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The cover prominently features the internationalization focus of the Third Agenda: Quality Assurance and Global Competitiveness of MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA. It showcases him after signing the renewal of the Turkish Higher Education Council (YOK) scholarship implementation protocol with Prof. Dr. Naci Gündoğan, Vice President of YOK, on November 13, 2025, in Ankara, Türkiye—a clear representation of his commitment to global competitiveness and forging strong international partnerships across the globe.



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Inklusibong Pamantasan: MSU Commemorates 64 Years of Academic Excellence and Cultural Unity

Reaffirming its commitment to equitable education and cultural harmony under the banner of "Inklusibong Pamantasan" (Inclusive University), the Mindanao State University (MSU) System commemorated its 64th Founding Anniversary on September 1, 2025. Under the leadership of MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, the university marked this significant milestone with a day-long showcase of diversity and academic solidarity, honoring the vision established six decades ago to foster integration across the Mindanao, Sulu, and Palawan (MINSUPALA) region.

Established on September 1, 1961, through Republic Act 1387 and the visionary stewardship of the late Senator Domocao Alonto, MSU has evolved from a solitary campus in Marawi into a premier multi-campus university system. The 64th anniversary celebration served as a testament to this growth, explicitly anchored on the theme of inclusivity. The festivities commenced with a grand civic parade that transformed the Main Campus into a vibrant tapestry of colors, where students, faculty, and administrative staff marched in unison, symbolizing the harmonious coexistence of the diverse cultural communities that the university serves.

The atmosphere at the campus was charged with the electric energy of the College Yell competition, where the student body transcended the classroom to exhibit artistry and camaraderie. This was complemented by the Sigaw Kalye contest, which brought an urban, dynamic flair to the celebration, utilizing street-style performance arts to narrate stories of unity and institutional pride. The event underscored the university's role not just as an academic provider, but as a culturally inclusive custodian where tradition and modernity intersect. Highlighting the expansive reach of the MSU System, the program featured distinguished performances from its supervised institutions, including the MSU-Lanao National College of Arts and Trades (LNCAT), MSU-Maigo College of Education, Science and Technology (MCEST), and MSU-Sultan Naga Dimaporo (SND). These presentations showcased the system's capacity to deliver quality education beyond the capital campus, reinforcing the administration's goal of making the university truly inclusive for all constituents of the region.

As MSU enters its 64th year, it remains steadfast in its mission to bridge cultural divides through education. The anniversary activities, which are set to continue throughout September and October, stand as a tribute to the university's resilience in the face of historical challenges and its unwavering commitment to fostering a future defined by peace, innovation, and shared progress.



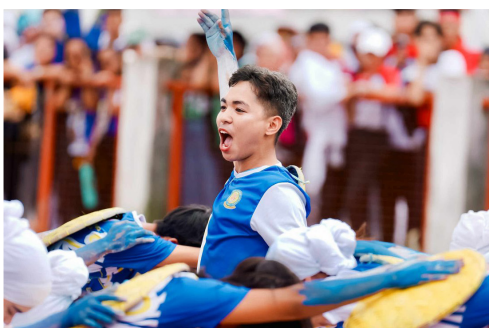
Leading the charge for "Inklusibong Pamantasan" (Inclusive University), MSU System President Tago and officials are seen giving the "Volt In" gesture.



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Sixty-four years ago, in 1961, the visionaries of the Philippine Republic and the leaders of Mindanao planted the seeds of what was to become one of the country's greatest institutions of higher learning. MSU was not just created to be another university; it was created as a response to a historical challenge: how to bring education, peace, and development to Mindanao, especially to the Bangsamoro and other cultural minorities who had long been left at the margins. This year's theme, *Inklusibong Pamantasan*, is not merely a slogan; it is a guiding philosophy. Inclusivity means ensuring that no student is denied access to quality education because of poverty, ethnicity, gender, religion, or geography. It means that every campus shares in the same dignity, the same opportunities, and the same future.

Scenes from the



64th Founding Anniversary Celebration





Snapshots of the Champions: Winning teams and colleges from the 2025 University Intramural Games. (Photos credit: MSU-Main University Intramural Games FB Page)



PSC Chairman John Patrick "Pato" Gregorio

The Eagle Empire: COE Crushes Competition, Dominates MSU Intramural Games 2025

Ruffa Siarza

The Mindanao State University – Main Campus successfully concluded its highly anticipated University Intramural Games (UIG) 2025 with a spectacular display of athletic excellence, sportsmanship, and college pride.

The College of Engineering (COE) emerged as the Overall Champion of this year's Intramural Games with an outstanding collection of 20 gold, 13 silver, and 14 bronze medals in a dominant performance. The COE Eagles showed their strength in the field by demonstrating supremacy in a number of events.

Clinching 2nd Overall is the College of Sports, Physical Education, and Recreation (CSPEAR) with 19 gold, 7 silver, and 5 bronze medals. Known for producing top athletes, CSPEAR delivered strong performances against their opponents in different sports.

Rounding out the top three was the College of Agriculture and Forestry (COA), earning 3rd Overall with a well-balanced medal tally of 10 gold, 14 silver, and 20 bronze medals. The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (CNSM) secured 4th Overall, contributing 6 gold, 3 silver, and 3 bronze medals.

The week-long competition featured intense matches in basketball, volleyball, athletics, chess, swimming, taekwondo, and various indigenous and recreational games. Students, faculty, and alumni filled the stands, turning the MSU grandstand into a sea of colorful banners and roaring cheers. As the awarding commenced, the Supreme Student Government organized a fireworks display to officially conclude the University Intramural Games 2025.

As the UIG 2025 torch is officially passed, the MSU community looks forward to an even bigger and more competitive season next year.

OVER-ALL WINNERS



CSPEAR
Champion



COA
1st Runner-up



CBAA
2nd Runner-up



CSSH
3rd Runner-up



MSU-Marawi's Grand 64th Anniversary Cultural Showcase: A Triad of Talent and Inclusivity

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez, Ruffa Siarza, and Rashe M. Macawadib

Mindanao State University-Main Campus successfully transformed its 64th Founding Anniversary in October 2025 into a monumental celebration of campus unity, diversity, and artistic brilliance. Under the overarching banner of "*Inklusibong Pamantasan*", the festivities were headlined by three major competitions—the Literary, Musical, and Dance Extravaganzas—all demonstrating that creative passion and excellence are not confined to any single academic field at MSU. The events drew massive support from students and faculty alike, with the presence of MSU System President, Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, underscoring the institutional value of the celebration.

The Literary Competition: Voices of Inclusion Resound

The cultural calendar commenced with the Literary Competition (LitCom) final rounds on October 15, 2025, held at the International Convention Center (ICC), hosted by Ms. Faiza Alonto. The competition, meticulously organized by the College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH), challenged students to articulate their visions of a diverse and welcoming university through a full spectrum of written and performed arts. Elimination rounds were intensely contested on October 8–9, resulting in the top five (5) colleges advancing to the finals in each category. The categories were split into: English: Speech Choir, Extemporaneous Speech, Declamation, Essay Writing, and Reader's Theater; and Filipino: Aktwal na Talumpati, Sabayang Pagbigkas, Tanghal Tula, Pagsulat ng Sanaysay, and Balagtasan.

The CSSH secured the coveted title of Overall Champion, showcasing consistent prowess with wins in Extemporaneous Speech and Essay Writing (English) as well as Pagsulat ng Sanaysay (Filipino). Proving the event's inclusive theme, the College of Health Sciences (CHS) was the 1st Runner Up, winning in Speech Choir, Reader's Theater (English), and Tanghal Tula (Filipino). The College of Education (CED), the 2nd Runner Up, dominated Filipino performance categories, becoming champions in Talumpati, Balagtasan, and Sabayang Pagbigkas. The College of Public Affairs (CPA) also claimed a significant win in the Declamation Competition. CSSH Dean Dr. Monaimah Manabilang and Secretary Ms. Yasmin Mangotara affirmed that the LitCom was the "epitome of inclusivity" because it validated talents spread across the campus, defying any specialization bias.

The Musical Extravaganza: Harmony Across Disciplines

Following the literary success, the Musical Extravaganza 2025 took center stage on October 16, 2025, at the Dimaporo Gymnasium. Dr. Henry P. Aringa, Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Overall Coordinator, highlighted the event's purpose: to use music as a unifying force where students of varied "*ethnicity at paniniwala sa buhay*" could share a common goal of participation. The electric atmosphere was praised by attendees, including Radz Karl L. Daruca, an 18-year-old Chemical Engineering student, who was highly impressed by the "beautiful performances," particularly the Acapella Segment. The competition featured categories like Group Impersonation, Vocal Duet, and Original Composition. Ultimately, the College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) emerged as the Overall Champion, securing top spots in Group Impersonation and Vocal Duet (English Category). The College of Engineering (COE) was the Overall 1st Runner-up, earning runner-up spots in the Vocal Duet categories. The CSSH finished as Overall 2nd Runner-up, bringing home the highly competitive Acapella Champion award.

The Dance Extravaganza: Movement, Heritage, and Modernity

The cultural week concluded on October 18, 2025, with the 2025 Dance Extravaganza, transforming the Dimaporo Gymnasium into a dazzling spectacle of motion. The College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) organized the massive event for the third time, with Overall Chairman Dr. Hanafi Abdulmalik stating the committee's focus was simply to ensure every MSUan could "feel safe, and enjoy." The competition was fierce across five distinct categories: Folk Dance, Line Dance, Contemporary Dance, Street Dance, and overall scoring. After two months of intensive preparation, the College of Sports, Physical Education, and Recreation (CSPEAR) was crowned the undisputed Overall Champion, dominating the traditional and emotive segments with wins in Folk Dance and Contemporary Dance. Prof. Nadine Paqueo of CSPEAR lauded the team's commitment, confirming the victory was the result of their extensive effort. The College of Agriculture (COA) secured a strong 1st Runner-Up finish, notably championing the Line Dance and Street Dance categories. The host unit CBAA finished as 2nd Runner-Up, followed by the CSSH in 3rd Runner-Up, providing a fittingly dynamic conclusion to the university's annual celebration of unity and artistic achievement.



Led by Dean Dr. Monaimah G. Manabilang, College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH) receives its trophy for winning the overall championship title in the Literary Competition, a key event of MSU's 64th Founding Anniversary held at the International Convention Center.

LITERARY COMPETITION OVER-ALL WINNERS



CSSH
Champion



CHS
1st Runner-up



CED
2nd Runner-up



A group photograph of the champion College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) participants and faculty members, taken at the Dimaporo Gymnasium on the MSU-Main Campus after their victory in the 2025 Musical Extravaganza.

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA OVER-ALL WINNERS



CBAA
Champion



COE
1st Runner-up



CSSH
2nd Runner-up



The faculty and students of the College of Sports, Physical Education, and Recreation (CSPEAR) proudly raise their banner after being named overall champion of the 2025 Dance Extravaganza at the Dimaporo Gymnasium.

DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA OVER-ALL WINNERS



CSPEAR
Champion



COA
1st Runner-up



CBAA
2nd Runner-up



CSSH
3rd Runner-up

MSU Sportsfest 2025: “Palarong Pasiklaban ng Diwa at Talento” Set to Showcase Athletic Excellence

Abdulrasid T. Lucman



MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, poses with MSU employees and participants of Sportsfest 2025.

Mindanao State University (MSU) Main Campus is gearing up for its highly anticipated Sports Fest 2025 for administrative personnel, scheduled for September 2-3, 2025, at the Dimaporo Gymnasium and University Tennis Courts in Marawi City. The two-day athletic extravaganza, themed “Palarong Pasiklaban ng Diwa at Talento”, promises to be a spectacular celebration of sportsmanship and university pride that holds special significance as it coincides with MSU’s 64th Founding Anniversary, part of the “MSU@64: Inklusibong Pamantasan” celebration. Under the leadership of MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, the event aims to strengthen the university’s commitment to holistic education through sports and cultural activities.

The festivities officially commenced on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 8:00 AM with an elaborate opening ceremony at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, featuring a rich blend of traditional and ceremonial elements designed to honor both the university’s heritage and its athletic aspirations. The ceremony begun with an invocation, followed by the Philippine National Anthem and the Bangsamoro Hymn, reflecting the university’s respect for both national and regional identity. Key program segments include welcome remarks by AVP Oding L. Ma-amor, Assistant Vice President for Planning and Development and Chairperson of Sports Fest 2025, participant introduction led by Dir. Henri Marc H. Ele, Director of Cultural Affairs Office, officials introduction by Dir. Abdulrasid T. Lucman, Director of NSTP, a message of support from Dr. Mirian P. Aman, Dean of CSPEAR, and a presidential address by Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA.

