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## About the Cover

OIC President of Mindanao State University System, EVP Rasid M. Paca, DPA, during the 271st Board of Regents Meeting of the MSU System held at City Gardens Suites, Manila. Dr. Paca has been a dedicated and enthusiastic leader, consistently serving the university with exceptional competence. The cover features the iconic emblem that reflects MSU's rich history and commitment to education since its founding. A vibrant yellow ribbon adorned with colorful, langkit patterns run across the lower section, adding a dynamic and celebratory touch to the design. This artistic element symbolizes Dr. Paca's visionary leadership and the diversity thriving within the university.



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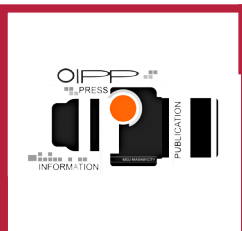
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## EVP Paca Assumes Leadership as MSU System OIC President

*Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD*

The Mindanao State University (MSU) community welcomed a familiar and trusted leader to the Office of the President. Executive Vice President Dr. Rasid M. Paca, RME, JD, is now the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) President of the MSU System by operation of law under the Code of Governance of the university.

For the employees of the Office of the President, the warm reception for “Sir Paca” was more than a formality—it was a celebration of a leader whose decades of service to MSU have cemented his reputation as a capable, dedicated, and visionary administrator.

### **A Legacy of Service and Leadership**

Dr. Paca is no stranger to the Office of the President. As MSU's Executive Vice President, he has frequently served as OIC whenever the university president was on official travel, making the office his second home. His extensive experience, coupled with a deep



commitment to the institution, has earned him the trust and respect of colleagues and students alike. Dr. Paca, therefore, brings not only administrative expertise but also a profound understanding of the university's mission to foster academic excellence, cultural unity, and societal progress in Mindanao and beyond.

His recent leadership in spearheading MSU Marawi's Independence Day celebration on June 12, 2025, underscored his vision for the university and the nation. Addressing the MSU community, Dr. Paca emphasized the importance of loyalty to the country, urging everyone to uphold integrity and reject ignorance and corruption. His words resonated deeply, reflecting his commitment to fostering a university culture rooted in ethical leadership and civic responsibility.

### **An Impressive Academic Journey**

Dr. Paca's leadership is underpinned by an extraordinary academic background that spans multiple disciplines, showcasing his intellectual versatility and dedication to lifelong learning. His educational credentials include:

- Doctor in Public Administration (DPA), Mindanao State University, 2021
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Mindanao State University, Marawi City, 2007
- Ph.D. in Sustainable Development (DiSD), earned units, Mindanao State University, Iligan City, 2004
- Master of Science in Agricultural Engineering (APDP Scholar), University of the Philippines, Los Baños, 2001
- Certificate in Governmental Management, Mindanao State University, 1996
- Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Mindanao State University, Marawi City, 1989

### **A Vision for MSU's Future**

As OIC President, Dr. Paca steps into a pivotal role at a time when MSU continues to navigate the complexities of higher education in a region marked by cultural diversity and socio-economic challenges. His extensive experience within the MSU system positions him uniquely to address these challenges while advancing the university's legacy as a beacon of knowledge and unity.

During the Independence Day celebration, Dr. Paca's call for a corruption-free and enlightened community set the tone for his leadership. His vision aligns with MSU's core values of fostering intellectual growth, cultural harmony, and national pride. Colleagues describe him as approachable yet resolute, a leader who listens but acts decisively for the greater good. His long tenure at MSU has given him an intimate understanding of the institution's strengths and areas for growth, making him a steady hand to guide MSU through this transitional period.



MSU System OIC President, Dr. Rasid M. Paca, RME, JD with CHED Chairperson, Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis





*The photos show MSU System OIC President Dr. Rasid M. Paca conducting a comprehensive inspection of all buildings, facilities and dormitories on the MSU-Main Campus.*

# **OIC President Dr. Paca, “The Action Man,” Leads Hand-on Inspection of Campus Facilities**

**Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD**

In a proactive move to enhance campus infrastructure and facilities, OIC President Dr. Paca, dubbed “The Action Man” by his administrative officials, conducted a thorough ocular inspection of the campus since day one of his succession.

On June 20, 2025, he had the opportunity to visit the International Convention Center, Campus Radio, and the Hostel to evaluate and expedite the maintenance requirements of these offices, as well as the improved facility needs of the student dormitories. Demonstrating his hands-on leadership style, Dr. Paca personally assessed critical facilities, including the comfort rooms and water supply systems, to ensure they meet the institution's standards of excellence.

Dr. Paca's inspection is part of a broader effort to identify areas for improvement and implement immediate solutions. “Our facilities must reflect our dedication to quality education and community welfare,” he stated during the OIPP staff visit.

“What the late president has started must be continued and we must work together for the students of MSU and all other constituents,” he added.

Stakeholders especially his administrative officials have praised his proactive approach, noting his attention to detail and resolve to address long-standing concerns. Further updates on planned improvements are expected as Dr. Paca continues his mission to elevate the institution's facilities to higher standards.





MSU officials led by OIC President Dr. Rasid M. Paca with Sec. Nasser C. Pangandaman Sr.

# Collaboration for Marawi's Sustainable Development: Sec. Pangandaman's Visit to MSU

*Mamitua Saber Institute of Research and Creation*

Secretary Nasser C. Pangandaman, Sr., Presidential Adviser for Marawi Rehabilitation, recently visited Mindanao State University's (MSU) Main Campus to meet with university administrators and researchers. The meeting, presided over by Dr. Rasid M. Paca, RME, JD, Officer-in-Charge of the MSU System, centered on the development of a sustainable agro-fishery project aimed at bolstering livelihoods and driving economic recovery in Marawi City.

MSIRC Director Dr. Mahid M. Mangontarum showcased MSU's extensive research capabilities and its proven track record of successfully completing externally funded projects while maintaining full financial compliance. Researchers presented project proposals aligned with the initiative.

Following the meeting, OIC President Dr. Paca formed a Technical Working Group (TWG) to develop a comprehensive proposal for submission to the Office of the Presidential Adviser for Marawi Rehabilitation and Development (OPAMRD). This collaboration signifies a significant step towards revitalizing Marawi's economy through sustainable development.



Secretary Nasser C. Pangandaman Sr., Presidential Adviser for Marawi Rehabilitation

Dr. Rasid M. Paca, RME, JD, MSU System OIC President



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# A Day of Remembrance: MSU Honors 127 Years of Philippine Freedom

**Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez**

Mindanao State University (MSU)-Main Campus ignited the spirit of the 127th Philippine Independence Day with a moving ceremony at the Antonio Isidro Hall on June 12, 2025. The entire university community gathered, united in honoring the nation's hard-fought freedom and reflecting on its enduring legacy. The day's events served as a powerful tribute not only to Philippine independence but also to the enduring contributions of past leaders.

The ceremony began with a powerful invocation by Mohammad Jihan M. Macarambon, a faculty member of KFCIAAS and Special Assistant to the Office of the President, setting a reverent tone. The crisp precision of the MSU ROTC Unit Advance Cadets presenting the colors was a breathtaking display of discipline and patriotism. The University Band then filled the hall with the soaring notes of the Philippine National Anthem and the resonant strains of the Bangsamoro Hymn – a vibrant testament to national unity embracing regional identity.



*MSU System OIC President Dr. Paca with the university officials.*

Professor Alikhan Pandapatan of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities led the impassioned Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine Flag (Panunumpa ng Katapatan sa Watawat ng Pilipinas), followed by a heartfelt Salute to the Flag (Pagpupugay sa Watawat ng Pilipinas) by the University Colors, ROTC Officers, and University Police – a powerful visual representation of the institution's unwavering respect for national symbols.

Dr. Rasid M. Paca, RME, JD, Officer-in-Charge President of the MSU System, delivered a stirring Independence Day message. He paid tribute to the late President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno





MSU System OIC President, Dr. Paca, together with the university officials, pledges allegiance to the Philippine flag.



Prof. Alikhan Pandapatan,  
CSSH Faculty Member

for building a strong foundation for the university during his administration. Dr. Paca then pledged to continue the work, striving to solidify MSU's position as a leading national peace university in the country. He also urged the university community to embody the spirit of independence through continuous learning, civic responsibility, loyalty, and dedication to national progress.



Dr. Rasid M. Paca, RME, JD, MSU System OIC President

*“ Independence does not only mean being free from foreign rule. It means being free to dream, to work, and to serve. It means building a country where justice and compassion are alive. It means doing our part every day to make the Philippines a better place to live. ”*

The ceremony concluded with the University Band's moving rendition of the Himno ng Pamantasan (University Hymn), echoing MSU's unwavering commitment to its mission. Professor Johanna Rania Salic of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH) emceed the event, ensuring a seamless and meaningful experience.

MSU's commemoration of the 127th Philippine Independence Day was more than a ceremony; it was a powerful reaffirmation of the sacrifices made for freedom and a resounding call to action for every Filipino, especially those within academia, to champion and nurture the nation's independence and aspirations for a brighter future.



Prof. Mohammad Jihan M. Macarambon,  
KFCIAAS Faculty Member and  
Special Assistant to the OP



Prof. Johanna Rania Salic,  
CSSH Faculty Member and  
Program EMCEE

# MSU-Main Campus Academic Affairs Highlights: Preparing for the COPC Accreditation

Dr. Johara D. Alangca-Azis

As the Mindanao State University-Main Campus advances in its mission to uphold the highest standards of academic excellence and in our relentless pursuit of quality assurance in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals 4 (Quality Education), the directives from the Commission on Higher Education, and our University President's 10 Point Agenda 1 (Taking Bolder Strides toward Academic Excellence), the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA) is pleased to provide an update on our ongoing efforts to secure the Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). This vital accreditation not only signifies our commitment to quality but also plays a crucial role in our students' future professional endeavors.

With the massive support of our late MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno and the active leadership of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro, as well as the unwavering commitment of the Deans of the various Colleges, Directors of the Academic and Semi-Academic Units, the Department Chairpersons and Program Coordinators, Faculty and Staff Members and the Campus COPC Task Force, we have successfully submitted several of our academic programs to CHED Region 9 for the Programs offered in MSU-Sindangan Extension Campus, CHED Region 10 for those offered in the Main Campus, and CHED MIMAROPA for programs offered at MSU-Bataraza Extension Campus. These submissions include key undergraduate and graduate programs that have undergone rigorous review and documentation to demonstrate compliance with CHED's standards. Looking ahead, additional program submissions are arranged. This phased approach allows our dedicated teams to thoroughly prepare each submission, ensuring accuracy, completeness, and adherence to all CHED requirements. Our faculty, administrative staff, and program coordinators have worked tirelessly to meet these deadlines, reflecting our collective dedication to institutional integrity.

The Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) is more than a formal requirement—it is a cornerstone of our academic integrity and quality assurance framework. It certifies that our programs meet CHED's standards for curriculum content, faculty qualifications, facilities, and student outcomes. It is important to note that the Revised Joint CHED-PRC Circular No. 1, Series of 2025 issued on March 5, 2025, which refers to Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) or Similar CHED-Recognized National, Regional, or International Quality Assurance Certificate, stipulates a stricter framework requiring State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and local universities and colleges (LUCs) to obtain a Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) or an equivalent CHED-recognized national or international quality assurance certification. In particular, such revised circular, which ensures that higher education institutions comply with quality standards in line with Republic Act 7722, or the Higher Education Act of 1994, and related policies, states the following:

- "All SUCs and LUCs shall secure COPC from CHED before they can offer board programs;"
- "For existing programs of SUCs/LUCs in the main and satellite/branch campuses, including other off-campus/es, which have not been issued COPC and with existing graduates who will take the licensure examinations (Les), SUCs/LUCs must get exemption from CHED Commission En Banc (CHED CEB), upon showing that they have already applied for COPC and that they shall be able to comply within the non-extendible period for them to secure COPCs for their existing programs which shall be until September 2025; thereafter, CHED CEB shall no longer issue any exemption;"
- "For existing programs of SUCs/LUCs with issued Government Recognition, the same is subject to monitoring. Their graduates shall be admitted to take Les and CHED shall inform PRC of any decision of revocation, in case of non-compliance with the Policies, Standards and Guidelines."



- "For Mindanao State University (MSU), MSU shall comply with the COPC requirements of CHED, as recognized by the MSU Governing Board in MSU BOR Resolution No. 439, s. 2025 dated December 9, 2024."
- "PRC shall not admit applicants for Les from SUCs and LUCs without COPC or Government Recognition, and in the case of UP, certification of compliance from CHED as to the QA mechanism, unless CHED issues an exemption until 09 September 2025, after which, no exemption shall be granted allowing students to take LEs;"
- After 09 September 2025, only the third year and fourth year students and graduates prior to AY 2025 of the SUCs/LUCs which have phased out their non-compliant board programs can take the board examination."

With all of these updates, the MSU-Main Campus understands that ensuring that our programs are compliant and have received the COPC is, therefore, not just an administrative necessity but a moral obligation to our students' professional aspirations. We are committed to completing all necessary documentation and securing the certificates as swiftly as possible to prevent any disruption to our students' plans. Additionally, we believe that the journey toward program compliance is a collective effort; hence, we call upon all faculty members, program coordinators, and administrative staff to remain proactive and resilient in supporting this process. Continuous improvement, meticulous documentation, and adherence to CHED standards are key to our success. Securing the COPC for all our programs is a milestone that signifies our unwavering dedication to excellence and our responsibility to our students' future. It is a testament to our commitment to uphold the standards that will enable our graduates to compete and excel both locally and globally.

Furthermore, to ensure that the University is serious in its pursuit for the COPC, it is significant to highlight that the ten (10) programs offered at MSU-Sindangan Extension, Zamboanga del Norte such as BS Agricultural and Biosystem Engineering; BS Chemical Engineering; BS Civil Engineering; BS Electrical Engineering; BS Environmental Engineering; BS Fisheries; BS Mathematics; BS Mechanical Engineering; BS Psychology and BS Statistics have already undergone the Pre-Assessment conducted by CHEDRO9. The Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQAT) visit is scheduled on July 1-2, 2025. Similarly, the RQAT visits for programs offered by the Main Campus as well as the BATARAZA Extension Campus are also being arranged.

Finally, by continuing to work together to uphold that our programs are compliant, we are safeguarding the interests of our students and preserving the university's reputation for academic and professional excellence. This commitment not only ensures the continued integrity of our academic offerings but also serves as a lasting legacy of our esteemed late MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, whose vision and leadership have indelibly shaped our institution. It is our collective responsibility to honor this legacy by diligently maintaining the standards and values he championed, thereby contributing to the ongoing advancement and prestige of our university.



Officials from CHEDRO9, along with MSU Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro, reviews COPC documents during the pre-assessment held from April 21-23, 2025, at MSU-Sindangan Extension Campus.



VC Cabaro with his Special Assistants at CHEDRO10



*In the photos are PHWC mental Health Service Specialists and Focals during the PGCA 60th Annual National and 2025 International Conference.*

## Capacitating with Best Practices: PHWC Joins PGCA 60th Annual National and 2025 International Conference

**Raijana T. Esmail-Fayez**

The Panginam Healing and Wellness Center (PHWC) was represented by its Mental Health Service Specialists, Dr. Raynidah M. Dipatuan and Ms. Raijana T. Esmail, and Mental Health Focals Dir. Faridah D. Alango and Dr. Rohanie Sultan, at the 60th Annual National and 2025 International Conference of the Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association (PGCA). The event was held from May 21-23, 2025, at The Manila Hotel & St. Scholastica's College Manila, with the theme "PGCA Legacy: Stories to Conquer New Glories." This significant event gathered thousands of guidance counselors, mental health professionals, educators, and institutional leaders from across the country. The dedicated team of Mental Health Service Specialists and Focals engaged in an exchange of ideas, tools, and evidence-based strategies for mental health care in both academic and community settings with participants from various institutions and local agencies nationwide.

On the first day of the conference, the PHWC delegates attended plenary talks on diverse mental health topics, highlighting the Basic Education Mental Health and Well-being Promotion Act (RA 12080). This act emphasizes strengthening mental health services in basic education through school-based programs, establishing dedicated offices and care centers, and creating new plantilla positions for school counselors. On the second and third days, they joined breakout sessions and workshops led by renowned national and international experts in the field of counseling and psychology. Topics ranged from trauma-informed care, digital mental health innovations, culturally responsive counseling, and promoting inclusive counseling, to the integration of mental health services in higher education institutions, and more about mental health and well-being. These learning experiences not only expanded their knowledge but also equipped them with practical skills for enhancing service delivery within the university and surrounding communities.

Involvement in the PGCA conference underscores PHWC's commitment to continuous professional development and responsive mental health care. The insights gained will be instrumental in strengthening the center's programs, particularly in addressing the evolving needs of students, faculty, and staff. With reinforced competencies and renewed inspiration, the PHWC team returns empowered to contribute meaningfully to a more supportive and mentally healthy university.



# PHWC: Celebrating a Year of Healing and Hope

*Raijana T. Esmail-Fayez*

A year has passed, and the PHWC marked its first year anniversary with the special theme: "Facilitating Holistic Wellness and Healing Hearts: PHWC's Road Map Towards Mainstreaming Mutual Trust and Social Cohesion for Genuine Inclusion, Comprehensive Advancement, and Sustainable Peace." This theme carried its mission of commitment in providing comprehensive, quality, inclusive, and contextualized mental health and psychosocial support programs and services for individuals and communities in need, aiming towards sustainable inner peace.

The Center kicked off the two-day celebration on February 21, 2025, by organizing a Free Haircut for the residents of MSU Campus' seven neighboring barangays. The activity was a humble gesture of expressing the Center's sincere gratitude for the continued support of its partner organizations and the community throughout its first year of operation.

On February 24, 2025, the main program proceeded after the Flag Raising Ceremony at the San Isidro Hall Lobby. The program was graced by various Heads of Offices and a few University Officials, together with faculty, staff, and students present during the program. It was opened with an inspirational message by Executive Vice President Rasid Paca, followed by a collaborative message on mental health advocacy by Ms. Rohanie Bunsu, representing the NSTP. Meanwhile, the Lead of Center, Dr. Aminoding B. Limpao, humbly presented the research output and PHWC's Accomplishment Report, highlighting the Center's growth over the previous year. The Keynote Address was delivered by one of the Center's Mental Health Focals, Dr. Godiva E. Rivera, who emphasized the significance of mental wellness and peace within oneself. The event concluded with closing remarks from our Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Amerkhan G. Cabaro. Furthermore, a free breakfast was offered to visitors at the Center, and an Open House followed at the PHWC Building right after the program in the lobby.

The Center, being the premier mental health provider for the MSU Main Campus and its neighboring communities, has expanded mental health care access for the community's vulnerable constituents in the past year, reaching more than two thousand recipients of its services. With the stories of hope and resilience that our clients have shared with us, PHWC celebrates the extended mental health care that the center has provided. Likewise, we commemorate our continued services as the only healing and wellness center in the extensive region of the Bangsamoro. Panginam Healing and Wellness Center anticipates with humility and enthusiasm to continue serving the University and the community. We look forward to many more anniversaries of fostering individual healing and healthy well-being.



*PHWC gives free haircut service to the residents of neighboring barangays of MSU.*



*Dr. Aminoding B. Limpao, PHWC Lead*



*PHWC staff are celebrating a year of healing and hope.*

# Honoring Achievement: MSU External Units Mark Significant 54th Centralized Commencement & 10th Moving- Up Ceremony

*Prof. Saliah H. Amin-Masnar*



The Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs [External Units] marked another milestone as the School Year 2024-2025 ended. On May 7, 2025, the office held its 54th Centralized Commencement Exercises and 10th Moving-Up Ceremony for the constituents of the 13 MSU-External Units from Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte. This significant and remarkable occasion took place at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, Mindanao State University, Marawi City. The event was graced by the MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, as the commencement and moving-up ceremony speaker, who was represented by Atty. Nur-elias T. Yusoph, Secretary to the Board of Regents and University Secretary. Other MSU Main Campus officials also attended.

It was a resounding testament to the MSU-External Units' commitment to academic excellence and its students' remarkable achievements. In the ceremony, 969 Senior High School graduates were confirmed, and 1,307 Junior High School completers were recognized from the 13 MSU-External Units. These students had already received their diplomas and certificates of completion during their individual pre-commencement exercises and moving-up ceremonies held in their respective schools. The event marked the culmination of their academic journeys in Senior High School and Junior High School. This year's graduating class demonstrated exceptional resilience, navigating challenges with determination and achieving remarkable success. In the School Year 2024-2025, the MSU-External Units had been engaging their students in more challenging, extensive, and collaborative learning activities to sustain its attainment of academic excellence.

The theme, "One MSU-External Units: Fostering a Culture of Excellence through Innovative Leadership and Transformative Education," resonated throughout the proceedings. Atty. Nur-elias T. Yusoph, representing Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, the commencement exercises and moving-up ceremony speaker, emphasized the MSU-External Units' dedication and commitment to providing innovative leadership and transformative educational experiences that equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in a rapidly changing world. These young learners, representing the future of MSU-External Units, were lauded for their hard work and dedication.

