU and the University of Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan, known as the "breadbasket of Canada," boasts expertise in agriculture and has a strong commitment to serving its First Nations communities—an alignment with MSU's mandate of catering to Indigenous Peoples and cultural minorities in the Mindanao, Sulu, and Palawan (MINSUPALA) region. This partnership aims to develop academic programs in agriculture and related fields that will benefit both institutions.



From L to R: Saskatchewan Trade and Investment Assistant Pia Soliman, IALO Director Prof. Melba M. Angni, Saskatchewan Trade and Investment Officer Alyssa Malabanan

A significant highlight of the discussions was the assurance of guaranteed scholarship slots for MSU students should a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be formalized between MSU and Canadian institutions.

This commitment marks a significant step toward providing more opportunities for MSU students and faculty members to access quality education in Canada.

Beyond student scholarships, the dialogue also opened possibilities for research collaborations, partnerships on Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), joint webinars, conferences, publications, and faculty and student exchange programs. These initiatives aim to enhance global learning experiences for MSU students and faculty, equipping them with international perspectives and advanced knowledge in their respective fields.

Recognizing the importance of firsthand institutional engagement, MSU has also been invited for a benchmarking visit to the province of Saskatchewan. The MSU System President and the Chancellors of various MSU campuses could embark on an institutional visit, where the Trade and Investment Officers of Saskatchewan will arrange campus tours and high-level meetings with key academic leaders.

This promising collaboration between MSU and Canadian institutions signals a new era of academic excellence and global partnerships, reinforcing MSU's vision of becoming a globally competitive university committed to inclusive education and sustainable development.



IALO Director Prof. Melba M. Angni and His Excellency David Hartman, Ambassador of Canada to the Philippines



IALO Director Prof. Melba M. Angni with Trade Commissioner Angel Cachuela of the Embassy of Canada

Panamar: The MSU President's Linkages in 2025

Source: Office of the President - Records Management Office



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) made and executed by and between **MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)** and **University of Science and Technology of Fujairah (USTF)** located at Fujairah, United Arab Emirates (UAE) to promote and facilitate joint educational and cultural collaboration.



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) made and executed by and between **MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)** and **Al- Madinah International University (MEDIU)**, a private higher education institute registered with the Ministry of Higher Education of Malaysia.



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) made and executed by and between **MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)** and the **Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Regional Office-BARMM**, with present office address at #28 Oblates Drive Corner Rosales St., Rosary Heights 6, Cotabato City, for the provision of adequate, culture-sensitive, and sustainable rehabilitation as well as reintegration programs and services to male and female PDL committed in the newly inaugurated Marawi City Jail located in Barangay Biaba Damag, Marawi City, Lanao del Sur.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) made and executed by and between **MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)** and **Batangas State University - The National Engineering University**, a state university created by virtue of Republic Act 11694 (Revised Batangas State University Charter), with principal office address at Rizal Avenue Extension, Batangas City.



Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) made and executed by and between **MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)** and **Philippine Department of Tourism**, a corporation, duly organized and existing under Philippine Laws with office address at, Ground Floor-Unit 1-5 COPE Development Building, CM. R Street, Davao City, for the conduct of an On-the-Job Training Program/Internship Program of the former by providing the Student Trainees the much-needed course-related work assignments and exposure through actual industry/office work experiences or remote/virtual platforms to address the new normal brought about by COVID-19.



Approved Resolutions during the 269th BOR Meeting

Source: Office of the MSU System and BOR Secretary

Resolution No. 438, S. 2024

Approval of a resolution for Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to recognize the COPC issued by the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE) for those MSU campuses situated in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) area

Resolution No. 439, S. 2024

Approval of a resolution requesting Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to write Professional Regulation Board (PRC) to allow the MSU Students enrolled prior to General Appropriation Act (GAA) Special Provision to take the Licensure Examination

Resolution No. 440, S. 2024

Approval of the promotion or reclassification of the eighty (80) faculty members from various campuses of MSU System with the rank of Associate Professor – Professor

Resolution No. 441, S. 2024

Approval of the Final Rank of the five (5) faculty member from various campus with the rank of Associate Professor

Resolution No. 442, S. 2024

Approval of the two thousand four hundred seven (2,407) candidates for graduation from all campuses of the University for the First Semester of Academic Year 2024-2025, the complete lists of candidates

Resolution No. 443, S. 2024

Approval of the award of Doctorate Degree (Honoris causa) Doctor of Economics to Department of Budget and Management Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman

Resolution No. 448, S. 2024

Approval of the MSU Alumni Association (MSUAA) Bahay Alumni Program

Resolution No. 449, S. 2024

Approval of the 100% disbursement of the Alumni Fee of all MSU campuses to the National MSU Alumni Association (MSUAA)

Resolution No. 450, S. 2024

Approval of the Amendment to the System-Wide University Student Leadership Award (USLA) Guidelines

Resolution No. 451, S. 2024

Approval of the Inclusion of Supreme Student Council Representative in the Scholarship Board or its equivalent