A significant portion of the opening ceremony will be dedicated to formal oaths and declarations that emphasize the values of fair play and excellence, including an athletes oath administered by Dir. Ronald M. Silvosa, Director of ICTC, an officials oath conducted by Pearl Dawn Limpahan, Faculty member of CSPEAR, and the games declaration by President Tago, officially opening the competition. The ceremony will conclude with a ceremonial serve by President Tago and AVP Ma-amor, followed by the traditional “Hataw” performance by CSPEAR students and the commencement of games proper. Prof. Nasif L. Macaslang, Faculty member of ILS, served as Master of Ceremony, ensuring smooth coordination throughout the event, while the involvement of various academic departments, particularly the College of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation (CSPEAR), underscores MSU’s integrated approach to education and athletics.



President Tago encourages wellness and camaraderie among participants of Sportsfest 2025.

The Sports Fest 2025 represents more than just athletic competition; it embodies MSU’s vision of inclusive education and community building, providing a platform for faculty and staff to showcase their talents while promoting healthy competition and school spirit. The diverse range of sports activities depicted in the promotional materials suggests comprehensive competition categories that will cater to various athletic interests and skill levels, from traditional team sports to individual competitions. As MSU Main Campus prepares to host this significant sporting event, the university community eagerly anticipates two days of intense competition, outstanding sportsmanship, and memorable performances that promise to strengthen bonds within the MSU community while celebrating the institution’s proud heritage and commitment to excellence in all endeavors.

With its strategic location at the Dimaporo Gymnasium and comprehensive programming, the event is positioned to become a highlight of MSU’s academic calendar, setting new standards for future sports festivals for employees and reinforcing the university’s role as a leader in higher education in Mindanao. The “Palarong Pasiklaban ng Diwa at Talento” theme perfectly encapsulates the spirit of the event – a true competition where both athletic prowess and character shine, creating lasting memories for all participants and spectators alike.

Forging the Future: MSU and UPLB Partner to Redefine HELMS

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez



Group photo featuring MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, alongside the HELMS participants and organizers.

In an era demanding that universities evolve beyond traditional instruction, Mindanao State University (MSU) and the University of the Philippines – Los Baños (UPLB) have forged a powerful alliance to lead that charge. On September 29, 2025, this partnership sprang to life as leaders and educators convened at the MSU-Main Campus for the Higher Education Leadership Mentoring Seminar (HELMS). The event, held at the CHTM Pavilion, was the first major fruit of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the two academic giants in Bangkok last July, signaling a new era of collaborative governance aimed at tackling the core challenges of modern academia.

The seminar's mission was powerfully articulated by MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, who stressed that the initiative was far more than a simple training day. "HELMS is a platform for exchange of knowledge, building of partnerships, and co-creation of strategies to address the evolving challenges of our higher education institutions," President Tago stated in his opening address. He set a clear and urgent tone for the day: "Universities and colleges today are tasked not only with instruction and research, but also with being active drivers of innovation, public service, and nation-building."

This vision of a more dynamic, responsive, and outwardly-focused university was the central theme of the intensive, day-long program. Experts from UPLB provided a blueprint for this transformation, covering a spectrum of critical topics. The agenda moved from the technical to the strategic, addressing the imperatives of digital transformation in academics and student affairs, the keys to building a robust research governance culture, and the crucial role of supporting mental wellness. The sessions also explored innovative concepts like transforming Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) into "Edutourism Destinations," fundamentally reimagining the university's role in public engagement and regional development.



President Tago underscores the importance of HELMS in facilitating knowledge exchange, building partnerships, and strategizing against evolving challenges.

The seminar, which culminated in a plenary roundtable on "The Future of Higher Education Governance and Academic Leadership," was more than just a discussion. It was a hands-on workshop for building the next generation of academic leaders. By bringing the expertise of UPLB directly to Mindanao, the HELMS event stands as a testament to the powerful synergy between the two institutions. It serves as a bold declaration that MSU, with this new partnership, is actively forging a future where its leadership is synonymous with resilience, progressive governance, and a profound commitment to national development.

Accountability Starts with Us: Pres. Tago Mobilizes Department of Accountancy towards ANC

Raheemah Hafsah M. Pangarungan, CPA

"Accountability starts with us."

This is a powerful message greatly emphasized by the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) during its 80th Annual Convention (ANC) in November 16-19, 2025 at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City.

With the ongoing rampant issues about government corruption in Flood Control Projects and in Tax Collections that challenged the foundations of our very democracy, we continue to ask, "Where...is accountability?"

"Action with I.M.P.A.C.T." (Integrity, Merit, Professionalism, Accountability, Competence, Teamwork) This year's ANC theme tackled the tough questions faced by the Accountancy Profession; and the Faculty Department of Accountancy of Mindanao State University Marawi, through the fair leadership of President Attorney Paisalin Pangandaman Tago, a Certified Public Accountant himself, head straight towards this congress much more than a convention in order to participate in re-establishing the dignity of the profession through righteous and accomplished accounting education.

The MSU System President Atty. Paisalin Tago, CPA greatly supported this endeavor of the Department of Accountancy headed by the MSU College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) Dean, Dr. Imara C. Andam, CPA, along with the MSU CBAA Assistant Dean, Prof. Alcasar P. Maongco, CPA, and the Department Chairperson, Prof. Joharah M. Marandacan, CPA. This year's ANC has been most intriguingly relevant during the trying times of our country's answerability to the people; and MSU did not cower in the face of accountability; instead, President Tago boldly sent the whole Accountancy Department to the forum in order to uphold the entirety of our system especially through education. Therefore, the faculty teaming up in this pursuit also include the Special Assistant to the BOR Secretary Atty. Hanimai I. Macumbal, CPA, Prof. Norol-janah S. Goling, CPA, Atty. Abdulmojeb Pangompig, CPA, Prof. Abdullah Andam, CPA, Ms. Normallah C. Abubakar, CPA, Ms. Sittie Ayesha T. Ote, CPA, Mr. Majdi D. Jalal, CPA, Ms. Norhanimah M. Mangondato, CPA, Ms. Mumtadj A. Usman, CPA, Ms. Jasrah Bahira D. Ibrahim, CPA, Ms. Nairah Rayhan M. Macaumbos, CPA, and Ms. Raheemah Hafsah M. Pangarunga, CPA.



MSU delegates who participated in the 80th PICPA ANC.

In November 16, ANC received its delegates with business opportunity sessions featuring Chief Executive Officers of premier national and multi-national companies across various industries in the country such as the QNE Software Philippines Inc., EXP Learning Innovations, Meken Food Corporation, and Shrimp Bucket. Moderated by prominent partners of accounting firms, the sessions explored on how the accounting profession becomes the primary driver for business traction and then economic growth and career opportunities for the Filipinos and beyond. These sessions highlighted how the private sector continues to flourish with the accounting professionals at hand.

Following the business opportunities, the ANC commenced its sectoral forums: Public Practice, Commerce and Industry, Education, and Government. In the Government Sectoral Forum, the first speaker is the former Department of Budget and Management Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman. The Secretary gave prominence to Sustainable Governance particularly in pioneering eco-friendly practices in government offices. Her speech filled with noble lessons left a mark among audiences as later that day; the Secretary officially announced her resignation after an admirable legacy in not just budget management but also in servant leadership for open governance. Recalling her efforts to uplift the Mindanao State University in so many ways, we become hopeful that peace and progress are possible through our university and the honorable people supporting MSU's cause.

The Education Sectoral Forum was graced by the members of the Professional Regulatory Board of Accountancy (BoA), the Commission on Higher Education Chair on Technical Panel for Accounting, officers of the PICPA and NACPAE and distinguished professors of notable universities like the Far Eastern University. Through this forum, the Department of Accountancy of MSU Marawi engaged in important exchanges for the development of the accounting education based on specific needs and continuously updated standards. Pressing matters such as the CPALE performance and the BSA Curriculum as well as the evident shift of the environments socially, emotionally and technically are dynamically addressed by the diverse accounting education communities in the country. On top of these discussions, PICPA challenges the education sector to envision the contribution of the profession beyond the licensure examination. Finally, it is noted that the Department has been progressively performing well in the CPALE; and such accomplishment was not left unnoticed by the BoA Chairman Dr. Noe Quiñanola in the part of his speech about the accreditation of schools for refresher program. In fact, MSU Marawi produced 62 CPAs (with 17 conditional status) in the recent CPALE, along with a 5th Topnotcher, making the said department among the largest producers of CPAs in the country this year.

On that same day, afternoon, the official opening ceremonies and plenary technical sessions began, where the PICPA National president, Mr. Gerard Sanvictores, and the Chair of the ANC organizing Committee, Mr. Henry Tan, grandly welcomed all of the ANC delegates with an epic and unforgettable "The Greatest Showman" Concert featuring singers Erik Santos and Kyla. The convention of over 5,000 Certified Public Accountants were nothing short of festive and magical. The Convention continued on with its plenary sessions for the remaining days confronting the most crucial agenda in the profession. Among the best dialogues were the ones with the CEO and President of both the Shell Philippines, Ms. Lorelie

Quimbao Osial, the first Filipina to be appointed such positions in Shell Philippines, and the Cardinal Santos medical Center, Hon. Raul Pagdanganan, also a member of the BOR of the University of the Philippines. They talked about CPA to CEO, and leading beyond the books. Their speeches inspired so many CPAs to be more than just an accountant, but to also use accounting in excellently advancing services to the Filipinos at a triumphant level in healthcare, technologies and more.

One of the most relatable and interactive sessions was during the talk of season 1 winner of the hit Asian reality show, The Apprentice Asia, Mr. Jonathan Allen Yabut: Managing and Understanding Gen Z in the Workplace. The motivational speaker captivated the audience with his real time experiences in the workplace and research-based suggestions on handling colleagues from different generations X, Y and Z. One of his compelling claims is the generation Z mindset of #QuietQuitting:

"Kung mas gagalingan = mas tatambakan."
(Stop giving too much of yourself. Saks lang dapat.
Your life should dictate your work, not the other way around.)

Yabut challenged the audiences to be open minded of where each generation is coming from; to have the intention of understanding in order to earn commitment to the same goal. These measures may be difficult and novel yet in his words, "We do not learn by just adding things up. We also learn by letting go of things that do not anymore apply or may need to be modified and updated for us to learn."



Another critical discussion was with the Public Practice Sector. In the plenary, Partners from the Big 4 accounting firms, SGV & Co., P & A, Grant Thornton, Isla Lipana & Co., PwC Philippines, KPMG and Deloitte Philippines answered pressing questions from the crowd through famous news anchor and TV Personality Ms. Michelle Krystelle Ong as moderator. Questions such as:

"Is the compensation enough especially for the entry-level accountants given that it is very hard to earn the title, CPA? Is the title even worth the struggle? Are the firms making it worth it? In terms of salary, benefits and growth?"

The stunning questions helped the dialogue become more honest in addressing formidable doubts in the profession. As a result, it called for more collaboration in making the Profession more relevant. Making the CPA title...more worth it.

ANC then tackled about embracing Artificial Intelligence and innovations instead of being avoidant to change. It ended with reporting on the Updates in different national and international standards in the profession: BOA, SEC, BSP, BIR and COA.

The Foundation of our profession is the Truth. We are the stewards of truth. Nothing more. Nothing less. For if we fail the truth, we fail the integrity of our profession and so we lose our essence as CPAs. As PICPA President Sanvictores confessed, "Inevitably, accountants are involved (in flood control projects corruption). They signed off financial statements. They are part of the budget..."



Hence, PICPA's overall message in the contemporary issues of this country is:

"Accountability starts with us."

It starts with accountants. But deeper than that,

Where does an Accountant's Accountability start?

It starts with personal accountability. It starts with personal values. As PICPA mentioned, the education sector is so focused on licensure examination that it forgets to teach the essence of the profession, not just Action as an Accountant. It must be Action with I.M.P.A.C.T.: Integrity, Merit, Professionalism, Accountability, Competence, Teamwork.

In truth, it does not matter if we produce so many accountants if in the end we fail to teach them the things that matter most; if we fail to teach them that C-P-A is all for Truth, for Honesty, for Service. We must not be narrow and shallow minded enough to end CPA at just the Title. We do not need more graduates who are merely professionals by title; we need more graduates who are "educated" by conduct and most especially by purpose in life.

MSU System President Tago made the best move to nod in improving accounting education in order to intervene in the molding of values to find ultimate accountability among MSUans. The new leadership raises the banner of making our university the Peace University it should be. One that educates and not simply make graduates.

To respectfully conclude, the Department of Accountancy expresses gratitude for the continuous support of the Vice Chancellor and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga—leading the said faculty towards inclusive academic competence especially in the field of Accountancy.