Their accomplishments were particularly noteworthy given the recent MSU System Admission and Scholarship Examination (MSU-SASE) 2025 results, with the following students making it to the Top 20 system-wide: 1. Zyrym Lou D. Juanico, from MSU-Wao CHS, Top 10 (with a score of 143); 2. Shekina S. Cañete, from MSU-Wao CHS, Top 12 (with a score of 141); 3. Jamilah Zara M. Cader, from MSU-Saguiaran CHS, Top 13 (with a score of 140); 4. Sittie Jannah M. Amaikurut, from MSU-Saguiaran CHS, Top 16 (with a score of 137); 5. Hanafi A. Abduljalil, from MSU-Balindong CHS, Top 17 (with a score of 136); 6. Absary G. Amboloto, from MSU-Baloi CHS, also Top 17 (with a score of 136); 7. Ibtesam T. Abdullah, from MSU-Balindong CHS, Top 18 (with a score of 135); 8. Nicole Angela C. Eulogio, from MSU-Wao CHS, Top 20 (with a score of 133); and 9. Neshreen P. Cassan, from MSU-Saguiaran CHS, also Top 20 (with a score of 133). This commendable performance by the Grade 12 students of the MSU-External Units in the MSU-SASE 2025 results is a manifestation of the MSU-OAVCAA's commitment to providing quality education and producing



competitive 21st-century learners. Additionally, the students' performance this year is indeed laudable, as it is the first time in the history of MSU-External Units to have produced a total of five hundred ninety-two (592) students who qualified for the MSU-SASE 2025. Among them are two (2) full scholars, five (5) partial scholars, six (6) special Muslim grantees, five hundred twenty-one (521) baccalaureate passers, and fifty-eight (58) technology program qualifiers.

Another highlight of the event was the recognition of the top-performing Grade 10 students who successfully passed the Senior High School Admission Test (SHSAT) conducted by the Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The following

outstanding Grade 10 students were recognized for their academic excellence and contributions to the MSU-External Units community: Fatma Nur-Zaleeha A. H. Rasheed of MSU-Malabang CHS ranked Top 1; Abdulhasheb A. Alisabre of MSU-Tugaya CHS also ranked Top 1; Rohannah S. Aguam and Omayya A. Ampaso, both from MSU-Tugaya CHS, ranked Top 2; Nashefa G. Marandacan of MSU-Balindong CHS ranked Top 3; Jamilah P. Alandonie of MSU-Tugaya CHS and Marla Jenicole N. Abao of MSU-Wao CHS both ranked Top 4; Sittie Jaiyah B. Tarabuco and Hajna Hadiyyah L. Yusoph, both from MSU-Saguiaran CHS, and Kristinah Jhane H. Catalan of MSU-Wao CHS ranked Top 5; Ronaissah N. Lambas of MSU-Balo-i CHS and Yassin Jr. L. Panawidan of MSU-Saguiaran CHS ranked Top 6; and Mohammad L. Darapa of MSU-Balindong CHS and Mohammad Sidik P. Datu of MSU-Tugaya CHS ranked Top 7.



MSU-OAVCAA's primary goal is to train student leaders who can partner with the 13 MSU-External Units in their academic operations and physical development. The elected student leaders proved their unique individual leadership styles and skills by accomplishing and implementing their proposed school programs and projects. To evaluate their performance as student leaders, the OAVCAA conducted the search for the Most Outstanding Student Leader for the School Year 2024-2025. The finalists were recognized during the 54th commencement exercises and moving-up ceremony, making the event an unforgettable and memorable experience for the winners. They did not expect to be called on stage and recognized, especially Mohammad Raif B. Satar, SSG President of MSU-Saguiaran CHS, who received the Most Outstanding Student Leader award for the School Year 2024-2025. The other finalists for the Search for 2025 Most Outstanding Student Leader were Mohammad Sadic D. Medal, SSG President of MSU-Balindong CHS; Rose P. Bulawin, SSG President of MSU-Lopez Jaena CHS; Atheena Joyce C. Casuno, SSG President of MSU-Wao CHS; and Norhussien P. Khabab, SSG President of MSU-Tamparan CHS.

What made the occasion particularly memorable was the awarding of the Most Outstanding Teacher of the Year from the 13 MSU-External Units for the School Year 2024-2025. The search was conducted in April 2025. Ms. Norhayna A. Mayo, a faculty member of MSU-Baloi CHS, was awarded a plaque of recognition as the Most Outstanding Teacher of the Year across the 13 MSU-External Units and the Best Teacher Awardee in MSU-Baloi CHS for the third time this year, 2025. She is indeed an epitome of dedication and commitment in serving the students of MSU-Baloi CHS and the entire MSU-External Units, having achieved a grand slam for this award in three consecutive School Years: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025. Other awardees for the Best Teacher Award in each school were Namerah M. H. Ali of MSU-Balindong CHS; Norhan M. Abdulcarim of MSU-Binidayan CHS; Janine B. Sison of MSU-Lopez Jaena CHS; Jinan A. Macasayan of MSU-Malabang CHS; Eldeana G. Camama of MSU-Marantao CHS; Junairah D. Capampangan of MSU-Masiu CHS; Johannisah P. Pandao-Lininding of MSU-Saguiaran CHS; Mokhlisa T. Muripaga of MSU-Siawadato CHS; Najmah M. Macaarig of MSU-Tamparan CHS; Saada T. Shaid of MSU-Taraka CHS; and Jhon Anthony C. Catinoy of MSU-Wao CHS.



In the photos are University and BOR Secretary Atty. Nur-elias T. Yusoph (left) and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Samsia M. Paitao-Dumrang.

The ceremony concluded with a renewed sense of unity and purpose within the MSU-External Units community. The Senior High School graduating class and Junior High School completers alike expressed their gratitude for the support received, promising to contribute meaningfully to society. The event served as a powerful reminder of the transformative power of education and the bright future that awaits the next generation of leaders and innovators shaped by MSU-External Units under the able leadership of the proactive and visionary Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Samsia M. Paitao-Dumrang.

# United for Progress: MSU Alumni Convene for Symposium on Leadership, Ethics, and Peace

*MSU-Office of Alumni Relations and Career Center*

Esteemed alumni and guests of Mindanao State University (MSU) gathered for the Alumni Symposium on Leadership, Ethics, and Peace on February 26, 2025, at the Kalimudan Hall, Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center (MCHC) at MSU-Main Campus. The event aimed to foster thoughtful discussions on the critical role of leadership in promoting ethical governance and peacebuilding in today's dynamic world.

The symposium was organized by the Alumni Participation Committee for Mindanao State University's 61st Commencement Exercises, 1st Semester A.Y. 2024-2025. Chaired by Dr. Hanimah Salic-Lao, Director of the Office of Alumni Relations and Career Center, the event was a collaborative effort with the Philippine Muslim Women Council and the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos-Gender and Development (NCMF-GAD)-Lanao del Sur. It served as a platform to empower alumni through knowledge-sharing sessions, interactive panels, and inspiring talks. The symposium was held on February 26, 2025, at the Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center in MSU Marawi City.

The formal program commenced with an invocation led by Mr. Abdul Hakeem S. Lao, followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem and the Bangsamoro Hymn by all participants. Dr. Hanimah Salic-Lao delivered a warm welcome address, extending her gratitude to Mindanao State University, particularly the University President, the speakers, guests, alumni participants, and the committee members for their full support of the event.

On behalf of MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, Dr. Rebekah Marohombsar-Alawi delivered the President's message to the program. The Office of the President expressed great pleasure that alumni actively participated in events like this symposium, which encourages engagement, reconnection with fellow alumni, and the sharing of insightful discussions, specifically on good leadership, ethics, and peace, ultimately making a positive impact on society.



*MSU-OARCC Director Dr. Hanimah Lao with some symposium participants*

Bae Norhata M. Alonto, former Commissioner of the Social Security System (SSS) and President of the Philippine Muslim Women Council (PMWC) and the United Nations Association of the Philippines (UNAP)-Mindanao, shared an inspirational message. She briefly highlighted how empowered women can positively impact families, communities, and society as a whole.

During the symposium, Prof. Nasroden B. Guro, Ph.D., emphasized that ethical leadership plays a vital role in today's world, addressing challenges such as corruption, inequality, and weak governance. He highlighted that leaders demonstrating integrity, accountability, and commitment to the common good are essential for building trust and driving sustainable progress.

Prof. Guro stressed the relevance of these principles in the Philippine context, where strong moral leadership is crucial for addressing systemic issues and guiding communities toward progress. He further emphasized that ethical leadership styles, such as transformational leadership (which





*In the photos are some of the resource speakers of the symposium (from left to right): Prof. Nasroden B. Guro, PhD; Prof. Teresita T. Sanchez, MPA; and Baelabi Jehanne U. Mutin, PhD.*

motivates positive change) and servant leadership (which prioritizes others' welfare), are crucial for creating inclusive and responsive institutions. MSU, as a key institution shaping future leaders, promotes values-based governance aligned with its mission of nation-building and peace.

Baelabi Jehanne U. Mutin, Ph.D., discussed peacebuilding strategies focusing on fostering lasting harmony through leadership, connection, and sustainable initiatives. She noted that ethical leaders are crucial in guiding communities, preventing conflicts, and promoting unity. Strengthening social connections, whether through direct interactions or digital platforms, helps build relationships and create a sense of belonging. Additionally, institutional support, including awards and funding programs, ensures the continued thriving of peace initiatives.

Prof. Teresita T. Sanchez, MPA, presented on "MSU Touching Lives: Best Management Practices Sharing." She explained that sharing best management practices is vital for organizations to exchange successful strategies and techniques to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness. This collaborative approach helps institutions avoid mistakes, accelerates improvements, and fosters innovation by exposing organizations to diverse perspectives. Ultimately, this sharing boosts overall organizational performance, improves resource utilization, and cultivates a positive and collaborative work environment, benefiting all stakeholders.

During the Action Planning Session, Alumni Regent Engr. Sammuel Sabenecio shared updates on several key initiatives, including a Mindanao-wide motorcade, renewed social media engagement, expanded



*Engr. Sammuel Sabenecio with the symposium organizers and participants*

chapters worldwide, a formal awards program, and the creation of an MSUAA Foundation. He noted that the awards program inspires current students and highlights the achievements of MSU graduates, while the foundation ensures the long-term sustainability of these initiatives and the association's support for the university. Sabenecio also emphasized that a strengthened global alumni network provides mentorship, networking, and financial resources to current students and the university. Expanding the MSUAA's international presence enhances the university's reputation and attracts international students and faculty.

# MSU-Main Campus Holds Basic Archiving and Records Digitization Workshop

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez

A profound sense of purpose, interwoven with a palpable undercurrent of grief, marked Mindanao State University's (MSU) Main Campus training and seminar workshop on basic archiving and digitization of records on May 27, 2025, at CHTM Pavilion. The event, sponsored by MSU-Main Campus and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), brought together Records Officers (ROs) and Data Protection Officers (DPOs) from all MSU units, united in their commitment to safeguarding MSU's records and heritage. The recent passing of the University's esteemed leader cast a shadow of sorrow, yet the proceedings stood as a testament to his enduring legacy and unwavering dedication to preserving MSU's rich history.

The workshop commenced with a welcome address from Atty. Jayneveb Recentes-Magolama, Director of the University Quality Assurance Office, setting a tone of reflection and determination. Following this, Dr. Ibrahim H. Aliponto, Director of the Office of the President-Record Management Office, delivered the final address of MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno—a poignant call to action that resonated deeply, its emotional power amplified by the circumstances.