Approval of the budget utilization of realized and collected income under fund 05 of MSU Marawi for the August 27, 2024 to November 20, 2024 in the total amount of eighty million seven hundred ninety-three thousand nine hundred forty pesos and fifty-two centavos (Php80,793,940.52) to cover the budgetary allotment for the planned programs and activities of the university for the CY 2024 subject to existing rules and regulations on the use of fiduciary and non-fiduciary funds

Approval of the Program of Receipts and Expenditures for Free Higher Education (FHE) Graduation Fees for the first semester AY 2024-2025 of MSU-Marawi amounting to six hundred sixty-nine thousand pesos (Php 669,000.00)

Approval of the opening of a bank account for Tuition and Other School Fees (TOSF) Funds for MSU Marawi Campus - Bataraza Extension (MSU-MCBE)

Approval of the promotion or reclassification of item of thirteen (13) faculty members with collegiate rank of MSU-Marawi together with the summary of credentials evaluation, subject to availability of funds, and further approval of the Department of Budget and Management

Approval of the promotion or reclassification of five (5) 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

Approval of the grant of tenure to the following eleven (11) faculty members together with the summary of the evaluation

Approval of the addendum to BOR Resolution No. 35, S. 2024 (Creation of Ethics and Probity office) of MSU-Marawi

Approval of the Rebranding of the University Extension Services Center (UESC) to University Extension Services – Ranaw Sustainability and Resiliency Center (UES-RSRC)

Approval of the change of the Logo of the MSU College of Law

Resolution No. 452, S. 2024

Resolution No. 453, S. 2024

Resolution No. 454, S. 2024

Resolution No. 455, S. 2024

Resolution No. 456, S. 2024

Resolution No. 503, S. 2024

Resolution No. 504, S. 2024

Resolution No. 505, S. 2024

Resolution No. 506, S. 2024

Resolution No. 506, Series of 2024

Rebranding of the University Extension Services Center (UESC) to University Extension Services - Ranaw Sustainability and Resiliency Center (UES-RSRC)



The rebranding of the UESC to UES-RSRC represents a strategic evolution that expands the Center's role in community development, to encompass a focused commitment to environmental resilience and sustainable management. While continuing its legacy of socio economic support and capacity building, the UES-RSRC will specifically address the sustainability of the Ranaw Watersheds, which includes Lake Lanao and its surrounding ecosystems in the Lanao provinces, which are essential to the well-being of local communities and biodiversity. This rebranding aligns UESC's foundational extension programs and community services with a more targeted watershed- and sustainability-based approach, reflecting the urgent need for comprehensive environmental stewardship.

This transition emphasizes the critical role that sustainable watershed management plays in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly by fostering resilient economies and adaptive communities that can thrive in balance with their natural environments. By integrating SDGs-focused research, community engagement, policy advocacy, and sustainable practices into every aspect of the center's work, UES-RSRC will be positioned as a model for sustainable watershed management and climate resilience, in Mindanao and beyond.

Sustainable watershed management has shown to substantially contribute to the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in promoting economic growth and resilience alongside environmental protection and conservation. It also fosters eco-tourism, sustainable agriculture, and job creation in sectors such as reforestation and water services, social services, and peace (Environmental

Protection Agency, 2012, Naji et al., 2024). Efficient water use programs reduce economic vulnerabilities, especially for agriculture-dependent economies (Batey, P.W.J. & Kim, J.S., 2021). Access to cleaner water improves health outcomes, reducing water-borne diseases, and enhancing community resilience to climate change and water-related disasters (Bunch et al., 2014).

Additionally, integrating gender equality by involving women in water governance aligns with SDG 5: Gender Equality, leading to improved quality of life in vulnerable regions (UNDP-SIWI Water Governance Facility, 2016). Sustainable watershed management practices help maintain ecosystem services, reduce flood risks, improve water quality, and preserve biodiversity (Environmental Protection Agency, 2012). These practices also support climate resilience by mitigating the impacts of droughts and floods (Environmental Protection Agency, 2012). Finally, robust governance frameworks and international cooperation, crucial in scaling up watershed management efforts (FAO, n.d.), reflect progress toward SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals. Analogously, the rebranding of the UESC, will cater for the advancement of the SDGs, in conjunction with the 10-point Research and Development Agenda of MSU, as can be seen in Table 1 below.

Table 1. The Sustainable Development Goals vis-à-vis the BOR-Approved Research and Development Agenda of Mindanao State University – Main Campus 2023-2028

R&D Agenda of MSU	5 Ps of the SDGs	SDGs
Human and Community Development	People, Peace, Partnerships	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17
Culture, Tourism, and the Arts	People, Peace, Prosperity, Partnerships	5, 8, 10, 11, 16, 17
Language, Media, and Communication Research	People, Peace, Prosperity, Partnerships	4, 17
Industry, Innovation, Infrastructure, Energy and Emerging Technology	People, Planet, Prosperity, Partnerships	8, 11, 12, 13, 17
Sustainable Economic Production, Food Security and Poverty Alleviation	People, Planet, Prosperity, Partnerships	1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17
The Biological-Physical-Chemical Environment	People, Planet, Partnerships	6, 7, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17
Health Research and Development	People, Partnership	3, 4, 17
Law and Governance	People, Partnerships, Peace	5, 8, 10, 16, 17
Basic Research	People, Planet, Prosperity	4, 13, 14, 15, 17
Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation	People, Planet, Prosperity, Partnerships	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

An inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future envisioned under the SDGs, can be achieved through sustainable watershed management. It is this backdrop that underpins this proposal to rebrand the UESC. This change will tackle the longstanding but under-addressed reality of the plight of the Ranaw watershed, home to one of the world's 17 ancient lakes -Lake Lanao; where sustainable management of its watershed resources remain wanting, and attempts to do so are inconsistent, and fragmented (Garcia-Hansel & Metillo, 2016).