Ultimately, the department is grateful to MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P. Tago, CPA, and in the same boat as the President Tago to the service of this nation's hope for peace and progress, the MSUans. C-P-A. It is about time that this university upholds Accountability.

MSU Campuses Peace Educators Participate in the 4th National Peace Education Summit

Johara D. Alangca-Azis, PhD

The 4th National Peace Education Summit, which unfolded gracefully with a calm yet determined focus on September 18–19, 2025 at the Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila in Quezon City, brought together academic leaders, policymakers, educators, youth, civil society representatives from across the country, and peace educators from various campuses of the Mindanao State University System such as MSU-Main Campus, Marawi City; MSU-General Santos; MSU-Tawi-Tawi; MSU-Sulu; MSU-Maguindanao; and MSU-Buug among others. What initially started as a formal assembly swiftly turned into a crucial turning point for the nation, redefining peace—not as a distant aspiration, but as a tangible aim woven into the fabric of education, governance, and community life. The summit was unified by a central theme, “Weaving Peace in Every Thread: Advancing and Innovating Pathways for Peace Education,” which captured both craft and ambition and framed every discussion, every agreement, and every proposal of the gathering. It emphasized a deliberate and conscious commitment and dedication to integrate peace education into the fabric of learning and public life, ensuring that peace is not isolated to a singular module but is intricately woven throughout curricula, training programs, policy development, and community involvement.

It is worthy to note that the Summit's centerpiece was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the most consequential voices in Philippine education, peace and public policy, namely: Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU); Secretary Sonny Angara of the Department of Education (DepEd), Secretary Jose Francisco B. Benitez of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA); and Chairperson Shirley C. Agrupis of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The MOU seeks to advance stronger cooperation among agencies in the integration, adoption, and promotion of peace education nationwide. Such signing signaled more than cross-sector cooperation; instead, it marked a commitment to institutionalize peace education across the spectrum of learning—from formal schools to vocational training and beyond. The document laid a practical roadmap: shared resources, aligned curricula, and capacity-building initiatives designed to endure across political administrations and shifting agendas. In that moment, I felt that the act of signing the MOU appeared to be a unified breath—steady and purposeful, and setting the stage for an educational system that teaches peace as a practical endeavor rather than a theoretical concept. Although the MSU System has already implemented the three-unit mandatory course for all undergraduate students across its campuses—the Fundamentals of Peace Education (FPE 101)—the unfolding path suggest that peace education will be sustained through enduring institutionalization, ensuring its continuity beyond inaugural initiatives.

A second pillar of the summit was the conduct of the two (2) panel discussions that featured brilliant and seasoned peace advocates, educators and policymakers, and focused on the themes “Weaving Peace into Teacher Education: Transformation Future Educators as Champions of Peace,” and “Knitting Peace in the Algorithm: Navigating Digital Peacebuilding in the Age of AI.” These were graciously moderated by the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities of the MSU-General Santos City, Dr. Mayong Aguja and the OIC President of the Calaca Global College, Dr. Dan Jefferson Lopez, respectively. The exceptional panel discussants included, among others: the Executive Director of the Center for Peace Education- Miriam College, Dr. Loreta N. Castro; the National President of the



Participants of the 4th National Peace Education Summit



Peace Educators from MSU Main Campus, Marawi City and MSU- General Santos City with OPPAPRU Senior Undersecretary, Isidro L. Purisima

Philippine Association for Teachers and Educators (PAFTE), Dr. Brenda B. Corpus; the Executive Director V of the Teacher Education Council (TEC) Dr. Jennie V. Jocson; the Country Lead of the National Models for Women's Safety Online (NMWSO), Ms. Cristine Sumong-Oy; and the Founding President and Executive Director of the Teach Peace Build Peace Movement, Ms. Bai Rohaniza Sumndad-Usman. Throughout the insightful discussions, the human dimension came to the fore. On-stage voices spoke of campuses becoming laboratories for peace—where peer mediation, respectful dissent, and collaborative problem-solving are not exceptions but daily practices. Off-stage conversations, other the other hand, revealed how partnerships extend peace literacy beyond school grounds, reaching rural communities and urban neighborhoods alike. An educator's

reflection on mapping conflicts through the lenses of people and needs offered a simple, powerful reframing: conflict as a human story to be understood, not a puzzle to be solved at a distance.

Another highlight of the event was the engaging and remarkable breakout session titled "Sewing Peace into Systems: Building Peace Education Hubs/Centers through Policy, People, Process and Partnership (4Ps) Framework" that was skillfully facilitated by the Assistant Dean of the College of Education of the MSU-General Santos City, Dr. Jovar Pantao. During the session, the members of the four (4) groups- People, Process, Policy and Partnership actively shared their knowledge and experiences regarding their best practices to teach and build peace both in the classrooms and in the communities, making the discussions more meaningful and impactful.

Moreover, the cornerstone of the event was the launching of the Philippine Peace Institute (PPI) by the OPAPPRU during the final day of the gathering. A national hub for advancing peace, reconciliation, and unity through research and capacity-building, this institute positioned itself as an indispensable bridge between scholarly inquiry and policy implementation. Its promise was concrete: to produce evidence-based recommendations, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, and offer practitioner-focused training. For educators and policymakers alike, the PPI represented a trusted ally—a hub where data, field experience, and strategic insight converge to inform curricula, pedagogy, and program design with measurable impact.

As a representative of MSU-Main Campus, Marawi City, at the event, I noticed three compelling implications that emerged from the conversations. Firstly, institutionalization of peace education ensures its sustainability by integrating it into national policies and program structures, thus shielding it from political changes. Secondly, collaboration across various agencies broadens the scope to include a wide range of learners—such as formal students, informal participants, and vocational trainees—thereby fostering a more inclusive peace education environment. Lastly, the PPI offers a strong feedback system, where empirical data informs curriculum, teaching methods, and practices, allowing for continuous improvement and the expansion of effective strategies.

Finally, as the event concluded, a shared and lasting image remained: four symbols aligned, charting a strategic path from policy to classroom, and a strengthened belief that education can reshape social norms towards justice and coexistence. The summit went beyond merely listing aspirations; it put them into action. It turned abstract promises into a plan for implementation—an enduring statement that peace education is vital to national progress and the fabric of daily life.

Alhamdulillah! for the opportunity to have taken part in the historic event! *Alhamdulillah* for our shared wisdom and open-hearted collaborations during the event, and I hope our conversations sustain hope, illuminate paths to understanding and be translated into everyday acts of peace within our families, classrooms, communities and the nation as a whole. Our profound gratitude also goes to the MSU System President, Atty Paisalin P. Tago, CPA as well as the Campus Chancellors and Heads for the relentless support provided to the peace educators of the various MSU Campuses.

MSU Streamlines Financial Operations in 5-Day Strategic Workshop

Nasrimah R. Sampaco-Fayez

Against the coastal backdrop of Chali Beach in Cagayan de Oro City, a pivotal transformation in university administration began to take shape. In a significant and deliberate move to enhance administrative efficiency across the institution, officials from the Mindanao State University (MSU) System and Marawi Campus gathered for an intensive, five-day financial strategic planning and workshop session. Led by the vision of MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, the assembly brought together a critical mass of decision-makers, including unit heads, college deans, and secretaries. Running from November 7 through November 11, 2025, the event was far more than a routine meeting; it was a strategically designed intervention aimed at identifying, dissecting, and definitively resolving the persistent financial process bottlenecks that have historically slowed university-wide operations.

The workshop was structured to move from key strategies to granular problem-solving. The initial two days, November 7 and 8, were dedicated exclusively to foundational strategic planning. This phase brought together key concerned university offices to align their visions and set the necessary stage for systemic improvements. By establishing this groundwork early, the leadership ensured that subsequent discussions were rooted in a unified understanding of the university's fiscal goals. The focus then shifted on November 9, transitioning into a critical diagnostic session. This segment involved the direct participation of academic unit heads, particularly the college deans and secretaries, and centered swiftly on the often-complex realities of budget and accounting procedures.



Budget Office Director Sittie Nadjerah M. Marohom (left) and OP Deputy Chief of Staff for Finance Abdulrahman C. Gandamra (right) captured together at the Financial Strategic Planning and Workshop.



The Financial Strategic Planning and Workshop concludes with participants gathered at scenic Chali Beach, CDO

To pinpoint the exact root causes of frustrating delays in financial transactions—specifically those related to travel and reimbursements—the budget and accounting offices introduced a modern, data-driven methodology. Utilizing a comprehensive Google Form, the facilitators gathered real-time input from the attendees. This digital tool proved to be highly effective, allowing the group to cut through assumptions and clearly identify the common issues and systemic bottlenecks that have historically impeded the flow of operations. The data revealed precisely where the friction points lay, providing an objective basis for the reforms that followed.

Following this rigorous analysis, the gathering evolved into a high-level, collaborative problem-solving session. In a clear display of commitment to genuine reform, the attendees worked directly to address the identified issues head-on. This unified effort was resulted from theoretical discussion to tangible action. The culmination of this collaboration is the introduction of new, simplified forms and clearly defined, standardized processes. These new protocols have been meticulously designed to ensure that future financial transactions are not only faster but also significantly more accurate, reducing the likelihood of returned documents and processing errors.

The comprehensive workshop concluded on November 11 with a forward-looking objective of ensuring that every unit were fully equipped with the necessary tools, practical knowledge, and confidence. By arming the deans, secretaries, and unit heads with these streamlined solutions, the administration is paving the way for a more agile administrative environment at MSU, ensuring that the university's operational backbone is as robust and dynamic as its academic mission.



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MSU Marawi Submits 35 Programs for AACCUP Accreditation

Dr. Richard S. Celeste

In a significant stride toward academic excellence, the Mindanao State University Main Campus in Marawi City has submitted 35 academic programs for Level I Accreditation by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc. (AACCUP). The rigorous online evaluations were conducted in a series of three batches:

Batch 1: 17 programs - October 27-31, 2025
Batch 2: 12 programs - November 24-28, 2025
Batch 3: 6 programs - December 8-12, 2025

This strategic university-wide initiative directly supports the 9-Point Agenda of MSU System President, Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, which places a strong emphasis on advancing quality assurance and strengthening the global competitiveness of the university.

University officials emphasized the importance of this undertaking. Dr. Abdulcader M. Ayo, MSU System Executive Vice President, who represented President Tago during the opening program, stated, "The submission of these 35 programs reflects our unwavering commitment to meeting national standards of excellence and providing our students with a world-class education."

Echoing this sentiment, Dr. Alma E. Berowa, former Vice President for Academic Affairs, added, "This process is vital for continuous improvement and for enhancing the value of our graduates' degrees."

Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (in concurrent capacity), highlighted the collaborative effort behind the milestone, saying, "The preparation for this accreditation reflects the dedication of our deans, faculty, staff and students. Their hardwork ensures our programs are robust, relevant, and ready to meet the rigorous standards of AACCUP."

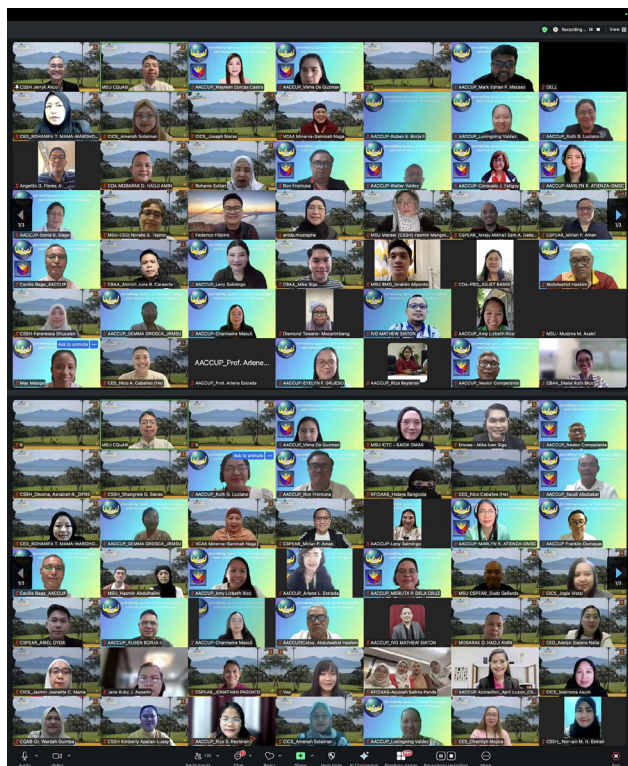
The programs submitted span a wide range of disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, engineering, business, agriculture, information system and graduate studies, highlighting the university's diverse and strong academic portfolio.

