

61st Pre-Commencement Speaker (Cluster 2)

MACAPADO ABATON MUSLIM, Ph.D.

*Former University President
University Professor (ret.)
Mindanao State University
Marawi City, Philippines*

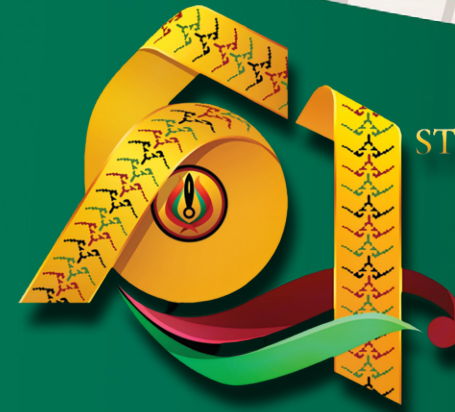


March 31, 2007. Moreover, he had served as Vice President of the Philippine Political Science Association [PPSA], Vice President of the Philippine Society for Public Administration, and Vice President of the East-West Center Alumni Association – Philippines.

As MSU President, Dr. Muslim succeeded in regaining the trust and respect that MSU had in the past by ensuring academic meritocracy in many aspects of its governance. He provided strategic and decisive leadership in the strengthening of the instruction, research and public service programs of MSU, aside from spearheading its internationalization efforts, and the spectacular strengthening of its income generation capacity. During his last three years as MSU President, Dr. Muslim was engrossed largely in supervising the planning and implementation of the infrastructure and equipment build up projects for all MSU campuses and the strategic rationalization of their academic programs to make them globally competitive. As a public intellectual, he continued making significant voluntary contributions to addressing pressing national issues through his policy papers submitted to the President of the Philippines (on managing the COVID-19 pandemic, Marawi Rehabilitation, Strengthening BARMM Governance, and Political Leadership in Divided and Unequal Societies).

A scholar-manager, although immersed into the managerial and leadership imperatives of the MSU Presidency, Dr. Muslim continued to be academically productive and relevant. He lectures frequently in national and international conferences. He has about 60 publications and research papers on governance reforms and innovations, political leadership, the Bangsamoro armed struggle, multiculturalism, peace building, regional autonomy, federalism, poverty alleviation, education in Muslim countries, making universities more inclusive and competitive, internationalization, and other higher education issues. Capping his publications are his books entitled *The 2018 Bangsamoro Organic Law in the Philippines: Solving the Mindanao Conflict with Autonomy Plus Compensatory Justice* (Quezon City: Saniata Publications, 2019), and *The Moro Armed Struggle in the Philippines: The Nonviolent Autonomy Alternative* (Marawi City: OP and CDP, MSU, 1994/1997). His current research thrust is on political engineering (constitutional design and innovations) and public governance reforms in divided and unequal countries like the Philippines and several states in Asia. His upcoming book is entitled *Political Engineering and Constitutional Design for Good Governance in the Philippines*. In recognition of his performance as MSU President, he was recommended by the CHED Chairperson to the President of the Philippines for appointment for a second six-year term in 2014. Moreover, he was conferred the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award by the East-West Center Alumni Association-Philippines (2012); the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award by the University of the Philippines-NCPAG (2008); and the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award by the MSU Alumni Association (2011).

Dr. Muslim is a strong advocate of peace and nonviolence, multiculturalism, inter-faith relations, good governance for all, and providing responsive, globally-competitive and inclusive education. He is an associate of the Center for Global Nonviolence founded by the late Dr. Glenn Paige (Dr. Muslim's mentor at UH). He received a "Special Award for Muslim-Christian Understanding" from the Federation of Catholic Schools Alumni Associations [FCSAA] and the Good Citizenship Movement [GCM], March 25, 2011. He is also a recipient of the 1988 Dean Reed Memorial Scholarship Award for "Outstanding Achievements and Future Potentials on Behalf of World Peace", from the Institute of Peace, UH. Finally, he is a believer of the transformative magic of education for societal change, and the indispensability of having morally upright, competent and strategic leadership for ensuring effective public governance that delivers development plus peace for all.



PRE-COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

2ND SEMESTER, A.Y. 2024-2025

1:00 PM, Tuesday, July 22, 2025
Dimaporo Gymnasium,
MSU-Main Campus, Marawi City

Theme: "MSU: Sustaining an Equipoise of Technology and Moral-Spiritual Values Amidst Prodigious Change"

CLUSTER 2

College of Hospitality and Tourism Management (CHTM)
College of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation (CSPEAR)
College of Public Affairs (CPA)

Cluster 2 Pre-Commencement Speaker:

MACAPADO ABATON MUSLIM, Ph.D.

*Former University President
University Professor (ret.)
Mindanao State University
Marawi City, Philippines*

61st Pre-Commencement Exercises (Cluster 2)

2nd Semester, A.Y. 2024-2025
1:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 22, 2025
Dimaporo Gymnasium, MSU-Main Campus, Marawi City

PROGRAMME

PROCESSIONAL

- University Marshal
- Candidates for Graduation
- College of Hospitality and Tourism Management
- College of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation
- College of Public Affairs
- Faculty Members
- College Officials
- College Mace
- Administrative Officials
- University Registrar with the University Mace
- University Secretary with the President's Mace
- MSU System President
- Pre-Commencement Speaker

INVOCATION **PROF. MOHAMMAD YUSOPH M. MAPIA**
Faculty Member, Public Administration Department

ENTRY OF COLORS

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM **University Band**
BARMH HYMN
BAGONG PILIPINAS HYMN

WELCOME REMARKS **DR. AMERKHAN G. CABARO**
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER **DR. AISAH G. MINUKON**
Dean, College of Public Affairs
Chairperson, 61st Pre-Commencement Exercises (Cluster 2)

PRE-COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS **DR. MACAPADO A. MUSLIM**
Former MSUS President

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION AND TOKEN **ATTY. PAISALIN P.D. TAGO, CPA**
President, MSU System

Assisted by:

DR. ALMA E. BEROWA
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Chairperson, Steering Committee
61st Commencement Exercises

DR. AMERKHAN G. CABARO
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

DR. ANSANO M. AMPOG
System University Registrar

College Deans (Cluster 2)

University Band

Respective College Deans

OVERTURE

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

ACCEPTANCE OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMAS, HOODING OF GRADUATES, AWARDING OF MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, AND OTHER SPECIAL AWARDS

DR. AMERKHAN G. CABARO
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

ATTY. PAISALIN P.D. TAGO, CPA
President, MSU System

DR. MACAPADO A. MUSLIM
61st MSU Pre-Commencement Speaker

Assisted by:

DR. ALMA E. BEROWA
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Chairperson, Steering Committee
61st Commencement Exercises

DR. AMERKHAN G. CABARO
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

DR. ANSANO M. AMPOG
System University Registrar

Respective College Deans

MSU HYMN **University Band**

EXIT OF COLORS

RECESSIONAL **University Band**

MS. AISA L. LANGCO
Faculty Member, College of Sports,
Physical Education and Recreation

MASTER OF CEREMONIES



Scan to view the list of nominated graduates for MSU Marawi's 61st Commencement Exercises on July 24, 2025. **Please note that this list is subject to confirmation and the degrees will be officially conferred during the commencement ceremony.**