Resolution No. 450, Series of 2024

University Student Leadership Award (USLA)

THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD (USLA) is the highest Leadership Award the Mindanao State University given to a student in recognition of his/her potentials, performance and achievements as a TOTAL LEADER. The winner is the epitome of scholastic and moral excellence, inspiring leadership, idealism and performance and a vision that sets the awardee apart from the rest. He/She personifies the commitment of MSU student constituents and has TANGIBLE ACHIEVEMENTS, which are distinctly above those of his/her peers.

A. Procedure for Nomination

1. The USLA is open to all graduating students in a Bachelor's degree of the University who has met the minimum qualifications and has been duly recommended by the College where his/her degree will be granted.
2. Each college is entitled to nominate at most three (3) students who have no more thanthree (3) failing grades. A nominee must be graduating and must have not been extended in his program for more than two semesters.
3. Once a candidate is nominated, it cannot be replaced nor withdrawn anymore.
4. All nominations must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Student Affairs (DSA) or its equivalent on or before October 31 for the first semester and April 30 for the second semester awardee.

B. The Screening Committee

A SCREENING COMMITTEE shall be responsible for the search as designated by the University President and shall serve for a term of two (2) years with the following membership:

Chairperson	CSS/VCAA*
Vice Chairperson	Director, DSA/OSA
Members	Director, Office of Admissions
	University Registrar
	Director, PMS (OP/OC/PMS Representative)
	Senior Faculty Member (at least 15 to 20 years in service)
	Student Representative (randomly chosen)
	USLA Recipient/Outstanding Alumni
Secretariat:	Chairperson (DSA Staff) and Five (5) Members of the DSA Staf

The committee shall receive through the Secretariat all nominations, together with the credentials supporting the achievements of the nominees;

C. The Committee shall follow the herein phases of the selection process:

Phase I	Pre-Qualification (meeting the minimum requirements)
Phase II	Quantitative evaluation of submitted credentials
Phase III	Impact Assessment from 10 students in every College
Phase IV	Interview
Phase V	Ranking

D. Submission of Credentials

1. All credentials must be received by the DSA through the Chairperson of the Secretariat on the date set by the committee;
2. All photocopies must be authenticated against the original document by the DSA Staff and/or Secretariat;
3. Only the achievements of the nominees when they have been officially enrolled in MSUas a student shall be counted/considered.

PHASE I

PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR NOMINEES (Minimum Requirements)

ALL ITEMS MUST BE FULLY SATISFIED

1. Certifications of all advisors of the registered student organizations which the nominee is/ was a member attesting to the fact that the behavior and morality of the nominee is above reproach;
2. Certification from the Student Discipline Board (College Disciplinary Board and University) certifying that the nominee has not been subjected to disciplinary action;
3. Certificate from the Registrar that the nominee is currently enrolled in; and
4. The college, in cases of several potential nominees, may use this scheme as preliminary screening in deciding who shall be officially nominated.

*The College Dean can recommend but it is not a pre-qualification requirement.

PHASE II

QUANTITATIVE EVALUATION

The University Leadership Awardees shall be selected from among the nominees according to the criteria set forth. The SUM TOTAL of points accumulated shall be the basis for the final selection.

1. The nominee who has accumulated not less than Seventy (70) points will qualify for Phase III;
2. If no one among the nominees for a given academic semester satisfies the requiredminimum 70 points, no University Student Leadership Award shall be given for the said academic semester;

GENERAL CRITERIA

Phase I	Pre-qualification	
Phase II	Quantitative Evaluation	50 %
Phase III	Social Reference/Impact Assessment Survey	30 %
Phase IV	Interview	20 %
Phase V	Ranking	
T O T A L		100%

Disqualifications:

1. Falsification of Credential submitted for evaluation;
2. Manifested manipulation of records and conditions to gain better points/advantage;
3. None submission of required documents for evaluation after the grace period.

PHASE III

REFERENCE SURVEY/IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Impact Assessment Questionnaires shall be distributed to 10 graduating students per college. This is to give a chance for students of all colleges to rate with the results giving the USLA selection committee a general feel of their sentiments/views regarding the quality of leadership practiced by all the USLA finalists.

10 Graduating Students per College = 10X14 = 140 Survey questionnaires

Procedure: Each respondent will be asked to rank the five (5) candidates in accordance to the order of their preference as University Student Leader. This will be conducted by the DSA for a period not more than one week. Hence, the names of the finalist will be given and the respondent will simply rank them. Rank No. 1 shall receive 5 points, rank No. 2 shall receive 4 points, rank No. 3 likewise receives 3 points, rank No. 4 shall receive 2 points and the rank No. 5 shall have 1 point.