***"In a country like ours—where we are vulnerable to typhoons, earthquakes, floods, and even man-made crises—being prepared is not just practical; it is essential. Our records, books, and archives are more than documents. They are the custodians of our institutional memory and the foundation of our academic and administrative continuity. As stewards of learning and truth, we must ensure that our system is resilient, our personnel equipped, and our protocols responsive to the unique challenges we face here in our locality. May this workshop empower us to protect our cultural and academic treasures, and to emerge from every challenge with even greater strength and purpose. Let us be ready—not just to respond, but to lead."***



Ms. Emma M. Rey, Head of NCCA-National Committee on Archives

Assoc. Prof. Rosemarie O. Roque, Director of PUP-University Records Management Office and the SOFIA

Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD, MCHC and OIPP Director

Dr. Ibrahim H. Aliponto, OP-Records Management Office Director

Atty. Jayneveb Recentes-Magolama, University Quality Assurance Office Director





Building on her expertise, Ms. Rey showcases methods for recovering water-damaged documents.

This heartfelt message, imbued with the President's deep love for MSU and its Meranaw heritage (as a respected Sultan), served as a powerful inspiration.

The comprehensive program featured expert presentations that provided both knowledge and practical skills. Ms. Emma M. Rey, Head of the NCCA-National Committee on Archives, delivered a compelling presentation on Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Assessment for Records Centers, Libraries, and Archives, offering invaluable insights into disaster recovery strategies for archival materials. Assoc. Prof. Rosemarie O. Roque, Director of the PUP University Records Management Office and the Society of Filipino Archivists for Film (SOFIA), shared her expertise on digitization, digital preservation, and reformatting, tackling the key challenges of digitization standards, guidelines, procedures, storage, and the crucial aspects of managing digitization projects.

Prof. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, PhD, Director of MSU-Office of Information, Press and Publication and MSU-Meranaw Cultural Heritage Center, eloquently underscored the profound importance of preserving Mindanao's rich cultural heritage, adding a crucial layer of cultural sensitivity to the discussions. The workshop also covered essential techniques for salvaging and recovering water-damaged documents, emphasizing immediate separation of wet and dry materials (including the use of freezing) and meticulous drying techniques (like interleaving) to prevent irreparable damage.

The workshop's success reflects the late MSU System President Mapupuno's enduring legacy of commitment to preserving cultural heritage. This achievement underscores MSU's dedication to safeguarding its institutional memory, ensuring the longevity of its archival holdings and thereby securing its legacy for future generations. This will enable MSU to conserve not only its past but also strategically plan for its future development.



Workshop participants



The resource speakers together with Dr. Aliponto

# MSU System Launches Landmark Initiative on Institutionalizing Women, Peace and Security

MSU-Manila Information Office

In a historic step towards promoting inclusive peace and gender equality, the Mindanao State University (MSU) System held a momentous launching ceremony at the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on April 14, 2025. The event was themed, "Institutionalizing the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda in Mindanao through Higher Education."

Gracing the event, which was facilitated by the Philippine Council on Islam and Democracy (PCID) President and MSU Regent Hon. Amina Rasul Bernardo, were Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Hon. Amenah F. Pangandaman, OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., MSU System leaders led by MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, and notable guest speakers. These included the Chairperson of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) Hon. Ermelita V. Valdeavilla, Member of the Parliament of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Minister for the BARMM Ministry of the Interior and Local Government Hon. Sha Elijah Dumama-Alba, and members of the diplomatic community led by the European Union Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. Massimo Santoro, and UPCWSFI President Dr. Carolyn I. Sobritchea, along with other academic champions. All present showed a unified commitment to advancing the role of women in peacebuilding and conflict transformation.



Late MSU System President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno with other key figures who attended the launching ceremony of the EU-funded project, "Institutionalizing the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda in Mindanao through Higher Education"

The ceremony was a landmark occasion, signaling the integration of WPS principles into MSU's academic and institutional framework. Dignitaries from the national government underscored the importance of educational institutions as catalysts for societal change. Leading the academic front, MSU System officials, headed by MSU President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, expressed their collective support for this initiative. President Mapupuno emphasized the university's role as a bastion of peace in Mindanao, stating, "As a university born out of the vision for peace and development in Southern Philippines, MSU is committed to mainstreaming gender perspectives and empowering women as agents of peace in conflict-affected communities."





Photos from the ceremonial signing of commitments among MSU units and partner agencies reaffirm a shared vision for a peaceful and inclusive Mindanao. The photo on the right shows PCID President Amina Rasul-Bernardo and the late MSU System President Mapupuno signing the Pledge wall.

A highlight of the program was the presentation of updates on the Diploma Program on Women, Peace and Security, delivered by Dr. Bai Hejira Nefertiti M. Limbona, Chancellor of MSU-Maguindanao. She elaborated on the curriculum, which is designed to equip students, community leaders, and peace advocates with the theoretical and practical tools necessary to address gendered dimensions of conflict and peacebuilding.

"The Diploma on WPS is not merely an academic program—it is a platform for empowerment," said Chancellor Limbona. "Through this, we aim to develop a cadre of women and men who understand the critical role gender plays in achieving sustainable peace."

The event also featured a ceremonial signing of commitments among MSU units and partner agencies, reaffirming a shared vision for a peaceful and inclusive Mindanao. The signing of the Pledge wall was led by Hon. Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida, Executive Director for the Center of Excellence for Women, Peace and Security. Lively cultural performances by the MSU-Maguindanao Gandingan Cultural Dance troupe and testimonies from women peace advocates highlighted the human dimensions of the program, emphasizing lived experiences and grassroots efforts that echo the goals of the WPS agenda.

The MSU System's initiative to institutionalize WPS aligns with global and national frameworks, including the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 and the Philippines' National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. It reinforces the university's commitment to being a transformative force for peace, equity, and development in the region. As the WPS agenda takes root in the academic landscape, Mindanao State University stands poised to become a beacon of hope and leadership in gender-responsive peacebuilding across the Philippines. #



PCID President Amina Rasul-Bernardo and the late MSU System President Mapupuno with the staff of MSU-Manila Information Office and the members of MSU-Maguindanao Gandingan Cultural Dance Troupe

MSU officials during the launching ceremony of the "Institutionalizing the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda in Mindanao through Higher Education"





# Groundbreaking Ceremony Marks Milestone in Lanao del Sur Peacebuilding Efforts

*MSU-Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao*

A significant step towards lasting peace and development was marked on April 10, 2025 with the groundbreaking ceremony for two multipurpose buildings in the municipalities of Butig and Lumbanague, Lanao del Sur. This initiative is a key component of the ongoing peacebuilding programs in the region, undertaken in partnership between the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF). The implementation of this project is governed by a memorandum of agreement between OPAPRU and Mindanao State University (MSU) as a system.

The construction of these vital infrastructure projects falls under the MNLF transformative program, generously funded by OPAPRU. The need for these multipurpose buildings was directly identified through a comprehensive profiling of MNLF combatants in Butig and Lumbanague. This grassroots approach ensured that the projects directly address the needs and aspirations of the communities transitioning towards peaceful civilian life. The project proposals were meticulously crafted by dedicated proposal writers from the Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao (IPDM), reflecting a collaborative effort to ensure the relevance and sustainability of the initiatives.

The groundbreaking ceremony in Butig was graced by the presence of Mayor Dimnatang Pansar, underscoring the strong local government support for these peacebuilding endeavors. Also present during the groundbreaking was Prof. Corazon Mangelen. Representing the IPDM at the event were esteemed members of the project team: Prof. Raihan Yusoph, Prof. Almahdi Alonto, and Prof. Mojahid Baraki. The IPDM project team is headed by its dedicated Executive Director, Dr. Acram Latiph, whose leadership has been instrumental in bringing these projects to fruition. These multipurpose buildings are envisioned to serve as vital hubs for community activities, skills training, livelihood programs, and other essential services. They are expected to play a crucial role in fostering social cohesion, economic empowerment, and overall development in the two municipalities.

This groundbreaking ceremony signifies not just the commencement of construction but also the deepening commitment of the government, the MNLF, and local stakeholders towards building a more peaceful and prosperous future for the people of Lanao del Sur. The collaborative spirit and community-driven approach of this initiative serve as a beacon of hope for continued progress in the region's peace journey. #



# MSU Champions Women's Empowerment in National Women's Month 2025 Celebrations

**MSU-Center for Women Studies**

On March 18, 2025, the MSU-Center for Women Studies, in collaboration with the King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies (KFCIAAS), the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), and the International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO), organized an activity titled "Empowering Women and Society: Celebrating the National Women's Month 2025." This significant event commemorated the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women while championing gender equality and women's rights. This year's National Women's Month was celebrated with its recurring theme, "We for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society (2023-2025)," and this year's subtheme, "Babae sa Lahat ng Sektor, Aangat ang Bukas sa Bagong Pilipinas."

During this event, various topics were discussed. Dr. Anisah Mapupuno-Laguindab, GAD Focal Person of the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos, opened several topics regarding Muslim women and empowerment, such as the Guidelines for Working Muslim Women and Women's Leadership. Moreover, Prof. Abdulkader M. Ayo, Ph.D., Sh.L., J.D., Dean of the MSU-King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies, delivered a lecture on some specific provisions of P.D. 1083 (Code of Muslim Personal Laws of the Philippines) regarding women. The event was held at the CHTM Pavilion and was attended by employees from different offices and units of MSU-Main Campus. #



Participants in MSU's Women's Month celebration themed, "Empowering Women and Society: Celebrating the National Women's Month 2025"

# Strengthening Academic Ties: MSU-Main Campus and Universitas Padjadjaran Forge Path for Faculty and Student Exchange

*Dr. Abdulkader M. Ayo*

A delegation from Mindanao State University (MSU) embarked on a significant academic mission to Universitas Padjadjaran (UNPAD) in Bandung, Indonesia on May 17 to 21, 2025. This visit served as both a cultural and educational experience and a crucial step in strengthening academic relations between the two institutions. A key outcome was the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), specifically emphasizing faculty and student exchange.

The MSU delegation, led by Vice Chancellor Atty. Saaduddin M. Alauya, Jr., included prominent university officials such as Budget Director Mohaimen Bani Umpat, Dean Dr. Abdulkader M. Ayo, and professors Dr. Jalloud Abdul, Dr. Mustapha Dimaro, and Dr. Anwar Radiamoda. Their presence highlighted MSU's commitment to fostering global academic partnerships.

On the first day, the delegation paid a courtesy visit to the UNPAD Rector, where institutional introductions and updates were exchanged. Vice Chancellor Alauya formally conveyed MSU's objectives and appreciation. The UNPAD leadership extended a warm welcome, setting a positive and enthusiastic tone for the entire visit. A central highlight of the trip was the International Relations Public Forum, where MSU delegates actively participated as speakers. With over 100 attendees, the forum provided an excellent platform for sharing research insights, exchanging ideas, and identifying areas for cooperative ventures between MSU and UNPAD.

The signing of the MOA marked the culmination of the visit. Building upon an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), this new agreement formalizes faculty and student exchanges between MSU and UNPAD. The MOA aims to provide opportunities for academic mobility, joint research projects, and cultural immersion, fostering deeper collaboration and mutual growth. The ceremony was witnessed by leaders from both institutions, affirming their shared vision for a globally connected academic future.





A particularly poignant moment during the visit was learning about the late Senator Dr. Domocao Alonto, the founder of MSU, who was part of the Philippine delegation to the 1955 Asia-Africa Conference held in Bandung. This discovery deepened the delegation's appreciation for the city's historical significance.