Undergraduate Programs

1. BA in Communication Studies
2. BA in English Language Studies
3. BA in Filipino
4. BA in Journalism
5. BA in Panitikan
6. BA in Philosophy
7. BA in Psychology
8. BA in Sociology
9. BS in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
10. BS in Agriculture
11. BS in Business Administration, Major in Business Economics
12. BS in Business Administration, Major in Human Resource Management
13. BS in Business Administration, Major in Marketing Management
14. BS in Development Communication
15. BS in Electronics Engineering
16. BS in Engineering Technology - CEM
17. BS in Engineering Technology - ERE
18. BS in Entrepreneurship
19. BS in Information Systems

Graduate Programs

1. MA in English Language Teaching
2. MA in Filipino
3. MA in Global Studies
4. MA in History
5. Master in Islamic Law
6. MA in Language Studies
7. MA in Peace and Development Studies
8. MA in Philippine Studies
9. MA in Psychology
10. MS in Agribusiness Management / Master in Agribusiness Management
11. MS in Animal Science
12. MS in Farming Systems
13. MS in Physical Education
14. Ph.D. in Educational Management
15. Ph.D. in Language Studies
16. Ph.D. in Philippine Studies



Attendees captured in screenshots during the online AACCUP Accreditation activity.



STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR LEADERS

Three MSU Officials Complete Executive Training at Ateneo School of Government

Dr. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph

Quezon City, 21 November 2025 – In a strong show of commitment to world-class public sector leadership, Mindanao State University System sent three of its top officials to the exclusive Strategic Communications for Public Sector Leaders executive course under the Ateneo School of Governance at the Ateneo de Manila University on 20–21 November 2025.

The MSU delegation included Mr. Abdul Azis M. Pangandaman, the Chief of Staff for the MSU System, Atty. Fayruzah Absary, the Head of Communications for the MSU System Office of the President, and Dr. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph, the Director of the Office of Information, Press, and Publications and of the Meranaw Cultural Heritage.

During the highlight session, unanimously considered the most impactful, the focus was on “Crisis and Security Communications” led by Dr. Jonathan E. Malaya. The delegates expressed that this module was immensely powerful and immediately applicable. They emphasized that having access to the same frameworks used by the national government during real crises represents a significant shift for MSU.

For MSU, the key takeaways from the session underscored the critical importance of speed and credibility in crisis response for institutional survival. Additionally, the session highlighted strategic branding and digital storytelling as essential leadership competencies as lectured by Mr. Leon G. Flores III.

With this outstanding training, MSU will improve its operations related to information dissemination and delivery for all stakeholders of the university community.



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In the photo are the participating team members along with Prof. Charlou A. Bautista, faculty of the CBAA Marketing Department and Special Assistant to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Prof. Kristine Marfe A. Marohomsalic, faculty of the COE Chemical Engineering Department.



MSU Team Emerges 1st Runner-Up in the 2025 IP C.I.R.C.L.E. League: The Quiz

Prof. Charlou A. Bautista

A story of teamwork, intellect, and the MSU spirit in action

The Mindanao State University (MSU) Main Campus once again brought pride to the Maranao homeland as its student representatives secured the 1st Runner-Up title in the 2025 IP C.I.R.C.L.E. League: The Quiz, held on November 12, 2025, at the Multi-Purpose Hall of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL) in Taguig City.

The MSU team—composed of Rasleah I. Abdulkader and Riham M. Dimalotang from the College of Engineering (COE) and Naif M. Magandia from the College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA)—demonstrated remarkable synergy, composure, and critical thinking throughout the grueling rounds of competition. Their combined strengths in analysis, reasoning, and recall made them an indomitable trio in this nationwide intellectual property (IP) challenge.

Forged Through Collaboration and Leadership

Behind this stellar performance was the inspiring collaboration of two former Chiefs of the MSU Intellectual Property Office (IPO)—Prof. Charlou A. Bautista, faculty of the CBAA Marketing Department and Special Assistant to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Prof. Kristine Marfe A. Marohomsalic, faculty of the COE Chemical Engineering Department. Their mentorship—melding the analytical rigor of engineering with the strategic foresight of marketing—embodied the power of cross-disciplinary collaboration, a true hallmark of MSU's approach to learning and innovation.

The Road to Victory: A Test of Teamwork and Tenacity

Organized by the IP Academy of IPOP HL, the IP C.I.R.C.L.E. (Create. Interact. Refine. Compete. Learn. Experience.) League is a prestigious national competition designed to deepen students' understanding of IP systems, including the Philippine IP Code (R.A. 8293), international treaties (TRIPS, Berne, Paris, Madrid, PCT, Hague), and emerging topics such as digital IP, AI, and sustainable innovation.

From the start, the MSU team's journey was a story of teamwork under pressure:

- **Preliminary Round (Written Exam):** The trio ranked Top 4, confidently advancing to the semi-finals.
- **Semi-Final Round (Board-Answer Format):** Through collective reasoning and quick consensus, they secured a Top 5 finish—earning their spot in the final stage.
- **Final Round (Jeopardy and Power Play):** The tension peaked in this nerve-breaking stage where teams employed tactical “powers” such as Freeze, Deduct, Block, and Transfer. MSU,

initially a quiet contender, displayed stunning consistency and coordination—earning them the reputation of the dark horse that stunned the crowd by surging to 2nd place overall, second only to the University of the Philippines College of Law.

Their secret weapon? Unbreakable teamwork. Rasleah's calm logic, Riham's technical mastery, and Naif's confident articulation created a balance that turned every question into a collective victory. Their synchronized approach and trust in one another exemplified how unity transforms individual brilliance into shared success.

The Country's Top Five Intellectual Contenders

At the end of the competition, the final national ranking stood as follows:

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| 1. University of the Philippines College of Law | - Champion |
| 2. Mindanao State University Main Campus | - 1st Runner-Up |
| 3. Mountain Province State University | - 2nd Runner-Up |
| 4. University of Baguio | - 3rd Runner-Up |
| 5. Pampanga State University College of Law | - 4th Runner-Up |

Each team received plaques, certificates, and gift certificates, with MSU proudly bringing home PHP15,000 worth of gift certificates, along with the recognition of being one of the most promising IP advocates in the country.

Gratitude and Institutional Pride

The MSU delegation extended their heartfelt thanks to the University System President Atty. Paisalin P. Tago, CPA, for his continued support for innovation and excellence; to Vice President for Academic Affairs Minerva-Saminah M. Naga and Vice President Alma E. Berowa for cultivating an environment that empowers young scholars to pursue national excellence; to the Director Sarifa Sofia Macarambon-Ali, concurrent Chief of the MSU Intellectual Property Office, for her unwavering support; and to COE Dean Engr. Karla M. Madrid-Khalid and CBAA Dean Dr. Imara C. Andam, CPA, for their steadfast guidance and encouragement.

Teamwork, Tenacity, and Tatak MSU

Beyond accolades, this triumph reflects MSU's spirit of collaboration—where teamwork transcends disciplines and intellect serves a shared purpose. The team's journey exemplifies the essence of Tatak MSU: excellence grounded in unity, resilience, and passion for nation-building through knowledge and innovation.

The victory of the MSU IP Quiz Team is not just a win for the university—it is a statement that Mindanao's brilliance stands tall on the national stage, driven by the power of teamwork and the pursuit of intellectual excellence.

MSU Takes the Global Innovation Stage: Silver & Bronze Wins at iSpark 2025 in China

Mindanao State University proudly represented the Philippines at the iSpark International Pitching Competition 2025 in Nanchang, China, held November 25 - 27, 2025. Team ALGAEnesis won the Silver Award and placed Top 2 in the booth competition, while Team FarmWise earned the Bronze Award, marking a major achievement on the international innovation stage.

Team ALGAEnesis included Steve Francis P. Ladrada, Maicah Nur D. Caling, Pee Jay C. Patos, Jino C. Butaslac, and Afqar Zainoden M. Abdullah. Team FarmWise was represented by Janine Anino and Hughetta Ainerey Eroy. Both teams were guided by Prof. Charlou A. Bautista, with mentors Prof. Art Marvin Aranas and Prof. Abdul Jabbar Lucman.

This success highlights MSU's dedication to innovation, excellence, and global competitiveness, as its students continue to inspire pride in the university and the community.



2025 iSpark participants (Teams ALGAEnesis and FarmWise) from MSU-Main Campus are pictured with IALO Director Prof. Melba M. Angni and their mentors Prof. Charlou A. Bautista, Prof. Art Marvin Aranas, and Prof. Abdul Jabbar Lucman



MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA with other prominent leaders who attended the Philippine Conference on Women, Peace, and Security

MSU President Tago Joins National Leaders for Launch of Landmark Women, Peace and Security Learning Book

Maria Liza J. Sumonod

MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, the only male speaker and a staunch advocate of women's welfare, joined national and academic leaders in launching MSU-Maguindanao's Diploma on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Learning Book during the Philippine Conference on WPS on October 29, 2025, in Pasay City. His presence underscored the broad support for initiatives that elevate women's roles in peacebuilding and security.

The newly launched publication, entitled "Dialogues Beyond Borders: Reimagining Women, Peace and Security through the Yogyakarta-Bangsamoro Experience," documents the 1st International Learning Exchange on WPS held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The book captures stories, reflections, and insights from participants who engaged in cross-cultural discussions, examining the shared and distinct challenges that women face in conflict-affected and post-conflict communities. As a learning resource, it stands as a testament to the power of dialogue, education, and collaboration in shaping more peaceful and inclusive societies.

In her special message, Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary and WPS Center of Excellence (CoE) Advisory Council Chairperson Amenah F. Pangandaman warmly congratulated MSU-Maguindanao for this milestone. She lauded the first 31 graduates of the Diploma on WPS, recognised as the first academic program of its kind in Asia, describing their journey as "education in action." According to Sec. Pangandaman, the graduates courageously



DBM Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman



MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA



immersed themselves in real-life, often sensitive and traumatic conversations, enabling them to become stronger and more informed advocates for Women, Peace, and Security.

Also in attendance at the significant event were MSU-Maguindanao Chancellor Dr. Bai Hejira Nefertiti M. Limbona, Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID) President Amina Rasul Bernardo, and OPAPRU Assistant Secretary and WPS CoE Executive Director Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida. Their presence, alongside leaders from various sectors, symbolized a united commitment to empowering women, fostering peace, and strengthening academic and policy-driven efforts in advancing the WPS agenda in the Philippines and beyond.



DBM Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman, MSU System President Atty. Paisali P.D. Tago, CPA, and MSU VP and VC for Academic Affairs Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga take groupie together during the event.



Representing MSU, Dr. Richard S. Celeste joins fellow delegates at the AQAN Members' Forum in a gesture of unity, affirming their shared goal of forging collaborative partnerships to bolster the global standing of ASEAN higher education institutions.

MSU Marawi Participates at AQAN Forum and General Assembly

Dr. Richard S. Celeste

The Mindanao State University Main Campus strengthened its commitment to quality assurance and regional collaboration as it actively participated in the ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN) Members' Forum and General Assembly held on October 9–10, 2025 at Diamond Hotel, Manila, Philippines. The University was represented by Dr. Richard S. Celeste, Secretary of the Campus Quality Assurance Board (CQuAB), along with Dr. Wardah D. Guimba and Dr. Hasmin M. Abdulhalim, both members of the CQuAB. Their participation underscores the 9-Point Agenda of MSU System President, Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, particularly on advancing quality assurance and strengthening the global competitiveness of the university.

The AQAN Forum and General Assembly brought together leaders, policymakers, and experts in higher education quality assurance from across Southeast Asia. Co-organized with the ASEAN University Network (AUN) and SEAMEO RIHED, the event highlighted the vital role of harmonized frameworks, shared standards, and collaborative partnerships in strengthening the credibility and global competitiveness of ASEAN higher education institutions. It also served as an important venue for reflecting on regional accomplishments, addressing emerging challenges, and mapping out future directions for quality assurance in the ASEAN region.

Notable program highlights included the keynote address delivered by CHED Chairperson Hon. Shirley C. Agrupis, the AQAN leadership turnover ceremony, and strategic direction-setting activities. The tripartite MOA signing among AQAN, AUN, and SEAMEO RIHED further strengthened partnerships aimed at elevating quality assurance initiatives in the region. Plenary sessions on regional frameworks, institutional governance, and global comparability also enriched the discussions, followed by the AQAN General Assembly and Organizational Meeting.



Dr. Richard S. Celeste with other delegates at the AQAN Members' Forum

MSU Marawi's active engagement in this year's AQAN Forum and General Assembly reflects its unwavering dedication to continuous improvement and to aligning with internationally recognized standards. The insights gained and partnerships strengthened through this event will support the University's ongoing initiatives to enhance its quality assurance systems, promote academic excellence, and contribute meaningfully to the advancement of higher education in the ASEAN region.