Tabulation and computation will be done by one of the search committee members assisted by the Secretariat and the results shall be submitted for deliberation by the committee en banc.

PHASE IV

Top three (3) shall be subjected to interview before the screening committee.

PHASE V

The applicants shall be ranked using the general criteria. The applicant with the highest point obtained will be declared as the USLA. In case of a tie i.e., when two nominees obtained the same highest accumulated points, then both shall be declared awardees for the given academic year (semester).

Resolution No. 448, Series of 2024

The MSUAA Bahay Alumni Program

The alumni embody the legacy and traditions of the institution. They carry the spirit and values of the Alma Mater, fostering a sense of pride and continuity for after all, they serve as a bridge between the past, present, and future of the institution. They can positively impact the institution's culture. They can be ambassadors for the University, promoting its reputation and achievements.

They are, to a great extent, integral members of the University community as important stakeholders. By being successful in their careers, the alumni hold the advantage of having an extensive network that can offer career opportunities, mentorship, and professional guidance to current students and new graduates. They hold positions in various institutions, industries, and companies, thus, could play a significant role in granting scholarships, funding research initiatives, helping in the infrastructure development and other institutional needs of the University. The University will just have to provide meaningful and relevant opportunities to keep their alumni connected and involved with their Alma Mater. There is just so much potential out there that has remained untapped.

It is to this end that The Mindanao State University Alumni Association (MSUAA), Incorporated, intends to undertake a Program that envisions to make the alumni around the globe keep their connection to their Alma Mater alive and engaging. The program will involve the construction of a Bahay Alumni in each campus of the University that shall serve as a concrete monument to this avowed partnership between the alumni and their Alma Mater.

The Bahay Alumni in every campus of the MSU System will be a facility that can be used both by the alumni community and by the campus constituency. The program begins with the allocation by the University of a special area in each campus where the Bahay Alumni is going to be built.

Rightfully, the initial allocation shall come from the Alumni Fees collected by MSUAA from the new graduates of the University and what better way to build an infrastructure that can be used both by the students and alumni alike than this.

Goals and Objectives

1. Enhance alumni engagement and strengthen ties between the alumni and the University by providing a welcoming and inclusive environment that encourages alumni to remain connected and involved in the life of their Alma Mater;
2. Engage an active partnership between MSUAA national and its component chapters through an endeavor that is beneficial and meaningful to both;
3. Generate revenue through accommodation fees, event rentals, catering services, merchandise sales, and other revenue-generating activities associated with the operation of the Bahay Alumni;
4. Provide an educational resource through a lifelong venue for trainings, workshops, seminars, and other professional development opportunities for students, alumni and other users;
5. Offer affordable lodging for alumni, family members, and guests during campus visits, reunions, special events, and other occasions;
6. Increase Alumni participation in campus events, programs, volunteer activities, and fundraising efforts through the provision of a centralized gathering place; and
7. Promote and encourage alumni to give back to their Alma Mater through donations, sponsorships, scholarships, and other forms of philanthropic support by showcasing the impact of their contribution to the program.

MSU-MAIN CAMPUS LATIN AWARDEES



ARIF T. KURANGKING

CLASS VALEDICTORIAN
1.190 CGPA, Summa Cum Laude

AB Islamic Studies
King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic
and Asian Studies

Arif T. Kurangking is an AB Islamic Studies Major in Shari'ah graduand. He held the position of President of the Islamic Studies Students' Association (ISSA) for the academic year 2023-2024. His academic and extracurricular interests include the arts, design, and craftsmanship. He is widely recognized for his significant contributions to the arts, having served as a judge on several panels for art competitions. Furthermore, he has consistently been named to the Chancellor's Honor List, reflecting his exceptional performance both academically and in the arts. Born and raised in the Municipality of Sultan Dumalondong, Lanao del Sur, to Modasir S. Kurangking (deceased) and Anisah T. Tomadung, Mr. Arif's life reflects a commitment to both academic excellence and artistic expression. Beyond his academic and leadership roles, Mr. Arif is a fervent supporter of art and cultural preservation. His advocacy initiative, ARTvocacy, empowers young artists from various colleges of the University and communities across Lanao, showcasing his commitment to fostering creativity and artistic growth within his community.



GILBERT C. BARADILLO

CLASS SALUTATORIAN
1.229 CGPA, Magna Cum Laude

BTLED Home Economics
College of Education

Gilbert C. Baradillo is a devoted Roman Catholic student from Claver, Surigao del Norte, currently a graduating student pursuing a Bachelor of Technology and Livelihood Education, majoring in Home Economics. He is the son of Mrs. Violeta C. Baradillo, a widowed mother who has single-handedly supported her family for the past 19 years. Raised in a poor family as one of five children, Gilbert and his siblings have relied on their mother's unwavering strength and sacrifices. Despite the challenges, he has dedicated his academic journey to his mother, driven by the hope of providing a better future for his family. As the first in his family to earn a Latin honor, Gilbert's success stands as a testament to his determination and hard work. This achievement marks a significant step toward realizing his dream of lifting his family out of poverty and creating a brighter future for them.

Summa Cumlaude

KURANGKING, Arif T.