Ultimately, the MSU-UNPAD visit was a resounding success. It achieved its primary goal of solidifying a formal exchange program and established a strong foundation for future cooperation. The experience not only enriched academic connections but also fostered cross-cultural understanding and created lasting memories that will guide future endeavors. #



## MSU-Main Campus Benchmarks at UPLB to Bolster Research and Extension Programs

**Amierson C. Tilendo, MSc.**

A delegation from Mindanao State University (MSU)-Main Campus, led by Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development Dr. Fema M. Abamo and Director of University Extension Services Prof. Melencio C. Jalova Jr., recently embarked on an enriching benchmarking visit to the University of the Philippines-Los Baños (UPLB) on March 11-12, 2025. With a shared vision of strengthening MSU's research and extension programs, particularly in shaping the newly rebranded Ranaw Sustainability and Resiliency Center, the delegation eagerly explored UPLB's renowned institutions and laboratories to gain firsthand knowledge of their best practices.

The visit commenced with an inspiring experience at the Syensaya Festival, UPLB's annual science event designed to spark curiosity and enthusiasm for research among young students. The festival's vibrant energy set a perfect tone for the delegation's visit. The team then proceeded to the Forest Products Research and Development Institute (DOST-FPRDI), where experts passionately shared groundbreaking innovations in sustainable resource utilization. Discussions delved into advancements in forest products, particularly in the development of essential oils and fragrances, showcasing how scientific research is transforming raw materials into valuable commercial products.

The second day was dedicated to in-depth discussions on interdisciplinary research and institutional collaboration. At the Institute of Food Science and Technology (UPLB-IFST), the delegation engaged in insightful conversations with leading scientists, led by Dr. Floirendo P. Flores, concerning the critical role of integrating food science and engineering. The exchange of ideas underscored the importance of innovation in food processing. The journey continued to the Institute of Natural Resources and Environmental Management (UPLB-INREM), where Dr. Juan M. Pulhin shared the inspiring growth story of the institute—from its modest beginnings to becoming a multi-funded organization dedicated to the conservation of natural resources. The delegation also had the privilege of visiting the National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (BIOTECH), where Director Fidez Marciana Z. Tambalo shed light on pioneering biotechnological research initiatives. Their success in translating research into commercial applications highlighted the power of collaboration with various stakeholders in bridging the gap between science and industry.

The visit concluded on a high note with a meaningful dialogue at the Office of the Chancellor. Chancellor Jose V. Camacho, Jr. welcomed the delegation with an inspiring message, emphasizing the essence of collaboration, capacity-building, and UPLB's unwavering commitment to supporting other higher education institutions in the country. As MSU-Main Campus continues to build on this experience, the university looks forward to enhancing faculty research capabilities, fostering stronger academic partnerships, and implementing best practices that will propel its research and development initiatives to new heights.

# MSU Strengthens Global Sustainability Commitment through EU-ASEAN Green Transition Cluster and SCOPE-HE Connectivity Package

*Prof. Melba Angni*

Mindanao State University (MSU) reaffirms its commitment to global sustainability and academic collaboration as a key participant in the EU-ASEAN Green Transition Cluster, part of the SCOPE-HE Connectivity Package—a flagship initiative funded by the European Union to support higher education transformation across regions.

MSU, together with five other leading institutions from Europe and Southeast Asia, is co-developing the innovative program GreenTrans-EDU: Towards Green Transformation in Higher Education, which aims to enhance sustainability in teaching, research, and knowledge transfer. The project aligns closely with MSU's strategic goals on environmental education, sustainable development, and internationalization.

MSU's delegation includes Director Melba M. Angni of the International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO), Dr. Husna Abdullah Dimapalao, and Asst. Prof. Camar P. Ameril, both of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Their contributions reflect MSU's growing role in global efforts to respond to climate challenges through higher education.

## **Launch of the Green Transition Cluster**

The cluster officially began its collaboration with a working meeting on May 13, 2025, held at Lyon Restaurant, Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Jakarta. The meeting brought together representatives from all six partner institutions to align goals, share expertise, and finalize plans for joint activities, including curriculum development and research.

The following day, on May 14, a significant milestone was reached: Prof. Jens Wolling of TU Ilmenau, head of the Green Transition Cluster, and Dr. Kai Sicks, Secretary General of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), signed a declaration of intent, marking a formal commitment to the objectives of the GreenTrans-EDU project and the broader SCOPE-HE initiative.

Present throughout the discussions and coordination was Dr. Mira Rochyadi-Reetz, Project Manager of the Green Transition Cluster, who played a key role in guiding the program's direction and facilitating collaboration among the partner institutions.

## **Advancing Green Transformation: Target Outputs**

As part of its mission, the Green Transition Cluster has set its sights on two key outputs that will drive transformative change in higher education. First, the cluster will co-develop a teaching module titled "Climate Action: Pathways to a Sustainable Future." This module, grounded in the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) framework and informed by cutting-edge research from the partner institutions, will provide students with both theoretical foundations and practical competencies to address sustainability challenges in real-world settings. To support scalability



*Resource Speakers of the SCOPE-HE Research Connectivity Workshop*



and integration, a digital manual detailing the module's content and implementation process will be published, making it accessible to other higher education institutions beyond the cluster.

Second, the cluster will launch two multidisciplinary research sub-projects. One will focus on the relevance of renewable energy (SDG 7) in advancing climate action, while the other will explore the importance of protecting life on land (SDG 15) in achieving sustainability goals. These collaborative research efforts aim to produce not only peer-reviewed journal articles but also public-oriented outputs, including blogs, newspaper features, and radio interviews, to raise broader awareness and foster community engagement.

### A Platform for Enriching Exchange

The workshops and discussions during the May meetings were hailed as deeply enriching, enabling participants to engage in meaningful dialogue on sustainability, curriculum transformation, and research collaboration across diverse educational and cultural contexts. These exchanges served to build mutual understanding, foster innovation, and establish a strong foundation for long-term partnerships.

"Being part of the SCOPE-HE Connectivity Package and the Green Transition Cluster gives MSU the opportunity to contribute our local knowledge and research capacity to global sustainability efforts," said Director Melba M. Angni. "The discussions were not only intellectually engaging but also energizing, as we worked with like-minded institutions towards transformative educational models."

MSU's involvement exemplifies the university's dedication to sustainable development and international academic leadership, placing Mindanao at the center of a dynamic EU-ASEAN network for green

#### Philippine Delegation and Regional Engagement at SCOPE-HE Workshop

Mindanao State University's delegation to the SCOPE-HE Connectivity Package Workshop was joined by fellow Philippine institutions Xavier University and Cordillera State Institute of Technology, both of which are members of the Blue Economy Cluster under the same program. This highlights the country's strong representation and growing commitment to collaborative sustainability efforts within the EU-ASEAN higher education network.

The event also saw high-level participation from Philippine government and diplomatic representatives. Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Undersecretary Dr. Leah Buendia served as one of the panelists in the opening session on Science Diplomacy, contributing valuable insights on the role of research and innovation in international cooperation. Also in attendance was Ms. Maricar Yambao, representative of the Philippine Embassy to Indonesia, who underscored the importance of academic partnerships in deepening ASEAN-EU relations.

### About the Cluster

The Green Transition Cluster brings together six higher education institutions from Europe and Southeast Asia, each contributing unique strengths to the collaborative initiative. From Europe, the partners include Technische Universität Ilmenau in Germany, serving as the Cluster Lead; Fachhochschule Erfurt (FHE), also from Germany; and Université de Technologie de Compiègne (UTC) in France. Representing the ASEAN region are Mindanao State University (Philippines), President University (Indonesia), and Universitas Pancasila (Indonesia). Together, these institutions form a dynamic transcontinental alliance committed to fostering sustainability in education, research, and outreach.



*The MSU delegation at the SCOPE-HE Connectivity Package meeting with delegates from other Philippine institutions, including Xavier University and Cordillera State Institute of Technology*



# MSU System

<b>Resolution No. 1, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the Faculty Exchange Program in the Mindanao State University System (MSUS),
<b>Resolution No. 2, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the establishment of MSU-Marawi Al-Barka Basilan Extension (MSU-ABE)
<b>Resolution No. 3, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the exclusion of the Faculty Promotion and Final Rank in the agenda reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Board of Regents
<b>Resolution No. 4, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the TER Revision: From Tripartite Rating to Students Only
<b>Resolution No. 5, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the ISRP Amendment (to Include the IPCR of the faculty + the TER rated by the students in the evaluation of the faculty promotion)
<b>Resolution No. 6, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the Schedule of Activities of the MSU System
<b>Resolution No. 7, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the grant of authority to MSU campuses to change/correct/align the course code and scheduling/sequencing of courses to align with the PSG
<b>Resolution No. 8, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the contribution of MSU Campuses as Seed Money for the Second (2nd) Philippine Small-Scale Fisheries National Symposium
<b>Resolution No. 9, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the DRUG-FREE CAMPUS POLICY of MSU System
<b>Resolution No. 159, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the reorganization of the Finance Committee Membership
<b>Resolution No. 160, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the House Rules of the Executive Committee Meeting
<b>Resolution No. 161, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the creation of a committee to explore on the collaboration of Mindanao State University (MSU) and PTV 4
<b>Resolution No. 162, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the schedule of the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting for 2025 to be moved from every Monday to every Tuesday of June, September and December
<b>Resolution No. 163-A, S. 2025</b>	Approval that the University President shall instruct the Vice-President for Academic Affairs and the Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs of different MSU campuses to study the report specifically the issue on lack of faculty members and look into the possibility of assigning some faculty members temporarily from one campus to another, recommend programs to be temporarily closed or phased out, and develop a workplan which can be submitted to the Board for approval so the latter can appeal to the CHED En Banc to take the same as substantial compliance



# Approved Resolutions

## during the 270th BOR Meeting

*Source: Office of the MSU System and BOR Secretary*

<b>Resolution No. 163-B, S. 2025</b>	Approval that in the next Board meeting, MSU will create a clear guidelines regarding the extension programs, its purpose, definition and the period to be observed before it can become a regular program
<b>Resolution No. 163-C, S. 2025</b>	Approval that MSU-IIT shall present to the Board its strategies in strengthening their graduate education and the feeder programs so that if it gets the Board approval, it will be submitted to the CHED En Banc for COPC purposes of their Graduate Programs
<b>Resolution No. 163-D, S. 2025</b>	Approval that the University President shall direct the Librarian of the Mindanao State University to write a letter, to be endorsed by the Chairperson, addressed to the Librarian of University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman to enter into an agreement or understanding on the sharing of books, references and other resources
<b>Resolution No. 164, S. 2025</b>	Approval that upon the discussion of the Board En Banc, the grant of authority to Mindanao State University System (MSUS) President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, to enter and sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
<b>Resolution No. 10, S. 2025</b>	Confirmation of Resolution No. 1-R, S. 2025, the inclusion of two (2) graduating students for the First Semester AY 2024-2025 in the list of graduates that was approved by the Board last December 9, 2024 En Banc meeting
<b>Resolution No. 11, S. 2025</b>	Confirmation of Resolution No. 2-R, S. 2025, the grant of authority for Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno to travel to Malaysia on February 21 – 28, 2025 to attend the International Council of Islamic Finance Educators (ICIFE) Institutional Member's Meeting, the 11th Annual General Meeting and the TOT on Halal and Write-shop on Teachers' Manual on Halal 101
<b>Resolution No. 12, S. 2025</b>	Confirmation of 22 Special Orders
<b>Notation of the various matters</b>	<b>from the MSU System to wit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The actual number of graduates (1,347) of MSU system for the First Semester, AT 2024-2025</li><li>• The promotion or reclassification of 84 faculty members from various campuses with the rank of Associate Professor – Full Professor</li><li>• The promotion or reclassification of two faculty members from various campuses with the rank of Associate Professor</li><li>• The final rank of three faculty members from various campuses with the rank of Associate Professor</li></ul>

# MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)

<b>Resolution No. 18, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the budget utilization of realized and collected income under fund 05 of MSU-Marawi for the November 21, 2024 to March 14, 2025 in the total amount of PhP75,498,336.99 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
<b>Resolution No. 19, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the Program of Receipts and Expenditures for Free Higher Education (FHE) for the Second Semester AY 2024-2025 of MSU-Marawi amounting to PhP78,354,540.00
<b>Resolution No. 20, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the grant of authority to MSU-Marawi to implement Locally-Funded Projects (Later Release) under Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay of the FY 2025 GAA amounting to PhP4,500,000.00
<b>Resolution No. 21, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the Completion of the Construction of MSU-Main Campus University Hospital and Research Complex (Increase in Carrying Capacity of the College of Medicine) amounting to PhP60,541,000.00
<b>Resolution No. 22, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the Equipment, Machinery, Furnitures and Fixtures Outlay Phase I (Increase in Carrying Capacity of the College of Medicine) amounting to PhP393,170,234.59
<b>Resolution No. 23, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the creation of 292 plantilla positions for the MSU Medical Hospital and Training Center
<b>Resolution No. 74, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the offering of Bachelor of Science in Islamic Banking and Finance (BS-IBF) program
<b>Resolution No. 75, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the MSU Strategic Plan for Strengthening the Shari'ah Legal Education in the Philippines (MSU SPSSLEP)
<b>Resolution No. 76, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the Student Handbook of the College of Health Sciences of MSU-Marawi
<b>Resolution No. 77, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the University Intramural Games (UIG) Handbook of MSU-Marawi
<b>Resolution No. 78, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the Revised University Research Spotlight with its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of MSU-Marawi
<b>Resolution No. 79, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the creation of Journal Sections for the Mindanao Journal of MSU-Marawi



# Approved Resolutions

## during the 270th BOR Meeting

*Source: Office of the MSU System and BOR Secretary*

<b>Resolution No. 107, S. 2025</b>	Confirmation of 98 Special Orders
<b>Resolution No. 124, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the Guidelines for the Accreditation of Private Boarding Houses in the University Premises of MSU-Marawi
<b>Resolution No. 125, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the procurement of one unit motor vehicle for MSU-Main Campus – Bataraza Extension
<b>Resolution No. 126, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the grant of authority for the University President to file Accion Publiciana/ Reinvidicatoria (Action to Recover Ownership and/or Possession) against Sodioda Unte
<b>Resolution No. 127, S. 2025</b>	Approval of the Management of the Online Booking System (OBS) Application for Venue and Hostel Reservations and Institutionalization of the Current Reservation and Booking Fees
<b>Resolution No. 144, S. 2025</b>	Approval of three Agreements entered into by and between the Mindanao State University – Marawi City as represented by its President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, and partner agencies
<b>Resolution No. 145, S. 2025</b>	Confirmation of 6 Administrative Special Orders, 16 Committee Special Orders, and 2 Cottage Special Orders
<b>Notation of the various matters</b>	<b>from the MSU System to wit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The 2nd Research and Development (R&amp;D) Summit proceedings of MSU-Marawi</li><li>• The updated Research and Development (R&amp;D) Agenda for 2023-2028 of MSU-Marawi</li><li>• The MSU-Marawi Academic Calendar AY 2025-2026</li><li>• The promotion or reclassification of items of eight faculty members with collegiate rank of MSU-Marawi</li><li>• The promotion or reclassification of 11 faculty members of MSU-Marawi External Units (High School)</li><li>• The grant of tenure to 12 faculty members of MSU-Marawi</li></ul>

# Resolution No. 9, Series of 2025

## Drug-Free Campus Policy of MSU System

### Rationale

Whereas, the 1987 Philippine Constitution, under Section 11, Article II, underscores the State's commitment to prioritizing the dignity of every human person and ensuring the full respect of human rights. In line with this, Republic Act No. 9165, also known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, establishes that it is the policy of the State to protect the well-being of its citizens, particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs.

Whereas, RA 9165 mandates that students in both secondary and tertiary schools undergo random drug testing, in accordance with their respective schools' handbooks. The law further ensures that all expenses for such testing, whether in public or private schools, shall be covered by the government.

Whereas, Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) Regulation No. 6, Series of 2003, requires that students and their parents be notified in writing about the procedures for random drug testing. Furthermore, DDB Regulation No. 3, Series of 2009, reiterates that refusing a drug test should not result in any presumption of drug use or dependency. Schools, however, are encouraged to implement interventions consistent with this regulation's guiding principles.

Whereas, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Memorandum Order No. 18, Series of 2018, provides specific guidelines for conducting drug testing in higher education institutions (HEIs). Under Section 8, all HEIs are required to implement mandatory random drug testing for their students, ensuring that the process adheres to existing regulations and follows proper consultation. Pursuant to Rule VIII, Section 20 of the same CHED memorandum, a student's refusal to undergo drug testing does not automatically imply drug use or dependency. However, appropriate actions may be taken, as detailed in the student handbooks.

Whereas, Civil Service Memorandum Circular No. 1700653, s. 2017, sets out guidelines for the mandatory random drug testing of public officials and employees, aiming to maintain a drug-free environment across government agencies.

Wherefore, Mindanao State University, through its Board of Regents, is empowered to create policies and guidelines, as necessary, to fulfill the University's mandate in accordance with the law. In this context, the Mindanao State University Board of Regents has established the MSU-IIT Drug-Free Campus Policy. These guidelines adopt a comprehensive approach to drug prevention, aimed at fostering a culture where students and employees actively choose a drug-free lifestyle while providing support to those who need it. By ensuring the coordination of drug abuse prevention programs in partnership with relevant government agencies, this policy aligns with the university's mission of contributing to a better life for all its stakeholders.

### Objectives

1. To promote a drug-free campus and advance the legitimate interest of the government in preventing and deterring dangerous drug use among the university's constituents;
2. To instill in the minds of the MSU-IIT constituents that dangerous drugs interfere with the teaching and learning environment, productivity, creativity, morale, health, safety, and security;
3. To ensure that students and employees who need help with drug use have access to effective recovery programs, interventions, referrals, and support for reintegration into campus life without stigma;
4. To strengthen the collaborative efforts of the concerned agencies—Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), Department of Health (DOH), Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), and Local Government Unit (LGU)—against the use of illegal drugs and in the treatment of Persons Who Use Drugs (PWUDs);
5. To establish a stronger partnership between MSU-IIT and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in providing programs and activities intended to facilitate a holistic approach to the prevention and control of illegal drug use;
6. To ensure that the drug testing policies of MSU-IIT are reasonable and in accordance with the fundamental rights of the university's constituents;



7. To encourage the conduct of research, studies, and evidence-based programs and interventions related to illegal drug abuse; and
8. To evaluate and improve the efficacy and effectiveness of the University's drug abuse prevention programs.

#### **Drug-Free Campus Committee**

**Section 4. Drug-Free Campus Committee (DFC).** A Committee tasked to formulate and implement the Drug-Free Campus Policy of the University and facilitate the conduct of authorized mandatory random drug testing for students and employees of the University is hereby created, referred to herein as the "Committee."

The committee shall be composed of the following:

**Chairperson:** Vice Chancellor (to be designated by the Chancellor) **Vice-Chairperson:** Director of the Office of the Medical, Dental & Health Services

#### **Members:**

- Director of the Office of the Student Development Services
- Director of the Office of Guidance and Counseling
- Director of the Center for Information and Communication Technology
- Director of the Office of Communications
- Director of the Office of Sports Development
- Director of National Service Training Program/ROTC
- Director of the Center for Culture and Arts
- Head of Human Resource Management Division
- Director of the Infrastructure Services Division
- Director of the Office of Business Affairs
- Chief of Security and Investigation Division
- Office of the Chancellor Legal Representative
- Medical Technologist
- Health and Allied Professionals Representative (Psychologists, Nurses, Social Workers)
- Student Representative (KASAMA)
- Faculty Representative (Faculty Union)
- Administrative Unit Representative (ANTEU)
- Representative of Parents (PTA from IDS)
- (2) Clerical Assistants

The Committee shall immediately convene upon the issuance of a Special Order creating the committee.

The Committee is authorized to issue necessary supplemental implementing guidelines and other instruments to fully execute the drug testing and related activities, subject to the approval by the Chancellor.

The University shall allocate adequate funds for the operations of the Committee and the implementation of the annual mandatory random drug testing beginning academic year 2025, subject to availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Upon completion of the mandatory random drug testing for AY2025, and every year thereafter, the Committee shall submit a Final Report to the Chancellor, embodying the aggregate results of the drug testing, updates on the post-drug-testing activities and interventions, and recommendations for the University's drug abuse prevention program.



# Resolution No. 2, Series of 2025

## Establishment of MSU-Marawi Al-Barka Basilan Extension (MSU-ABE)

The proposed establishment of Mindanao State University (MSU) – Al Barka Basilan Extension (MSU-ABE) marks a historic milestone for the people of Al-Barka, Basilan Province, BARMM. It is a long-cherished aspiration of the local communities, particularly former MNLF and MILF fighters whose children and youth have not been able to access quality and affordable higher education due to isolation and lack of funds. This is a pressing and urgent response to the educational, socio-economic, and cultural needs of Al-Barka, formerly a war-torn area in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). This initiative seeks to empower the Yakan people, a Muslim cultural community, who have long prayed for an MSU campus in their midst, similar to MSU-Sulu for the Tausug people and MSU-TCTO for the Sama and other Mindanaon cultural communities.

When MSU was created in 1961, with Mindanao, Sulu, and Palawan (MINSUPALA) as its coverage areas, it was tasked to provide quality higher education and promote social development in these once-marginalized areas. But whereas MSU-Sulu and MSU-Tawi-Tawi campuses prospered and commemorated their golden anniversaries, Basilan was left out of the expansion initiatives of the MSU System, confining its people to meager access to higher education opportunities.

Consequently, few Basilan students, mostly those with the means to support themselves, were able to study at MSU-Marawi or other campuses. They became leaders in their chosen fields, a testament to the redemptive strength of education. But for most young people in Al-Barka, distance, cost, and social issues precluded their access to quality higher education.