DXUR Your Campus Radio Marks 8 Years of Service, Amplifies MSU 64th Anniversary

Dir. Ihsan M. Amanoddin

The 94.1 DXUR Your Campus Radio, operated by the Radio Telecommunications Office (RTO) of Mindanao State University, celebrated its 8th Anniversary on August 31, 2025. This significant milestone was observed just one day before the University's 64th Founding Anniversary, underscoring the station's unwavering commitment to broadcasting and community engagement.

Under the leadership of Director Ihsan Mascara Amanoddin, 94.1 DXUR provided comprehensive live coverage of the entire MSU 64th Anniversary program on September 1, including the major university events and the traditional parade.

MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, was accompanied by the RTO team, demonstrating the crucial role campus radio plays in amplifying MSU's activities and achievements across the region.

The 8th Anniversary celebration was attended by distinguished guests, including Dr. Abdulhannan Tago (President of the Supreme Ulama of the Philippines for Peace and Development), Mufti Aleem Mohammad Atiya Amanoddin (Grand Mufti of the Philippines, NCMF), Aleem Daifullah Salem Omar (President of Daifullah Islamic Institute), and several MSU officials, faculty members, Ulama, and RTO staff.

Representing President Tago, Director Abdulrahman C. Gandamra of the Finance Office delivered the administration's message, expressing full support for DXUR. Director Gandamra highlighted the station's achievements and affirmed concrete plans to strengthen its transmitter and expand its reach to serve a larger audience.

In his welcoming remarks, Director Amanoddin reflected on the station's critical historical significance, particularly its role during the Marawi Siege, where DXUR served as a lifeline of timely and accurate information for the community.

The event also formally recognized fifteen resource speakers with Certificates of Appreciation and tokens for their dedicated contributions to the station's specialized programs.

Among its community initiatives, DXUR spotlighted the Sakudo Program, which extends essential aid to underprivileged families, orphans, and women in need, especially during the holy month of Ramadan. This service-oriented program has successfully garnered support from both local and international donors, reflecting DXUR's commitment to social responsibility.

With eight years of continuous operation, 94.1 DXUR Your Campus Radio continues to amplify voices, promote Islamic programs, and provide reliable broadcasting, firmly cementing its role as the heart of communication for MSU and the surrounding community.



MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA during his visit to the 94.1 DXUR Your Campus Radio

Director Abdulrahman C. Gandamra, representing MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, receives token of appreciation from RTO Director Ihsan Mascara Amanoddin.



MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA and UP President Atty. Angelo A. Jimenez

MSU and UP Presidents Meet for Collaborative Partnership on Library Resource Sharing and Digital Learning

Dr. Sorhaila L. Latip-Yusoph



In a significant move towards enhancing educational resources, MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, and UP President Atty. Angelo A. Jimenez held a collaborative meeting on September 19, 2025, at the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City. Through MSU-BOR Regent Hon. Grace J. Ali, who facilitated the said meeting, this convergence focused on a partnership aimed at sharing library resources and advancing digital learning tools between the two prestigious institutions.

The discussions, held at UP's renowned campus, underscored a mutual commitment to broaden access to educational materials and leverage digital platforms for more effective learning experiences. This initiative is expected to benefit thousands of students and faculty members, fostering a more integrated academic environment.

Both presidents expressed optimism about the partnership's potential to enrich the academic landscape and set a precedent for future collaborations among Philippine universities. The agreement signifies a step forward in utilizing shared resources to enhance educational quality and accessibility. The meeting was attended by officials from the System and the MSU Campus, including Regent Grace J. Ali, EVP Dr. Abdulcader M. Ayo, VCAA Dr. Minerva-Saminah Mambuay Naga, and Mr. Abdulaziz Pangandaman. They were also honored by the special presence of UP University Librarian Elvira B. Lapuz.

MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago's Accomplishments during His Recent Visit to Turkiye for Collaboration and Signing of Agreements

Atty Prof. Renato Pacaldo, PhD

Council of Higher Education of Turkey Renews Scholarship Protocol for MSU Academic Staff



Group picture after the signing of the renewal scholarship protocol at the YÖK's conference room.

MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA and Prof. Dr. Naci Gündoğan, the Vice President of the Turkish Higher Education Council (YÖK), signed the renewal of the YÖK scholarship implementation protocol between the Council of Higher Education of the Republic of Turkey and Mindanao State University on November 13, 2025, at the main office of YÖK, Ankara, Turkiye. The Philippine Ambassador, the Honorable Henry S. Bensurto, Jr., and Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga, Vice President for Academic Affairs of the MSU System and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of MSU Marawi, act as witnesses in the signing of this agreement. The newly signed renewal protocol provides scholarship slots for faculty members of the MSU System, based on the criteria and qualifications set forth in this agreement. The scholarship provides a monthly stipend, covers dormitory expenses and health insurance, and pays tuition fees. The announcement of the scholarship recruitment program and the acceptance of applications will start in March and end in May. Vice President Naci Gündoğan emphasized the importance of this scholarship



MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, and Turkish Higher Education Council (YÖK) Vice President Prof. Dr. Naci Gündoğan sign an agreement for the renewal of the YÖK scholarship implementation.

in strengthening the relationship between the Philippines and Türkiye, and expressed the hope that more faculty members would join the scholarship program. In response, President Tago expressed his full support for implementing this scholarship to maximize its benefits for MSU constituents and the BARMM.

The scholarship was established in 2019 through the initiative of Prof. Dr. Rahmi Er, the former Vice President of YOK, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Efe, the Head of the International Relations Department at YOK, and Prof. Atty. Renato Pacaldo. As a result of the implementation from 2019 to 2023, a total of 22 faculty members and 3 undergraduate students from MSUS received the scholarship, distributed as follows: 14 from MSU-Marawi, 4 from MSU-Jolo, 5 from MSU-TCTO, and 2 from MSU-Maguindanao. To date, the addition of six new scholars under the renewed protocol, comprising four from MSU-Marawi and two from MSU-Naawan, has increased the total number of scholarship beneficiaries to 31, comprising faculty members and undergraduate students. These scholars, pursuing PhD, MS, and undergraduate programs, have been studying at various universities in Türkiye, including Kastamonu University, Erciyes University, Ömer Halis University of Niğde, Sakarya University, Düzce University, and Çukurova University.

Rector Ahmet Hamdi Topal and President Paisalin Tago Strengthen Collaboration between MSU and Kastamonu University



Picture (L-R): Mahmut Gur, Mirac Aydin, Fatimah Aisa Tago, Sittie Fayzah Naga, Jamilah Aisah Tago, VP Minerva-Saminah M. Naga, Sittie Norhaya Tago, President Paisalin Tago, Rector Ahmet Hamdi Topal, Rector Mehmet Oruc Sasa, Saliha Sasa, Russell Briggs, Renato Pacaldo, Mustapha Ozturk Arciouglu

The partnership between MSU and Kastamonu University, starting in 2015, has been deepening with four BOR confirmed partnership agreements signed by both institutions: (a) BOR Res. No. 174 s 2025, approving the protocol between the Kastamonu University, Türkiye, and Mindanao State University, Philippines, on the International Joint Master's Degree Program with Thesis in Forest Engineering; (b) BOR Res. No. 478 s 2022, confirming the memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the Mindanao State University and the Kastamonu University, Republic of Turkey, dated February 21, 2022; and (c) BOR Res. No. 85 s 2015, confirming the inter-institutional agreement in the context of the Erasmus+ Program entered into between the Mindanao State University

and Kastamonu University. During President Paisalin Tago's visit to Kastamonu University on November 17, 2025, the President reaffirmed his full support for the different ongoing programs between KU and MSU. The President also expressed his support for a partnership with the newly established Bangsamoro Turkish Education Academy, located in Maguindanao del Norte.

Rector Topal and President Tago agreed to support the ongoing joint MS degree program in forest engineering based on the reciprocity of benefits afforded to exchange students, establishment of a tropical and subtropical forest research center, joint research projects (e.g., biomass energy, essential oils, mushrooms, and honeybee), and establishment of an early childhood education program at MSU-Marawi campus. During the meeting, Vice President/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga expressed her full support for the opening of the early childhood education and faculty exchange program in partnership with KU. To date, the partnership between MSU and KU has generated more or less 25 joint articles published in Science-Index Journals, benefited 17 faculty members from KU and MSU under the Erasmus+ mobility program, implemented 2 collaborative research projects, supported 2 visiting professors, hosted the international conference on environment and forest conservation (ICEFC), now on its 7th conference series, and benefited 53 scholars studying in various programs, both graduate and undergraduate levels, at different Turkish Universities.

President Paisalin Tago Delivers Keynote Message During the 6th International Conference on Environment and Forest Conservation

President Paisalin Tago delivers his keynote speech during the 6th International Conference on Environment and Forest Conservation (6th ICEFC) hosted by Kastamonu University on November 18-21, 2025, with the theme "Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Resilience". It is worth noting that MSU, in collaboration with Bogor Agricultural University, SEAMEO-BIOTROP, and Kastamonu University, hosted the first conference in 2018 at Dakak,

Dapitan City. This conference has evolved into a globally recognized conference series, attracting participants from diverse countries. The 6th ICEFC received 140 research papers from eight countries, including the USA, Lithuania, Bulgaria, India, Iran, the Philippines, and Türkiye.

His message highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts in finding science-based solutions to climate change impacts, drawing on nature's own way of restoring and protecting itself. A portion of the President's message is quoted below:

"The conference theme, 'Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Resilience,' aligns well with our recent experiences in the Philippines. The Philippines is composed of more than 7,100 islands, making it one of the archipelagic nations with so much water surrounding the nation, and among the top 5 most vulnerable countries to climate change impacts.

Climate change impacts are evident from our own experiences in the country, which are worsening as the climate continues to warm. Water provides life, but too much water or too little water can also kill and destroy life. In the Philippines, this condition is becoming a new normal, a weather anomaly that most experts attribute to climate change impacts.

Super typhoons are the new normal in the country. It is just unfortunate that the Philippines is located in the typhoon pathway, making the country one of the most vulnerable nations to climate change anomalies and impacts. Redirecting its trajectory of climate change impacts would be a challenging task, but not impossible. With the right information and strategies as tools to manage its impacts, we could achieve a doable and effective adaptation and mitigation strategy against climate change impacts. Structural engineers oftentimes advocate engineering solutions, such as constructing concrete river walls to control flooding in built-up communities in low-lying areas, as the ultimate solution to this problem.

However, our own experiences have proven that solutions based solely on engineering

infrastructures are cosmetic and short-lived. It cannot sustain and contain high-magnitude hydrological extremes, such as excessive water, which causes floods in lowland areas. While engineering approaches mitigate the impacts of flooding and other related calamities, nature's way of restoring and protecting itself generates and offers the best solution to these problems. Promoting nature-based solutions, as highlighted in this conference, is likely the most effective strategy to address these problems. It is for this reason why you, scientists, are gathering here today for a single common goal: to identify the right information and strategies to address climate change impacts and other related issues affecting humanity.

Finding the right solution to these problems is not a monopoly of one institution. Rather, it is usually attained with good results through partnerships and collaborative efforts. MSU and Kastamonu University's decade-long partnership, which began in 2015, is deepening and yielding concrete results in research collaboration. Our cooperation has also yielded excellent results in academic collaboration, benefiting our faculty and students who are here at your university to pursue their education under the Turkish government's scholarship. As the new leader of the Mindanao State University System for the next six years, I would like to bring in my more than two decades of experience in governance, in leading the university effectively and efficiently, and bringing about the recognition of our university to national and global platforms.

This 6th International Conference on Environment and Forest Conservation is a concrete testament that what we started together in 2018 is now gaining global recognition, not as a self-declared testament, but rather by the declaration of the outside world. As we move forward to the next level of our cooperation, MSU remains committed to providing full support to this consortium, as we have since its inception in 2018. I am personally attending this conference to demonstrate my full and concrete support for this program.

As a take-home message, I would like to say that nature is smarter than any of us, and learning from its approach to solving environmental problems is probably the best way to address the environmental issues we face today. As I mentioned earlier, when nature strikes back, it is deadly, and there is no right or wrong but only consequences. As human and intelligent beings, we have the responsibility to discover these secrets and learning their ways to make this world a better place to live in."



President Paisalin Tago during his keynote speech at the opening program of the 6th ICEFC

Early Childhood Education Program Benchmarking for MSU Marawi



In the photo (L-R): VP Minerva-Saminah Naga, Sittie Norhaya Tago, and President Paisalin Tago interact with the 5-year-old early learners at Kizilay Annakolu, Kastamonu

President Paisalin Tago and VP Minerva-Saminah Naga visited the early childhood educational schools at Kastamonu University to learn about the Turkish standards and curriculum for educating early learners. During the visit, VP Minerva-Saminah Naga, being a faculty member of the College of Education, easily learned and understood how the Turkish Early Childhood Education system works in comparison with our traditional nursery and kindergarten educational system. It is worth noting that almost a year ago, the former VPAA, Professor Alma Berowa, also visited the same school, with high hopes that the early childhood education program, based on lessons learned from Turkey's best practices, would be introduced at the MSU System, starting at MSU-Marawi. MSU and KU agreed in principle to a deeper exploratory discussion before signing an agreement to establish the program, including faculty mobility and exchange (November 17, 2025).