Magna Cumlaude

BARADILLO, Gilbert Compay
SAUMAY, Hamdan Ismael P.
OMAR, Raihana Roberto
BAO, Jonaid Falcun
AMPUAN, Norhanah L.
H.ODING, Nihaya D.
DIMARO, Alea Janefa S.
ABDULMANAN, Haniah M.
UNTE, Sairah Maba
OTE, Junaida Tangcolo
ACOB, Norhanie Ebra
DIMAAMPAO, Janna D.
PULOG, Exchan Tumindeg
PANGAWILAN, Sharief M.
ABDULSAMAD, Omayya H.
NAMRA, Amrinah Amod
ARAFAT, Arailah Laladaya
ALI, Alanisa Lawa
BAGANTE, Floramae Velasco

Cumlaude

ABANTAS, Cosain Jr. M.
ABDULRACMAN, Asnia C.
ABEDIN, Raihana Barani
ADIONG, Jamalia Rondato
ALAMADA, Rohaifa M.
AMANODIN, Hanera M.
AMER, Farhanie Macadato
AMID, Hazema Gaguil
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HASSAN A. AGUAM JD, ShL

Acting Director, MSU-Shari'ah Center
Per Special Order No. 23-OP, Series of 2025

Hassan Ali Aguam's career demonstrates a steadfast commitment to law and education within his community. He built a strong foundation in socio-political dynamics with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Cagayan de Oro College (1991), followed by a Juris Doctor from Mindanao State University – Marawi City (1997). His government service began in 1999 as a Legal Officer at the Department of Agrarian Reform Region XII, where he gained expertise in land law and policy, directly addressing the needs of rural communities. Adding to his legal expertise, Aguam passed the Special Shariah Bar Exam in 2012, providing legal counsel to numerous political parties and candidates, bridging civil and Shariah legal systems in the Philippines. This unique perspective, coupled with his administrative skills, led to his appointment as Education Program Specialist II at the University's Shariah Center in October 2022, and subsequently, Acting Director.



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Message

Congratulations to the College of Education September 2024 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers 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

2024 MSU Extension Projects

Source: University Extension Services Center (UESC)

In 2024, the University Extension Services Center of the MSU Main Campus achieved remarkable success. A total of 54 extension projects were approved and effectively executed, all in alignment with MSU's steadfast commitment to advancing the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These initiatives underscore the enduring dedication of MSU President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno to addressing societal challenges and promoting inclusive development.

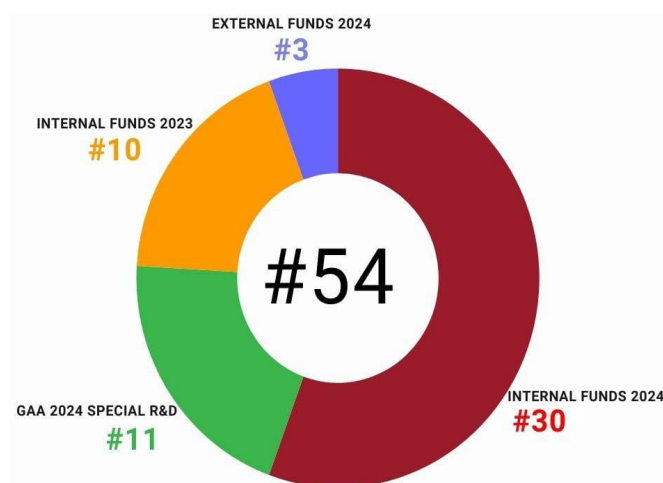
The University allocated a substantial sum of Php 3,653,750.00 for these projects, emphasizing its commitment to academic excellence, research, and community service. Among the colleges, the CPA emerged as the top performer with the highest number of 9 approved and implemented projects. The CFES closely followed with 7 projects, while both the CSSH and CED made significant contributions with 6 impactful projects each. In terms of funding, the CFES secured the largest allocation of Php 1.442 million, followed by the CSSH with Php 610,000, and the CPA with Php 385,300.

Collectively, these efforts demonstrate the University's commitment to driving meaningful change, promoting sustainability and resilience, and progressing towards the achievement of the 2030 SDGs. The year 2024 was indeed a banner year for the OVCRED's University Extension Services Center.

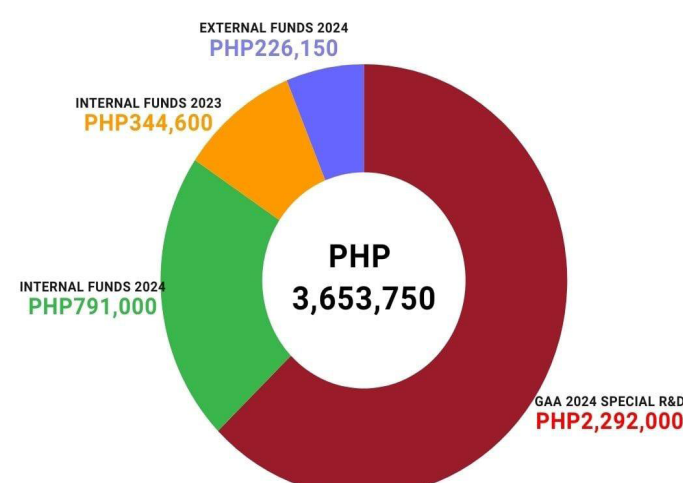
MSU-Main Campus' 54 Extension Projects Contribution to SDGs