The establishment of the MSU-Al Barka Basilan Extension (MSU-ABE) will remedy these past inequalities and foster access to education among marginalized populations, especially sons and daughters of erstwhile MNLF and MILF warriors, out-of-school youth, and underprivileged students who are willing to continue their education but are constrained by distance and poverty. Establishing an extension campus in Al-Barka, Basilan can have far-reaching benefits for education, the economy, community empowerment, and social cohesion. It represents investments for the future of the BARMM region in the province of Basilan and its people.

Furthermore, it is noteworthy that the MSU-Basilan Extension Campus will be the first tertiary education institution in the area that will offer Islamic Studies (Major in Shariah) to strengthen Islamic education and Arabic literacy in the province, Bachelor of Elementary Education to address the shortage of locally trained teachers in Al-Barka and other neighboring municipalities, and Diploma in Agricultural Technology (Major in Crop Production) to support Basilan's agriculture-based economy and modernize farming practices. Sadly, when MSU decided to expand and opened other campuses, only MSU-Sulu and MSU-Tawi-Tawi were opened. Now, they have reached and celebrated their golden anniversaries. Meanwhile, Basilan has yet to experience its share of development. With expansion in Bataraza, Palawan and Sindanagan, Zamboanga del Norte in the last four years, we thought the time was ripe to request that Basilan also be given the same access for its youth. This proposal manifests the prayer of the people of Basilan to also have the opportunity for quality education through MSU-Basilan Extension Campus.

In addition, the proposed extension campus is strategically aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals, an addition to MSU's contribution to the UN SDGs.

The extension campus is in line with the local government units' (LGUs) commitment to open access for Bangsamoro constituents, particularly former MNLF and MILF Mujahideen and their children, to deepen their knowledge, learn skills, and appreciate their cultural heritage, their religion, and traditions, as well as their aspiration for social transformation. With MP Dan S. Asnawie's financial commitment, the Al-Barka Municipal Government's backing, and official endorsement by BARMM officials, the proposed MSU-Marawi Al-Barka Basilan Extension Campus is administratively and financially sustainable. The campus shall provide quality programs, nurture indigenous talent, and contribute to a better educational and economic landscape for the region, leading to shared growth and lasting peace in the Bangsamoro region. With such a vision from Member of Parliament Dan S. Asnawie, together with the MSU – Basilan Extension Campus Technical Working Group (TWG), a proposal was presented to President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno of the MSU System together with selected officials in Marawi Main Campus last August 23, 2024. Fortunately, the proposal as



presented was approved in principle by MSU President Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, subject to approval by the MSU Board of Regents. An ocular inspection site visit will soon be conducted on April 4-6, 2025, by the University System Curriculum Committee, headed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Alma E. Berowa, with selected College Deans and faculty special assistants. The target date for initial operation will be set for the First Semester of Academic Year 2025-2026.

For initial operations and management, the MSU Marawi Al-Barka Basilan Extension (MSU-ABE) Campus will be funded from the Office of Member of Parliament Dan S. Asnawie and supported by the Association of Professionals in the area, the local government units such as the Barangay Chief Executives of Kailih, Cambug, Bato-Bato, and Apil-Apil, the Officers of the MSU Al-Barka Extension Program Working Group in the area, and the Al-Barka Municipal Chief Executive, Mayor, and Sangguniang Bayan.

The proposed MSU-Marawi Al-Barka Basilan Extension Campus is a critical investment in the future of Basilan. It will empower the Yakan people and other cultural communities in the area through education, preserve their cultural heritage, and drive economic and social transformation in the entire Basilan Province and beyond. This initiative is not only a response to a long-standing prayer for educational access but also a pathway to peace, prosperity, and inclusive development for future generations. In the spirit of social justice, fairness, equity, diversity, and inclusion, it is our prayer that this proposal will be approved. This proposal is an answered prayer for the Basilan people who have long hoped to see their fair share of education empowerment and social change.

# Resolution No. 1, Series of 2025

## Faculty Exchange Program in MSU System

Established in Marawi City in 1961 through RA 1387, as amended, Mindanao State University (MSU) was founded as a strategic intervention to address the "Moro Problem," with MINSUPALA (Mindanao, Sulu, and Palawan) as its service areas. Over the years, MSU has established itself as a premier university in the country, particularly in Southern Philippines, surpassing its original mandate and expanding its contributions to education, peace-building, and sustainable development as a government instrumentality.

MSU has metamorphosed into a dynamic university system—the Mindanao State University System (MSUS)—comprising eleven (11) campuses, alongside various external units and extension campuses. It operates under a unified governing body, the MSU Board of Regents (BOR), and is led by one University President. Within this system, eight (8) autonomous campuses are headed by Chancellors, while three (3) are under the leadership of Campus Heads or Superintendents.

Despite operating under a unified governing body—the MSU Board of Regents (BOR)—the MSU System campuses are not created equal. Disparities exist in terms of faculty expertise, research output, academic programs, and institutional resources. Recognizing this, University President Basari D. Mapupuno has outlined a 10-Point Agenda that prioritizes quality education, academic excellence, and institutional synergy or systemness under the administrative framework of One MSU. A key mechanism to realize this vision is the Faculty Exchange Program (FEP), designed to leverage the strengths of more advanced and bigger MSU campuses to assist smaller and developing campuses, particularly in faculty complement and academic capacity-building.

Through faculty mobility and cross-campus collaboration, the FEP aims to strengthen the core functions of MSUS in instruction, research, and extension, ensuring that all campuses progress toward academic excellence and sustainable development. Furthermore, this initiative aligns with key United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as: SDG 4: Quality Education – Enhancing faculty expertise and knowledge-sharing ensures equitable access to high-quality education across all MSU campuses; SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth – Investing in faculty development fosters professional growth, leading to a more competitive and dynamic academic workforce; SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities – Bridging gaps between well-established and developing campuses fosters inclusivity and equitable access to educational resources; and SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions – Strengthening inter-campus collaboration enhances institutional governance and contributes to long-term peace and development efforts in MINSUPALA.

In light of these goals, this proposal to establish a Faculty Exchange Program within the MSU System is hereby submitted for discussion and deliberation, with the earnest prayer for approval by the Board of Regents.

# Newly Installed (2025-2028) College Deans



**ATTY. NORHABIB BIN SUOD S. BARODI**  
*Dean, College of Law*



**HAYDEE I. GATCHALIAN-CABILDO, MD, FPOGS**  
*Dean, College of Medicine  
(On-hold-over Capacity)*



**DR. MOBARAK D. HADJI AMIN**  
*Dean, College of Agriculture*



**DR. IMARA C. ANDAM, CPA**  
*Dean, College of Business  
Administration and Accountancy*



**DR. ROHANIFA MAMA-MAROHOMBSAR**  
*Dean, College of Education*



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



**DR. MA-ANN M. CAMARIN**  
*Dean, College of Fisheries and  
Aquatic Sciences*



**PROF. ABDUL-NASSER D. LOMANTONG**  
*Dean, College of Forestry and  
Environmental Studies  
(On-hold-over Capacity)*



Per Special Orders No. 812 -OP, S. 2025 & No. 813 -OP, S. 2025  
MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)



**DR. ATHENA JALALIYAH D. LAWI**  
*Dean, College of Health Sciences*



**PROF. AINNIE M. GANGCO**  
*Dean, College of Hospitality and  
Tourism Management*



**PROF. MUDZNA M. ASAKIL**  
*Dean, College of Information and  
Computing Sciences*



**DR. SALAMAH M. BASHER**  
*Dean, Institute of Science  
Education*



**ATTY. JASHIM A. ABDULRAHMAN**  
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*Dean, College of Public Affairs*



**DR. MONAIMAH G. MANABILANG**  
*Dean, College of Social Sciences  
and Humanities*



**DR. MIRIAN P. AMAN**  
*Dean, College of Sports, Physical  
Education and Recreation*



# MARCH-APRIL 2025 PHYSICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION

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| 1. Abdulrauf Y. Garangan, MD      | 20. Jonainah B. Hadji Ali, MD          |
| 2. Aliah L. Macarambon, MD        | 21. Kendrick Kerk U. Deguito, MD       |
| 3. Amerah G. Mangandang, MD       | 22. Krisaldine Pearl G. Operio, MD     |
| 4. Anna Harizza A. Derico, MD     | 23. Lito P. Ministerio, MD             |
| 5. Asma P. Abubacar, MD           | 24. Maria Patricia Isabel T. LLuch, MD |
| 6. Asraffy A. Lago                | 25. Mechaila B. Samporna, MD           |
| 7. Azim M. Baruang, MD            | 26. Mercy Valerie Q. Patrimonio, MD    |
| 8. Baifailah M. Mangandong, MD    | 27. Mohamad Alnahar D. Madlawi, MD     |
| 9. Catherine Mae B. Miscala, MD   | 28. Mohammad Ali D. Lucman, MD         |
| 10. Daryl Gay C. Nano, MD         | 29. Muhammad Viradji P. Lappang, MD    |
| 11. Farci S. Hadji Ali, MD        | 30. Nicole M. Devero, MD               |
| 12. Gleda Russelle E. Fuentes, MD | 31. Philip John D. Magsayo, MD         |
| 13. Hannah Sharif B. Sarip, MD    | 32. Preach Jayrick J. Gumisad, MD      |
| 14. Hazel Hannah C. Espinoza, MD  | 33. Rodrigo Roger T. Naranjo, MD       |
| 15. Jahari O. Abdulkhalil, MD     | 34. Safourah M. Casanguan, MD          |
| 16. Jalaida B. Gulam, MD          | 35. Samsia P. Macaurog, MD             |
| 17. Jhascim M. Yaqub, MD          | 36. Saura O. Abubacar, MD              |
| 18. Johaina R. Benito, MD         | 37. Sittie Zubaida A. Latiph, MD       |
| 19. John Wilbern L. Almeria, MD   | 38. Xynab F. Macatanong, MD            |

## Message

Greetings!!!

Mindanao State University College of Medicine congratulates the 38 alumni who passed the Physicians Licensure Examination held in March-April 2025. As a medical student you all have worked so hard and now you reached another milestone in your career path. This is just the beginning of how you can show the world what a true MSUan Physician is - competent, compassionate and committed.

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

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



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





# MAY 2025

## CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

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| 1. Abdulwahid M. Yusoph, CPA           | 15. Kawthar M. Maruhom, CPA             |
| 2. Amina M. Mayon, CPA                 | 16. Majallah N. Alhasan, CPA            |
| 3. Armila M. Sarip, CPA                | 17. Marhata M. Omar, CPA                |
| 4. Bae Jamaica M. Alip, CPA            | 18. Meralyn S. Rataban, CPA             |
| 5. Elissa Amna R. Langco, CPA          | 19. Mohammad Nadjir M. Abdullah, CPA    |
| 6. Faizal M. Bubonga, CPA              | 20. Mohammad Yasin M. Wahab, CPA        |
| 7. Fatmah Hairah S. Abdulmohaymen, CPA | 21. Norhaina M. Tawantawan, CPA         |
| 8. Hafsah Jameela B. Rande, CPA        | 22. Norhanisa R. Macapado, CPA          |
| 9. Hamza B. Daud, CPA                  | 23. Norhanna C. Abubakar, CPA           |
| 10. Hidayat G. Talib, CPA              | 24. Princess Samera S. Abdulcader, CPA  |
| 11. Jalilah P. Mimbantas, CPA          | 25. Raheemah Hafsah M. Pangarungan, CPA |
| 12. Janimah C. Ansary, CPA             | 26. Saudah E. Maca-agir, CPA            |
| 13. Jehan B. Alawi, CPA                | 27. Sittie Hamda M. Antap, CPA          |
| 14. Jonaira M. Hadji Daud, CPA         | 28. Sittie Soraya D. Rasuman, 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 2025.