President Paisalin Tago Meets and Greets YTB and YOK Scholars at Kastamonu University



Group picture of scholars of YOK and YTB studying at the Kastamonu University during the visit of President Paisalin Tago and VP/VC Minerva Saminah Naga

Kastamonu University hosted the highest number of scholars supported by the Council of Higher Education of Türkiye (YOK) and Türkiye Burslari Scholarship (YTB), comprising a total of 27 students from different MSU campuses; 13 Master's, 5 PhD, and 8 undergraduate. President Paisalin Tago and Vice President Minerva-Saminah Naga met and greeted them on November 16, 2025. The President emphasizes the importance of hard work and persistence as key ingredients for success, especially since taking courses in the Turkish language is a very challenging endeavor.

President Paisalin Tago Meets MSU Scholars from Erciyes University, Turkiye

During the visit in Ankara for the signing of the scholarship protocol extended by the Turkish Higher Education Council (YOK), MSU System President, Paisalin Tago and Prof. Minerva-Saminah Naga, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, MSU-Marawi, met three MSU-Marawi YOK scholars who are currently pursuing PhD programs at Erciyes University, Turkiye, namely: Naima Serad (PhD in Biology major in Microbiology), Mariam Kabirun (PhD in Biology major in Microbiology), and Nor-aima Serajan Saro-Dilna (PhD in Public Administration). These scholars have already completed the coursework and the comprehensive examination and will soon present their dissertation research. They are expected to bring their wealth of experiences and apply their knowledge and skills in strengthening the microbiology and biomedical research of the MSU-Marawi campus.



In Photo (R-L): Mariam Kabirun, Naima Serad, Nor-aima Saro-Dilna, Pres Paisalin Tago, Sittie Norhaya Tago, VP/VC Minerva-Saminah Naga, Sittie Faizah Naga, Fatima Aisha Tago, and Jamilah Tago

Strengthening Partnership between MSU and Ankara University

President Paisalin Tago and VP Minerva-Saminah Naga met with Prof Dr. Harun Tanrivermis, the Vice Rector of Ankara, and Prof Dr. Hasan Huseyin Atar, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, to strengthen the signed partnership agreement and discuss potential academic and research engagements between the two universities in relation to the Memorandum of Understanding, which was inked at the Turkish Higher Education Council Office in Ankara on September 19, 2022. The meeting, held at the Office of the Vice Rector, explored the potential for developing an international joint graduate degree program in biology and a short-term training program in agricultural production and technology. An online follow-up meeting will be scheduled for this project to facilitate a more in-depth discussion on the proposal.



Collaboration meeting with the Faculty of Agriculture, Ankara University, exploring the potential of offering a short-term training program in agricultural technology and product development

President Paisalin Tago Visits the Rector of Bangsamoro Turkish Educational Academy's Law Firm Office at Ankara

Rector Mehmet Oruc Sasa invited President Tago to his office on the 27th Floor of the Next Level building in Ankara. During this visit, the two Rectors discussed the potential collaboration between MSU and BTEA. Rector Sasa also showed President Tago how the law firm operates in a synchronous virtual court hearing and the acquisition of ISO certification. Atty. Oruc Sasa is scheduled to visit MSU sometime in December.



Rector Oruc Sasa and President Paisalin Tago at the 27th Floor Law Firm office at Next Level Building, Ankara

Cultural Exchange and Partnership: UIN Saizu Students Meet MSU Peers

Hasmin M. Tambidan

Mindanao State University's International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO) hosted an insightful "Exchange Conversation" on November 14, 2025. The event brought together visiting students from UIN Sayyid Ali Rahmatullah Tulungagung (UIN Saizu), Indonesia, and their counterparts from MSU—specifically, members of the Supreme Student Government (SSG) and selected student representatives.

Held in the OP Conference Room, the program commenced with a warm welcome from Director Melba Angni, IALO Director. Director Angni not only extended a heartfelt welcome to the UIN Saizu delegates but also provided a brief context on the existing MSU-UIN Saizu partnership, underscoring its importance in fostering regional academic

collaboration and understanding. She highlighted the main objective of the conversation: to facilitate genuine interaction, build rapport, and exchange valuable insights on university life, academic experiences, and global aspirations.

The exchange was structured into three focused, 15-minute Guided Conversation Rounds, with groups rotating to maximize diverse interaction. Round 1: University Life & Campus Culture involved students discussing their typical day, popular organizations, and engagement in leadership and community service, highlighting universal experiences and unique cultural differences. Next, Round 2: Academic Experiences & Challenges focused on the classroom, covering favorite subjects, faculty influence, research interests, learning approaches (online, blended, etc.), and strategies for overcoming academic hurdles. Finally, Round 3: Values, Aspirations & Global Mindset explored deeper themes such as global citizenship, post-graduation dreams, and how cultural backgrounds shape personal goals and leadership styles, revealing a shared commitment to positive global impact.

The event concluded with an Open Forum / Plenary Sharing where each mixed group shared highlight insights from their discussions. The session led to a collective recognition of similarities in student enthusiasm and academic rigor, alongside an appreciation of differences in campus traditions and cultural practices. This enriching exchange served not only as a platform for cultural learning but also strengthened the intellectual and social bonds between UIN Saizu and MSU, promising further collaboration and friendship between the two institutions.



Exchange students from UIN Saizu



A delegation of visiting students from UIN Saizu, Purwokerto, Indonesia, met with MSU representatives, including Prof. Melba M. Angni (MSU IALO Director), Atty. Norajannah D. Lantud, SCL (Chief of the Office of the University Protocol), Atty. Norhannah P. Sarosong-Langlang, CPA (Head of the Internal Audit Unit), and Atty. Ayeesha-Maruki A. Macarambon (Chairperson of the Secretariat of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)), as well as representatives from the MSU SSG.



Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi representatives—led by Dr. Glen A. Lorenzo (Vice President for Research and Extension), Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga (Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs), and Dr. Richard S. Celeste (Secretary, Campus Quality Assurance Board)—are pictured with fellow delegates at the AUN-QA International Conference.

MSU Marawi Attends AUN-QA International Conference 2025

Dr. Richard S. Celeste

Stemming from the University's goal to advance quality assurance and strengthen global competitiveness, and in line with the MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA's 9-Point Agenda, three delegates from Mindanao State University Main Campus participated in the ASEAN University Network-Quality Assurance (AUN-QA) International Conference 2025 at Dewan Tunku Canselor, Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on November 5-6, 2025.

The conference gathered 400 quality assurance (QA) experts and practitioners from 104 institutions across 11 countries, along with 19 distinguished speakers, to engage in discussions on enhancing QA practices in higher education. Participants explored innovative approaches to strengthen institutional quality systems and adapt to the rapidly evolving regional and global academic landscape.

Representing MSU Marawi were Dr. Glen A. Lorenzo, Vice President for Research and Extension; Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; and Dr. Richard S. Celeste, Secretary of the Campus Quality Assurance Board.

This year's conference theme centered on "Fortifying Higher Education: Strategic QA for Resilience and Institutional Immunity in ASEAN," featuring insights from leading QA experts and higher education professionals across ASEAN and neighboring regions. The sessions highlighted best practices, emerging trends, and strategic initiatives aimed at fostering institutional resilience and sustainability through quality assurance.

Through its active participation in international platforms such as the AUN-QA Conference, MSU Marawi continues to reaffirm its commitment to upholding excellence, ensuring quality education, and advancing its role as a globally competitive university.

Strengthening Global Presence and Advancing Toward Higher International Rankings

Prof. Melba Angni

Mindanao State University proudly represented the Philippines at the Quacquarelli Symonds QS Higher Education Summit: Asia Pacific 2025, hosted by Korea University, Seoul, from November 4–6, 2025. The event gathered university leaders, internationalization and ranking experts, and higher education innovators across the Asia-Pacific region to discuss the future of "Next-Gen Higher Education: Building Sustainable Futures through Global Collaboration".

MSU joined the official Philippine delegation led by Commissioner Dr. Michelle Aguilar-Ong of the Commission on Higher Education, together with other top Philippine higher education institutions recognized in the QS World University Rankings. This participation affirms MSU's growing commitment to internationalization, global engagement, and continuous improvement in world university ranking systems.

MSU's participation reflects the University's dedication and the MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago's commitment to his 9-Point Agenda of building meaningful linkages with global institutions and to positioning MSU in terms of quality education and global competitiveness.



Participants of QS Higher Education Summit: Asia Pacific 2025 including IALO Executive Director Prof. Melba Angni

MSU continues to appear in the QS Asia University Rankings 2026, this year in the 1001-1100 band, reaffirming its standing as one of the Philippines' leading public universities recognized in the QS global ranking system.

Participation in the QS Summit strengthens our resolve to elevate MSU's ranking performance through intensified efforts in:

- Expanding international partnerships and academic collaborations;
- Promoting faculty and student mobility;
- Advancing joint research and publications with global universities; and
- Showcasing MSU's contribution to the UN Sustainable Development

Goals (SDGs) through education, innovation, and culture.

The Summit also opened new opportunities for collaboration and benchmarking with universities from Asia, Europe, and the Middle East, in areas such as research, innovation, culture, and sustainability, key dimensions that will shape MSU's pathway to a higher QS global ranking.

This international engagement underscores MSU's strategic direction toward becoming a globally connected, research-driven, and sustainability-oriented university, one that proudly represents the diversity and excellence of Mindanao and the Filipino people.



MSU and UNPAD Formalize Strategic Partnership in Bandung, Indonesia

Prof. Jalloud Salic

The academic engagement between Mindanao State University (MSU) in the Philippines and Universitas Padjadjaran (UNPAD) in Indonesia marks a growing collaboration aimed at strengthening regional academic partnerships within Southeast Asia. Both universities explored prospects for faculty and student exchanges, joint research initiatives, and collaborative academic projects that would strengthen educational ties between the two nations.

After months of productive coordination, the collaboration was formally solidified and sealed with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between Mindanao State University and Universitas Padjadjaran on October 10, 2025, at Unpad's main campus in Bandung, Indonesia. The agreement was signed by the President of Mindanao State University, Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, and was witnessed by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga of the MSU main campus, and the Dean of the King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies, Atty. Jashim A. Abdulrahman, MAIS.

This momentous event officially marked the beginning of joint academic programs, research collaborations, and institutional exchanges, symbolizing both universities' dedication to building a sustainable and impactful partnership that contributes to the broader goal of academic solidarity and international cooperation in Southeast Asia.



A group photo taken after the Signing Ceremony of the MOA between MSU and Universitas Padjadjaran.

MSU Law Seals Agreement with UMY Faculty of Law

Atty. Mikee Esma Maruhom

Furthering the internationalization initiatives of the Mindanao State University (MSU), the College of Law has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Faculty of Law of the Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY) on October 9, 2025. The historic partnership of MSU Law and UMY Law was fully supported by University President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA and Dean Prof. Norhabib Bin Suod S. Barodi, LL.M., who personally witnessed and signed the MOA at the Signing Ceremony at the Fachruddin A Building at the UMY Yogyakarta campus. Meanwhile, UMY and its Faculty of Law were represented during the signing by Assoc. Prof. Ir. Slamet Riyadi, S.T., M.Sc., Ph.D. and Prof. Iwan Satriawan, S.H., MCL, Ph.D., UMY's Vice Rector for Quality, Reputation and Partnership and Dean of the Faculty of Law, respectively. Assoc. Prof. Yordan Gunawan, S.H., MBA, M.H, Ph.D., Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs; Assoc. Prof. Yanik Prasetyoningsih, S.H., M.H., Ph.D., Vice Dean for Human Resources and other officials were also present and expressed their full support during the signing ceremony.

The MOA lays down the framework for the student and faculty exchange between the two law schools, including the potential development of a joint degree program that will both benefit aspiring future Sharia legal professionals of the Philippines and Indonesia, through MSU and UMY.

During the roundtable discussion, Assoc. Prof. Atty. Datu Esma Mikee P. Maruhom, Assistant Dean of the MSU Law Tawi-Tawi Extension expressed the College's intention to develop joint degree programs, both short and professional courses for both UMY and MSU. University President Tago also expressed his intention to sign a MSU systemwide MOA with UMY in order to expand this growing partnership with one of Indonesia's leading universities to the other MSU constituent units.