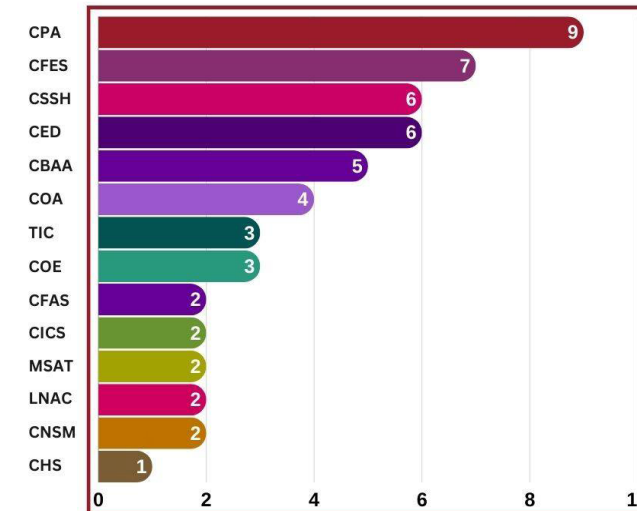
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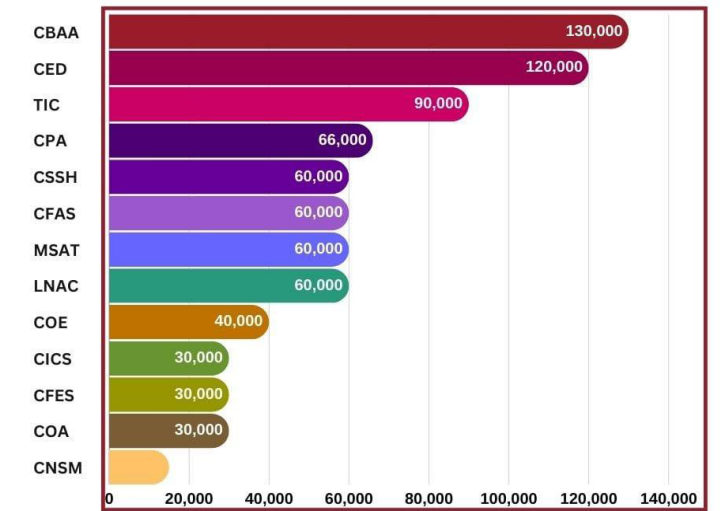
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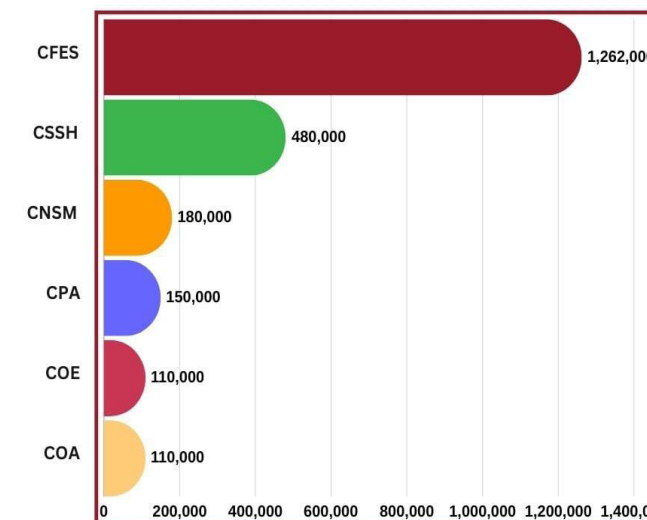
2024 Number of Extension Projects vs College Performance



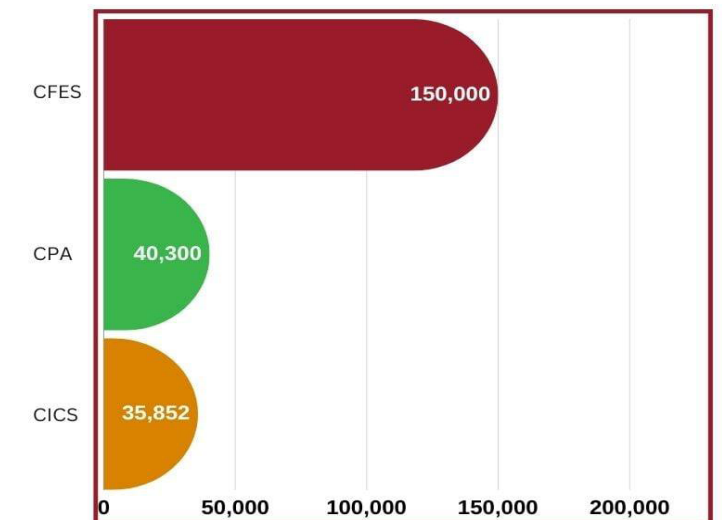
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2024 GAA-Approved Special R&D vs College Performance