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!



**DR. IMARA C. ANDAM, CPA**

*Dean, College of Business Administration and Accountancy*



## MAY 2025 CHEMICAL ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

1. Engr. Aileen Jarina
2. Engr. Artemio Villame, Jr.
3. Engr. Bryan Najjal
4. Engr. Hamidah Sarip
5. Engr. Jethro Fuentes
6. Engr. Jovet Sulapas
7. Engr. Leigh Vanne Ginco
8. Engr. Mishreen Marohombsar
9. Engr. Rohanisah H. Sami

**First Time Takers:**

**85.71%**

**MSU-Main Passing Rate:**

**69.23%**

**National Passing Rate:**

**75.34%**

### Message

Congratulations to the newest batch of Engineers who passed the recent Licensure Exams! For raising the banner of the Mindanao State University – Main Campus, the MSU-Marawi College of Engineering is very proud of you.

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



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



# APRIL 2025 CIVIL ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

1. Engr. Abdul Warith M. Mamaingco
2. Engr. Abdullah A. Modasir
3. Engr. Ace L. Casas
4. Engr. Achsan M. Guinal
5. Engr. Adelaisah A. Oden
6. Engr. Arjan G. Dueñas
7. Engr. Benhamin A. Waradil
8. Engr. Hosni T. Delinogun
9. Engr. Hussein L. Tuan
10. Engr. Joan C. Uriarte

11. Engr. Johayver M. Alangadi
12. Engr. John Drake C. Asayas
13. Engr. Jomairi K. Manali
14. Engr. Mohammad S. Adoma
15. Engr. Nor-laila M. Dimaporo
16. Engr. Salimah D. Diangca

**First Time Takers: 82.35%**

# APRIL 2025 ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

1. Engr. Abdul Naafi M. Tamano
2. Engr. Abdulrafy G. Omar
3. Engr. Al-Amar G. Darimbang
4. Engr. Aliamen L. Domanday
5. Engr. Alyannah Nor T. Reyes
6. Engr. Billy James P. Terencio
7. Engr. Hashim R. Hadji Ali, RME
8. Engr. Iftisam M. Balindong
9. Engr. Jama'an C. H. Acmad
10. Engr. Nafie E. Jaber
11. Engr. Nurhanina R. Pundogar

12. Engr. Osama Ibn A. Bantilan
13. Engr. Rauda N. Antol
14. Engr. Safrollahh I. Macabantog

**MSU-Main Passing Rate:  
77.78%**  
**National Passing Rate:  
61.37%**

# APRIL 2025 MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION

1. Engr. Hashim R. Hadji Ali, RME (Top 3)

**MSU-Main Passing Rate:  
50%**  
**National Passing Rate:  
68.37%**



# MARCH 2025 LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS

## **Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (BECEd)**

1. Hanie Jan B. Dohaylongsod, LPT
2. Muslimah B. Acoon, LPT
3. Nor-Ain T. Dipatuan, LPT

## **Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEEd)**

1. Alainie M. Daroyodun, LPT
2. Amina R. Andoy, LPT
3. Ashrilea A. Said, LPT
4. Asmin D. Malic, LPT
5. Asnayannie G. Palantig, LPT
6. Asnihaya D. Said, LPT
7. Aspeya M. Isah, LPT
8. Esniharah M. Guinal, LPT
9. Helwah D. Delna, LPT
10. Isniehaya A. Masbud, LPT
11. Janisah N. Manan, LPT
12. Jihan D. Macawaris, LPT
13. Johanna S. Tanta, LPT
14. Johayllah M. Mauna, LPT
15. Nasidah A. Rondato, LPT
16. Nasrimah D. Mandalocon, LPT
17. Nasrimah M. Ibrahim, LPT
18. Norhana C. Abdullah, LPT
19. Norhannah D. H. Zaman, LPT
20. Nor-Hashema N. Ampao, LPT
21. Norlaila B. Aguam, LPT
22. Normila D. Limbona, LPT
23. Raihanah D. Basher, LPT
24. Rismah A. Abdulmanan, LPT
25. Rohaniza M. Mangigin, LPT
26. Ryanie L. Datudacula, LPT
27. Saira M. Bongaros, LPT
28. Saliha D. Daluma, LPT
29. Salma P. Hadji Mahmod, LPT
30. Saniah S. Ariong, LPT
31. Shahani H. Azis, LPT
32. Shairima N. Malik, LPT
33. Sittie Hanna A. Sarip, LPT

34. Sittie Marjanah D. Hadji Mohammad Marjan, LPT
35. Soraya P. Abdul, LPT
36. Widhad M. Lucman, LPT

## **Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English (BSEd English)**

1. Adellah A. Saharodin, LPT
2. Angelbert Cunado, LPT
3. Erika Marey C. Actub, LPT
4. Haninah M. H. Said, LPT
5. Hawla P. Pagayawan, LPT
6. Jamaicah D. Papata, LPT
7. Jehanne M. Marohom, LPT
8. Johana G. Umpat, LPT
9. Melanie M. Rasuman, LPT
10. Monerah C. Guimba, LPT
11. Monifa S. Talib, LPT
12. Nairah Laolao, LPT
13. Norhana H. N. Amana, LPT
14. Norhana M. Racman, LPT
15. Norhanie L. Laguindab, LPT
16. Nuje Mor Arsenal, LPT
17. Railah S. Tanta, LPT
18. Rohaniya T. Pangcoga, LPT
19. Sajanifah M. Laguindab, LPT
20. Sardane S. Mangondato, LPT
21. Sittie Sumaya D. Basher, LPT
22. Yasser Bin Ali M. Diong, LPT

## **Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Filipino (BSEd Filipino)**

1. Aliah C. Odal, LPT
2. Anica Rizza B. Usman, LPT
3. Mofidah A. Hadji Said, LPT
4. Nor-Ashia S. Macabanding, LPT
5. Norhassan D. Dalomangcob, LPT
6. Sittie Hanifah M. Tocalo, LPT
7. Sittie Rainisa M. Bazer, LPT



**Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Mathematics (BSEd Mathematics)**

1. Aliah B. Tobasan, LPT
2. Isnihaya U. Lumna, LPT
3. Jamaicah D. Guro, LPT
4. Jawayria D. Ditucalan, LPT
5. Nadja M. Antap, LPT
6. Queen Tashneem U. Nouraldien, LPT
7. Raihanie M. Esmail, LPT
8. Saima U. Rasid, LPT
9. Sonnyayah Asmaira M. Radia, LPT

**Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Sciences (BSEd Sciences)**

1. Anienahara L. Macadatar, LPT
2. Camilah M. Hassanali, LPT
3. Hanima M. Khadapi, LPT
4. Ibtisam B. Macapodi, LPT
5. Islania I. Palawan, LPT
6. Lycka Fatmah B. Pasagi, LPT
7. Nisah D. Salong, LPT
8. Norjannah D. Dimacaling, LPT
9. Nurfaysah E. Mundig, LPT
10. Raifah M. Alfarouk, LPT
11. Rofaidah D. Samsoden, LPT
12. Sittie Aniraidah A. Macasawang, LPT
13. Sohailah T. Omar, LPT

**Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Social Studies (BSEd Social Studies)**

1. Adilah H. Rombraan, LPT
2. Aquisah Alia M. Guro, LPT
3. Hasmin M. Amer, LPT
4. Johailah I. Amen, LPT
5. Potre Wafa B. Manubac, LPT
6. Rohainah Macagaan, LPT
7. Saimah B. Caris, LPT
8. Sittie Ainah Barao, LPT
9. Sittie Naima Alib, LPT
10. Sittie Norlailah A. H. Jamel, LPT

**Bachelor of Technical-Vocational Teacher Education (BTVTEd)**

1. Aslimah M. Macabuat, LPT
2. Hafsa A. Maradial, LPT
3. Norhana S. Pagadilan, LPT
4. Quelton Glenn C. Amba, LPT
5. Sittie Amiah B. Arab, LPT

**Bachelor Of Technology And Livelihood Education (BTLEd)**

1. Jamil P. Khairoden, LPT
2. Norjihan B. Sangcopan, LPT

## 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.



**DR. ROHANIFA MAMA-MAROHOMBSAR**  
Dean, College of Education

# Basari o Pantaw a Mareg

[Verse]

Bantogan o pagtaw so Datu a mala i limo,  
Aya niyan singanin na so kapiyaan o ilmo,  
Sayana pakaranon so masa a inisabap reka  
Antap ka so lalan a mathitho a izabap reka

[Pre-Chorus]

Ranon ka ko pantaw a mareg na da marimbang  
Insana o manga lokes ka na initoman

[Chorus]

Seka so olowan a rawaten ami  
Rawaten i ongangen Rawaten ko ilmo  
Rawaten ka o mala i limo  
Sii sa Pantaw a Mareg

[Verse]

Balas a mapiya na initoman ka  
Ayangka iniginawa so kapiyaan o pagtaw  
Sayana pakaranon a kiyapanamar ka  
Agimat o ranaw so pantaw a mareg

[Pre-Chorus]

Rinimbang ka a mapiya para ko kadakelan  
Insana nga na so panamar ami a malalayon so mapiya

[Chorus]

Seka so olowan a rawaten ami  
Rawaten i ongangen Rawaten ko ilmo  
Rawaten ka o mala i limo  
Sii sa Pantaw a Mareg

[Chorus]

Seka so olowan a rawaten ami  
Rawaten i ongangen Rawaten ko ilmo  
Rawaten ka o mala i limo  
Sii sa Pantaw a Mareg

[Outro]

Sii sa Pantaw a Mareg  
Basari o Pantaw a Mareg



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# Editor's Note



Welcome to this quarter's newsletter, a special edition celebrating transformative milestones at Mindanao State University (MSU). We are thrilled to highlight the warm welcome extended to our OIC President, whose visionary leadership and unwavering commitment promise to elevate MSU to new heights. With a pledge to serve with excellence, the OIC President sets an inspiring tone for the university's future, fostering innovation, inclusivity, and academic distinction.

We also dedicate a page to honor our late President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno, a true model of exemplary leadership. *Innalillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un.*

Further, this issue also shines a spotlight on MSU's remarkable achievements in program compliance and accreditation. Several programs have earned certification, reflecting our dedication to upholding rigorous academic standards and delivering world-class education. These accomplishments underscore MSU's mission to empower students, faculty, and the broader community through quality education and impactful initiatives.

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



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