Prof. Atty. Norhabib Bin Suod Barodi gave a short briefer on the special mandate of the MSU and the College of Law under the context of the pacification and mainstreaming efforts of the Philippine government for Mindanao. After the signing ceremony, Dean Barodi delivered a public lecture to the UMY Law international students on "Islamic Law in the Philippines: A Legal Perspective through the Bangsamoro Lens."

MSU officials stood as witnesses to this agreement, namely: Prof. Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga (Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, MSU Main); Prof. Dr. Mary Joyce Z. Guinto-Sali (Chancellor & Regent, MSU-TCTO); Prof. Dr. Nagder J. Abdulrahman (Chancellor, MSU Sulu); Prof. Dr. Sheila G. Magolama (Chancellor, MSU Buug), Prof. Cairani D. Gandamra (Superintendent, MSU-LNCAT); Prof. Dr. Abuzamier A. Asanji and Prof. Dr. Norman A. Abdulrahman (Vice Chancellors, MSU Sulu) and Director Alnasul K. Sali (Head Executive Assistant, MSU-TCTO).



MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, and Assoc. Prof. Ir. Slamet Riyadi, S.T., M.Sc., Ph.D., ink a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on student and faculty exchange and the potential development of a joint degree program.

MSU System Strengthens ASEAN Ties, Signs MOU with UNDIP

Dr. Ma-an M. Camarin

The Mindanao State University (MSU) and Universitas Diponegoro (UNDIP) of Indonesia officially outlined its plans of academic cooperation through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on October 7, 2025 at the Office of the University Rector of UNDIP.

The formal signing was led by University President Atty. Paisalin P. D. Tago, CPA and UNDIP Rector Prof. Dr. Suharnomo, S.E., M.Si., symbolizing a shared commitment to fostering academic excellence, research collaboration, human resource and student exchanges that will pave way for more future collaborations with the constituent universities and supervised campuses of the MSU System. This event also marks the first international agreement signed by President Tago for the entire MSU System.



MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, and UNDIP Rector Prof. Dr. Suharnomo, S.E., M.Si., show their shared commitment to fostering academic excellence, research collaboration, human resource development, and student exchange through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing.

Present during the signing ceremony at the Rektorat were Prof. Dr. Ir. Hadiyanto, S.T., M.Sc., IPU, UNDIP's Director for Global Affairs and Prof. Agus Trianto, S.T., M.Sc., Ph.D., Dean of UNDIP's Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences, who expressed optimism that this new partnership will bring cohesive regional cooperation on sustainable fisheries management and marine biodiversity conservation.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Minerva-Saminah Mambuay Naga, Ph.D., College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (CFAS) Dean Dr. Ma-ann M. Camarin, and CFAS Technology Department Chair Jollymar M. Capistrano, RFP. Present also were chancellors and superintendents of the university system, namely: Prof. Dr. Mary Joyce Z. Guinto-Sali, (MSU-TCTO), Prof. Dr. Nagder J. Abdurahman (MSU Sulu), Prof. Dr. Shiela G. Magolama (MSU Buug) and Prof. Cairani D. Gandamra, JD (MSU-LNCAT). The signing took place in conjunction with the 13th International Fisheries Symposium (IFS), an annual platform organized under the ASEAN Fisheries Education Network (ASEAN-FEN).

MSU Main Campus Becomes Institutional Member of ASEAN FEN

Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga



MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago CPA with other members of ASEAN FEN

The Mindanao State University – Main Campus was officially accepted as a member of the prestigious ASEAN Fisheries Education Network (FEN) during the opening program of the 13th International Fisheries Symposium 2025 held at Universitas Diponegoro in Semarang, Indonesia, on October 7. University President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA formally accepted the Certificate of Membership from the ASEAN-FEN Board Chairperson, Prof. Mohammad Amin Alamsjah, Ir., M.Si., Ph.D. and the Dean of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science of the Universitas Diponegoro, Prof. Agus Trianto, S.T., M.Sc., Ph.D.

On its website, the ASEAN Fisheries Education Network describes itself as a consortium of university-based institutions dedicated to fisheries and aquaculture across the Southeast Asia region. Its mission is to support and enhance the fisheries and aquaculture sector through education, research, and public outreach. The ASEAN-FEN plays a vital role in supporting and facilitating the efforts of educators, scientists, and agencies addressing local, regional, national, and international challenges related to fisheries and aquaculture.

MSU and Türkiye: Paving the Way for Expanded Bilateral Programs

MSU-MIO

Mindanao State University (MSU) System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago recently spearheaded a delegation for a strategic engagement with the Turkish Ambassador to the Philippines, H.E. Niyazi Evren Akyol, and Deputy Chief of Mission Okan Erkan, on October 2, 2025. This high-level courtesy visit successfully served to reaffirm and significantly strengthen the established cooperative framework between the MSU System and the Republic of Türkiye. The discussions focused on reinforcing the existing partnership through collaborative initiatives aimed at enriching the academic and cultural domains of both entities.

The substantive dialogue centered on several mutual priorities critical for advancing educational excellence and intercultural understanding. Foremost among these were the establishment of more robust academic linkages, encompassing the development of formal agreements for faculty specialization, collaborative research projects, and comprehensive curriculum enhancement programs. Furthermore, the meeting explored avenues for fostering deeper cultural understanding through joint programs, language immersion studies, and the sharing of historical and contemporary perspectives. Crucially, specific opportunities for student and faculty mobility were examined, aiming to establish concrete exchange and scholarship mechanisms that would promote cross-cultural learning, scholarly exposure, and internationalization across the MSU System.

The MSU delegation accompanying President Tago underscored the comprehensive institutional commitment to this partnership, comprising key academic and administrative leaders. The delegation included First Lady Sittie Norhaya Ambor-Tago, CPA, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (VCAA) Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga, International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO) Executive Director Dr. Renato S. Pacaldo, Manila Information Office (MIO) Director Hannah G. Marquez, RN, MPH, and MIO Supervising Administrative Officer Engr. Raymer Marl S. Tan. The presence of this broad team signifies the importance the University places on integrating these international partnerships across various sectors of its operation.

The productive visit concluded with a formal presentation by President Tago to Ambassador Akyol of a special, handcrafted token sourced from the University. This gesture served as a powerful symbolic act, signifying the profound appreciation of the MSU System and its commitment to an enduring friendship and educational partnership with the Republic of Türkiye, further solidifying the basis for future collaborative endeavors.



In the photo (from L-R): First Lady Sittie Norhaya Ambor-Tago, CPA, MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, Turkish Ambassador to the Philippines, H.E. Niyazi Evren Akyol, Former MSU IALO Executive Director Atty. Renato S. Pacaldo, PhD, MSU Vice President and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga, and Deputy Chief of Mission Okan Erkan

MSU System

- Resolution No. 167, S. 2025** Approval of the Board to adopt the Terms of Reference (TOR) of CHED as presented by the Chairperson
- Resolution No. 168, S. 2025** Approval of the Board to adopt Section 3, Rule VII Annex "B" of CMO No. 7, Series of 2022, or the Creation of Search Committee for President and the Minimum Qualifications for Chancellors provided in the BOR Resolution No. 1, Series of 2024
- Resolution No. 169, S. 2025** Approval of the promotion or reclassification of 34 faculty members from various campuses of MSU System with the rank of Associate Professor – Professor rank subject to the availability of funds and whenever necessary upon coordination-approval by the Department of Budget and Management
- Resolution No. 170, S. 2025** Approval of the Final Rank of the two faculty member from MSU-IIT with the rank of Associate Professor/Full Professor subject to the availability of funds and whenever necessary upon coordination-approval by the Department of Budget and Management
- Resolution No. 171, S. 2025** Approval of the twelve thousand six hundred eighty-six (12,686) candidates for graduation from all campuses of the University for the Second Semester and Summer Term of Academic Year 2024-2025, the complete lists of candidates PROVIDED, that they comply with all academic and non-academic requirements as prescribed in their respective curricula, and PROVIDED FURTHER, that they comply with all other requirements for graduation
- Resolution No. 172, S. 2025** Approval of the New Curricular Programs and Revised Curricular Programs as endorsed by the System University Council (SUC), subject to CHED guidelines
- Resolution No. 173, S. 2025** Approval of the grant of authority to the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) to sign the authority to offer programs of the different MSU Campuses, subject to CHED guidelines
- Resolution No. 174, S. 2025** Approval of the protocol between Kastamonu University, Turkiye and Mindanao State University, Philippines on the International Joint Master's Degree Program with Thesis in Forest Engineering
- Resolution No. 175, S. 2025** Approval of the shift from numerical grade to letter grade for all practicum, OJT, and practice teaching subjects and exclusion of these subjects from the computation in the GPA for Latin Honors, for incoming freshmen starting AY 2025-2026
- Resolution No. 176, S. 2025** Approval of the grant of authority to College Deans to sign Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) for Practicum or On-the-Job-Training (OJT) upon the discretion of the Chancellor
- Resolution No. 177, S. 2025** Approval of the Dormitory Code of Conduct Manual
- Resolution No. 178, S. 2025** Approval of the schedule of the upcoming Research Summit on July 21-23, 2026
- Resolution No. 179, S. 2025** Approval of the various agenda matters that were noted during the first quarter BOR meeting
- Resolution No. 180, S. 2025** Confirmation of the Admission Criteria and Process for Incoming Freshmen at MSU-General Santos
- Resolution No. 181, S. 2025** Confirmation of five Special Orders
- Resolution No. 314, S. 2025** Authorization of the substitution of Dr. Rasid M. Paca being the OIC President of MSU to represent the University in various cases pending before any courts of law or quasi-judicial bodies
- Resolution No. 315, S. 2025** Approval that the Board express its collective sympathy to the bereaved family and loved ones of the late MSU System President, Atty. Basari D. Mapupuno

Approved Resolutions during the 271st BOR Meeting

Source: Office of the MSU System and BOR Secretary

MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)

Resolution No. 186, S. 2025	Approval of the budget utilization of realized and collected income under fund 05 of MSU Marawi for the March 15, 2025 to May 18, 2025 in the total amount of one million two hundred fifty-five thousand seven hundred fifty-eight pesos and sixty centavos (PhP1,255,758.60) to cover the budgetary allotment for the planned programs and activities of the university for the CY 2024
Resolution No. 187, S. 2025	Approval of the Programs, Activities, and Projects for funding for FY 2026 of MSU-Marawi amounting to two billion one hundred eight million six hundred thirty-four thousand eight hundred fifty-eight pesos and sixty-six centavos (PhP2,108,634,858.66)
Resolution No. 203, S. 2025	Approval of the promotion or reclassification of items of nine faculty member with collegiate rank of MSU-Marawi together with the summary of credentials-evaluation, subject to availability of funds, and further approval by the Department of Budget and Management
Resolution No. 204, S. 2025	Approval of the promotion or reclassification of two faculty members of MSU-Marawi External Units (High School) together with the summary of credentials-evaluation, subject to availability of funds, and further approval by the Department of Budget and Management
Resolution No. 205, S. 2025	Approval of the grant of tenure to the 19 faculty members together with the summary of the evaluation
Resolution No. 206, S. 2025	Approval of the University Policies and Guidelines on Off-Campus Activities
Resolution No. 207, S. 2025	Approval of the Guidelines and Policies on Practicum (Amendment to BOR Resolution No. 112, S. 2011) of MSU-Marawi
Resolution No. 208, S. 2025	Approval of the Guidelines for Undergraduate Thesis of MSU-Marawi
Resolution No. 209, S. 2025	Approval of the University Library Operations Manual of MSU-Marawi
Resolution No. 210, S. 2025	Proclamation of the faculty members as duly elected Deans of the College/Academic Unit for a term of three (3) years effective June 10, 2025 until June 10, 2028
Resolution No. 211, S. 2025	Approval of the Institutionalization of the IPOPHIL-ITSO Franchise Operations Manual and ITSO and Patent Agents' Fees in compliance with the IPOPHL-MSU MOA
Resolution No. 212, S. 2025	Approval of the adoption of the Revised MSU-IIT Intellectual Property (IP) Policy
Resolution No. 213, S. 2025	Approval of the Institutionalization of Patriotic Research and Registration Guidelines of MSU-Marawi
Resolution No. 214, S. 2025	Approval of the establishment of the Halal Research and Food Development Division under the Mamitua Saber Institute of Research and Creation of MSU-Marawi
Resolution No. 215, S. 2025	Approval of the retitling/conversion of the secondary education item and rank of Ms. Aisa D. Munder, faculty member of MSU-Marawi from Master Teacher II to Associate Professor I
Resolution No. 268, S. 2025	Confirmation of 60 Special Orders (Academic)
Resolution No. 277, S. 2025	Approval of the appointment of 85 administrative personnel of MSU-Marawi whose qualifications were evaluated by the Human Resource Merit Promotion and Selection Board (HRMPSB)
Resolution No. 299, S. 2025	Confirmation of 63 Special Orders (Administrative)