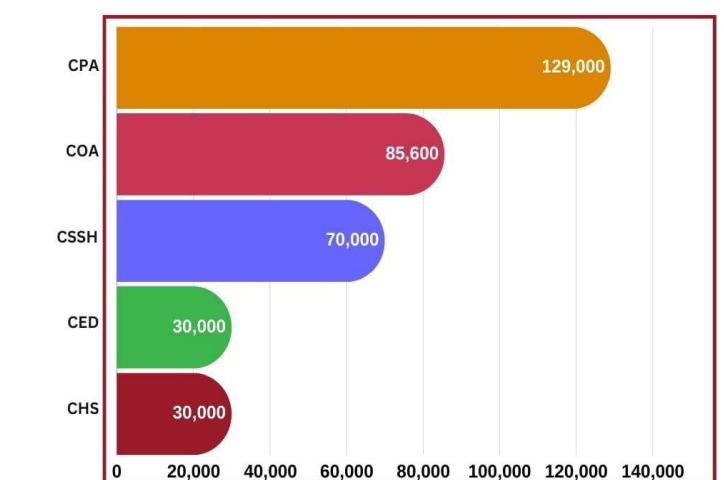
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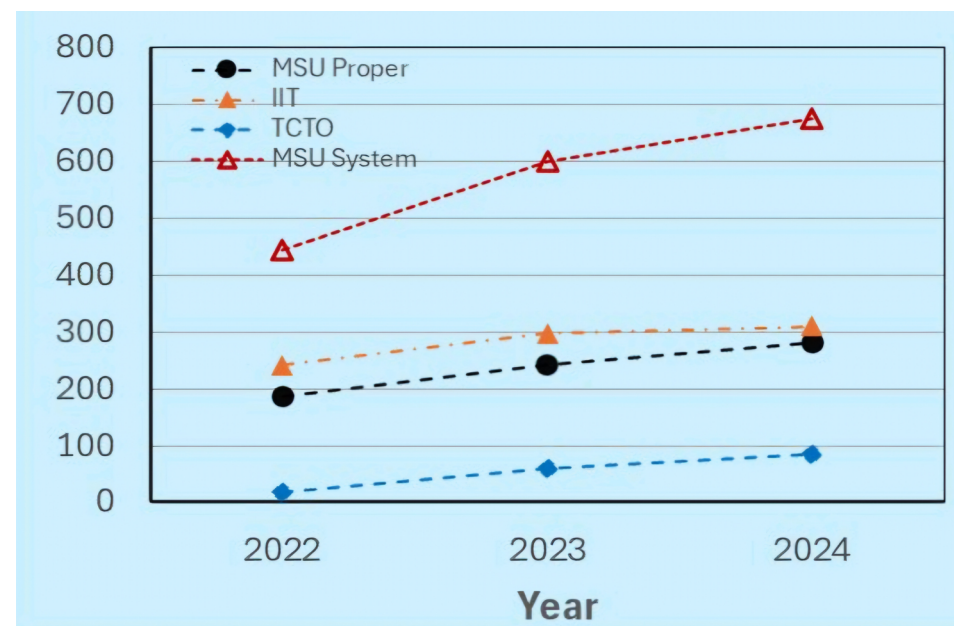


MSU System Research Outputs

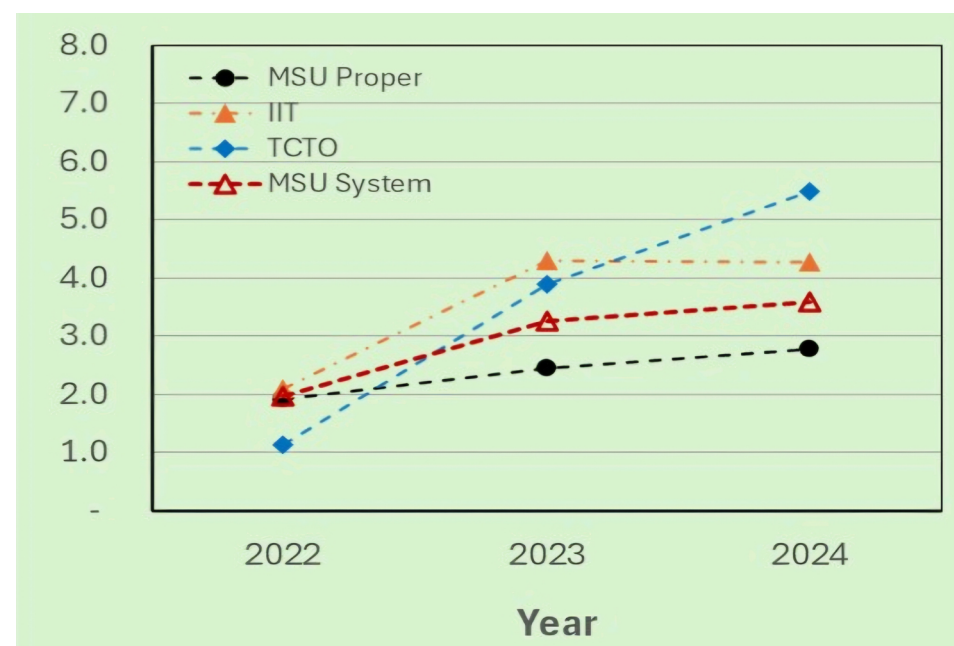
Source: Office of the Vice President for Research and Extension (OVPRE)

The provided images contain two line graphs, both tracking the publication output of four entities (MSU Proper, IIT, TCTO, and MSU System) from 2022 to 2024. The first graph shows the total number of publications for each entity, revealing a general upward trend across all entities, with MSU System demonstrating the most substantial increase. The second graph presents a more nuanced view by displaying the number of publications per million R-budget for each entity. This graph also shows an overall upward trend, but highlights the relative efficiency of publication output considering the research budget allocated to each entity. While both graphs indicate growth, the second offers a comparative analysis of research productivity based on funding.

Number of Publications



Number of Publications per Million R-Budget



Deep Thoughts

Ramadhan Reflections

Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD

"O you who believe, fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may develop self-restraint."

Quran 2:183

As we embark on the sacred month of Ramadhan 2025, we do not just fast for food and water. We do pray and reflect alongside over a billion believers worldwide. For the Muslims of Lanao del Sur—a province in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao—Islam is not just a faith but a cornerstone of identity and community—Ramadhan holds profound significance, transcending mere ritual to become a vital lifeline for spiritual renewal and healing. To a Muslim Meranaw like me, Ramadhan is a powerful moment to reconnect with Allah and reflect on what the Mindanao State University taught me in time.

I have been at the university since 1993, over the past decades, and I still feel the missing link between being faithful and being a true Muslim living with dignity and integrity. I understand that because of the systemic graft and political turmoil in the country, it is too tough to be a Muslim. Over the years, I have observed a decline in the university, which has shrunk from over a thousand hectares of land to only about three hundred hectares or even less. Why is this happening in a university built for Mindanawans? Have we forgotten its purpose?

In the current administration, the Land Use Committee has been conquering tough traditions and hearts to continue having faith in making the university a place for educating the people of Lanao, if not the whole of Mindanao. However, this fight is becoming increasingly difficult each day. Mushrooming private houses on empty lands, cottage backyards, and major academic and official streets. A colleague once said, "Sor, baka sa susunod, meron nang bahay sa gitna ng golf course [Sor, maybe next time, there will be a house in the middle of the golf course]."

Her remark was not a sarcasm, I know that it is a possibility. This administration has been trying to fight all these by continuing to believe in the individuals who are true believers in Islam. Being part of the Traffic Management team of the University, I see and witnessed the burden hurdled each day. However, there are those who would really want change.

I witnessed real Muslims who follow rules on traffic especially at the one-way blue zones; and there are tricycle drivers who would officially register and pay what is due to them. We can only pray that they continue to be good. In fact, I believe that for as long as we have faith in Allah and with people who see truth and beauty in dignity, I believe one day, this irreversible turmoil in the University will end.

Before I end, I invite each of our readers to share thoughts on what I wrote here. Whether you agree or not, let us have this platform as our way to share our deep thoughts. We are not perfect but because we want to listen and we want to be heard, may this special opinion column open our hearts and think of solutions to every problem we have each day.



Prof. Johara D. Alangca-Azis with a Palestinian Exhibitor



Staffs from National Book Development Board (NBDB)



Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph with NBDB Director Charisse Aquino Tugade and her daughters



MCHC Authors and Staff during the Philippine Book Festival 2025



Meranaw Authors with organizers from NBDB

MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY SHINES AT PHILIPPINE BOOK FESTIVAL 2025, SHOWCASING MERANAW CULTURAL HERITAGE

Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD



MCHC Authors with Panel Speakers at the Bangsamoro peace accords for inclusion in UNESCO's Memory of the World Registry



Set of MCHC published books



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The recent Philippine Book Festival 2025, held from March 13-16 at the Mega Trade Hall of SM Megamall, was a resounding success, bringing together book lovers, authors, and publishers from all over the country. Amidst the sea of exhibitions, one booth stood out – the Mindanao State University's (MSU) showcase of Meranaw cultural heritage writers.

This was a milestone moment for MSU, as they had only recently been granted the right to publish Meranaw indigenous knowledge under NBDB No. 7183. The opportunity to feature the works of Meranaw writers at the festival was a testament to the university's commitment to preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of the Meranaw people.

The MSU exhibition was a treasure trove of Meranaw literature, showcasing the rich cultural traditions and history of the Meranaw people. The booth was abuzz with activity, as visitors of all ages flocked to explore the array of books, manuscripts, and other materials on display.

The MSU exhibition was not only a showcase of Meranaw literature but also a testament to the university's dedication to preserving and promoting indigenous knowledge. By sharing the works of Meranaw writers with a wider audience, MSU is helping to promote cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

As the Philippine Book Festival 2025 came to a close, the MSU team was beaming with pride, knowing that they had made a lasting impact on the literary scene. The Executive Director of the National Book Development Board, Charisse Aquino-Tugade went more than once to the booth of the MSU-MCHC Press (B032) as her way of supporting the Meranaw culture.

The exhibition may be over, but the legacy of Meranaw cultural heritage will continue to inspire and educate future generations.



Scan the QR code for the collection of books that were featured at the PBF 2025.