Approved Resolutions during the 272nd BOR Meeting

Source: Office of the MSU System and BOR Secretary

MSU System

- Resolution No. 316, S. 2025** Approval of the Grant of Authority to Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, President MSU System, to travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) on September 20-28, 2025 to perform Umrah
- Resolution No. 317, S. 2025** Approval of the Grant of Authority to Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, President, MSU System to travel to Indonesia on October 4-11, 2025 to attend the International Fisheries Symposium 2025, to receive the ASEAN-FEN Membership Certificate, and to sign Memorandum of Agreements
- Resolution No. 318, S. 2025** Approval of the Grant of Authority to Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, President, MSU System to travel to Thailand on October 18-24, 2025 to attend the 10th World Technology Universities Congress (WTUC)
- Resolution No. 319, S. 2025** Approval of the Grant of Authority to Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, President, MSU System to travel to Turkey on November 11 – 21, 2025 to attend the 6 th International Conference on Environment and Forest Conservation (ICEFC), to visit and conduct institutional meetings and to sign scholarship agreements with Turkish Higher Education Council
- Resolution No. 320, S. 2025** Approval of the Supplement/Amendment on the Administrative Load Credits and Overload Limits of Vice Presidents, Vice Chancellors, and Deans across the MSU System
- Resolution No. 364, S. 2025** Approval of the Request for Additional Funding for the Establishment of a System-wide common fund and manpower support for the System Offices of Mindanao State University
- Resolution No. 321, S. 2025** Approval of the Revised Graduate Academic Building Project of MSU-IIT; the Program of Receipts and Expenditures for FY 2026; and the Immediate Implementation of CHED's Tulong Dunong Program (TDP) for AY 2024-2025
- Resolution No. 322, S. 2025** Confirmation of Resolution No. 7-R, S. 2025, or the various documents required for the COPC Evaluation of BS Agriculture Programs of MSU-Sultan Naga Dimaporo
- Resolution No. 323, S. 2025** Approval of Resolution No. 8-R, S. 2025, the Grant of Authority for Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
- Resolution No. 324, S. 2025** Confirmation of 7 Special Order
- Resolution No. 490, S. 2025** Approval of the adoption of the Enhanced Instrument used by the Evaluation Committee of MSU-Sulu Chancellor for the Evaluation of MSU Chancellors
- Resolution No. 491, S. 2025** Approval of the schedule of the BOR Quarterly Meeting shall be every second (2nd) Tuesday of March, June, September and December and that the venue of the meeting will be held in the campuses of MSU, starting from MSU-Marawi, MSU-IIT, MSU-TCTO, MSU-General Santos, MSU-Naawan, MSU-Maguindanao, MSU-Sulu, MSU-Buug, MSU-LNCAT, MSU-MCEST, and MSU-SND
- Resolution No. 492, S. 2025** Approval of the the drafting/adopting of an Internal Rules for the conduct of Committee Meetings (SUC, PAC, Finance Committee, Executive Committee and BOR En Banc)

**Resolution No. 10-R-01,
S. 2025**

Approval of the promotion or reclassification of the fifty-eight (58) faculty members from various campuses of MSU System with the rank of Associate Professor - Professor and that their individual and respective recommended rank subject to the availability of funds and whenever necessary upon coordination-approval by the Department of Budget and Management

MSU-Marawi (Main Campus)

Resolution No. 328, S. 2025

Approval of the the budget utilization of realized and collected income under fund 05 of MSU-Marawi from May 19, 2025 to August 7, 2025 in the total amount of sixty-two million two hundred fifty thousand two hundred seven pesos and sixty-three centavos (PhP62,250,207.63) to cover the budgetary allotment for the planned programs and activities of the university for CY 2025 subject to existing rules and regulations on the use of fiduciary and non-fiduciary funds

Resolution No. 329, S. 2025

Approval of the the Program of Receipts and Expenditures for FY 2026 covering the National Expenditure Program (NEP) – Fund 01 and the estimated collections from Tuition and Other School Fees (TOSF), and Business-Related Income – Fund 05 of MSU-Marawi amounting to three billion nine hundred ten million one hundred seventy-two thousand pesos (PhP3,910,172,000.00)

Resolution No. 330, S. 2025

Approval of the the Program of Receipts and Expenditures for Free Higher Education (FHE) for the Summer AY 2024-2025 of MSU-Marawi amounting to thirteen million four hundred forty-three thousand eight hundred fifteen pesos (P13,443,815.00)

Resolution No. 331, S. 2025

Approval of the the Grant of Authority to Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, MSU System President to negotiate and enter into an Agreement with an Electronic Cash provider for the financial transactions of MSU-Marawi

Resolution No. 425, S. 2025

Confirmation of 90 Special Orders (Academic)

Resolution No. 426, S. 2025

Confirmation of the Appeal for Extension of the September 9, 2025 deadline of Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) of MSU-Marawi

Resolution No. 436, S. 2025

Approval of the Grant of Authority to Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, MSU System President, to file an "Accion Publiciana/Reinindicatoria" for recovery of possession/ownership against Sodioda Unte

Resolution No. 437, S. 2025

Approval of the substitution of the incumbent University President, Atty. Paisalin P.D. Tago, CPA, as petitioner in the case pending before the Supreme Court against the Legal Education Board (LEB)

Resolution No. 472, S. 2025

Confirmation of 13 Special Orders (Administrative), 26 Special Orders (Committees), and 2 Special Orders (Cottage)

Newly Installed Officials



ABDUL AZIZ M. PANGANDAMAN
*Chief of Staff
Office of the System President
Per Special Order No. 1674-OP, S. 2025*



PROF. MINERVA-SAMINAH M. NAGA, PhD
*Vice President for Academic Affairs
(On Concurrent Capacity)
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Per Special Order No. 1638-OP, S. 2025*



ATTY. NORAJANNAH D. LANTUD, SCL
*Chief of the Office of the University Protocol
Per Special Order No. 1639-OP, S. 2025*



ATTY. NOROSSANA A. ALAUYA-SANI, CPA
*Deputy Chief of Staff for Legal Affairs, OP
Per Special Order No. 1640-OP, S. 2025*



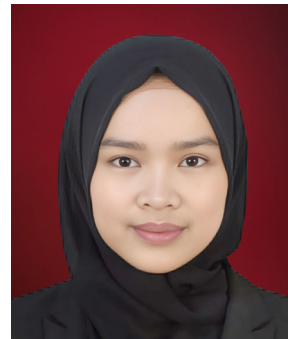
ABDULRAHMAN C. GANDAMRA, CPA
*Deputy Chief of Staff for Finance, OP
Per Special Order No. 1640-OP, S. 2025*



ATTY. RAJIB M. BUBONG
*Chief Procurement Officer
Per Special Order No. 1641-OP, S. 2025*



ATTY. NORHANNAH P. SAROSONG-LANGLANG, CPA
Head of the Internal Audit Unit
Per Special Order No. 1644-OP, S. 2025



ATTY. FAYRUZAH A. ABSARY, SCL
*Appointments Secretary and
Head of Communications, Records, and
Secretariat Section (CRSS), OP*
Per Special Order No. 1645-OP, S. 2025



ATTY. AYEESHA-MARUKI A. MACARAMBON
*Chairperson of the Secretariat of the
Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)*
Per Special Order No. 1642-OP, S. 2025



DIR. MUHAIMEN C. UMPAT
*Chairperson of the Unified MSU Inspectorate
Team for Infrastructure Projects and Goods*
Per Special Order No. 1647-OP, S. 2025



AR. ABDUL RAFI DERON M. PANGANDAMAN
*Chairperson of the Infrastructure
Planning and Design Committee*
Per Special Order No. 1648-OP, S. 2025



AMER O. PANGADAPUN
*Officer-in-Charge, Ad Hoc Information and
Communications Technology Center*
Per Special Order No. 1590-OP, S. 2025

CRÈME DE

2025 TOPN



ALI H.Y. BATUGAN, SCL
TOP 2 (87.216%)
2025 Shari'ah Special Bar
Examination



NORALDIN C. NORODIN, SCL
TOP 9 (83.5667%)
2025 Shari'ah Special Bar
Examination



AYINIE B. BASHER, SCL
TOP 10 (83.1250%)
2025 Shari'ah Special Bar
Examination



JOHANA G. BAYABAO, RSW
TOP 5 (90.00%)
September 2025 Social Workers
Licensure Examination



ABDULRAHMAN D. MADID, RSW
TOP 9 (89.20%)
September 2025 Social Workers
Licensure Examination

LA CRÈME

NOTCHERS



SORAYA P. HADJI COSAIN, CPA
TOP 5 (90.17%)
October 2025 Certified Public Accountants
Licensure Examination



SITTIE JEHAN G. CODANTE, CPA
TOP 17 (88.17%)
October 2025 Certified Public Accountants
Licensure Examination



SITTIE NOR-ASHYA A. ALIPONTO, RN
TOP 7 (92.60%)
November 2025 Philippine Nurses
Licensure Examination



ALIYA JAAIZAH R. BASHER, RN
TOP 11 (91.80%)
November 2025 Philippine Nurses
Licensure Examination



SAFIYYAH M. COMONOG, RN
TOP 15 (91.00%)
November 2025 Philippine Nurses
Licensure Examination



ALYSSAH YASMIN A. BAJADO, RN
TOP 15 (91.00%)
November 2025 Philippine Nurses
Licensure Examination



SEPTEMBER 2025 LIBRARIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

1. Asimah D. Musa, RL
2. Asnairah C. Mohammad, RL
3. Asnimah L. Mikunug, RL
4. Faidah M. Omar, RL
5. Hanna Jehanie R. Bato, RL
6. Honeybee A. Maca-alang, RL
7. Johanah O. Taratingan, RL
8. Johanifah S. Bante, RL
9. Jomaida D. Guro, RL
10. Junaisah H.S. H. Abbas, RL

11. Khairah Uzrah P. Domaub, RL
12. Nadjmah M. Moh'd Tataan, RL
13. Najila C. Macalolon, RL
14. Najla I. Amerol, RL
15. Nishar Fatimah B. Naga, RL
16. Norhaya U. Ampuan, RL
17. Nur-Hidaya M. Pacaluna, RL
18. Princess Bayenisa M. Basary, RL
19. Raihanifa A. Rangkato, RL
20. Sahrima M. Mamasao, RL

21. Sittie Rohaida P. Sarangani, RL
22. Sittie Soraya L. Ringia, RL
23. Zahra S. Unda, RL
24. Zenaidah D. Olowa, RL

First-time Takers : 82.35%
Retakers : 52.63%
Overall Passing Rate : 66.67%

SEPTEMBER 2025 BOARD LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOMETRICIANS

1. Alania R. Sani, RPm
2. Allyssa Nhor A. Sheik, RPm
3. Almerah M. Maruhom, RPm
4. Aminah N. Mohammad, RPm
5. Aslam A. Faisal, RPm
6. Bae Jamaira M. Alip, RPm
7. Cairashmin G. Mariano, RPm
8. Hanna B. Amer, RPm
9. Hazel Grace B. Bade, RPm
10. Jainuraffy R. Jamail, RPm
11. Janicah Ashley G. Mira-ato, RPm
12. Jesse Kenneth D. Yparraquiere, RPm
13. Jona Mae Grace M. Espinosa, RPm

14. Julianne Paulette I. Abear, RPm
15. Junaid A. Pauto, RPm
16. Junaisah M. Abdusalam, RPm
17. Khayla Sofia A. Acraman, RPm
18. Lenie P. Labutap, RPm
19. Marhama C. Abdullah, RPm
20. Mohammad Siddick M. Montila, RPm
21. Moh'd Haniel O. Abdul, RPm
22. Monica A. Barani, RPm
23. Myrel Shane C. Abayon, RPm
24. Nickha L. Mondalo, RPm
25. Norjannah A. Abdul Malic, RPm
26. Reme Jane B. Alonsagay, RPm

27. Ruthie Jill P. Dulguime, RPm
28. Shaheena B. Calalagan, RPm
29. Sittie Camela M. Karim, RPm
30. Sittie Hasanah M. Cana, RPm
31. Sittie Jannah S. Macaumbang, RPm
32. Sittirahana A. Bantuas, RPm
33. Stephanie A. Espura, RPm
34. Yasniah L. Matilung, RPm

First-time Takers : 100%
Retakers : 66.67%
Overall Passing Rate : 96.49%

Message

Assalamu alaikum!

Isang rumaragasang tagumpay para sa aming mga CSSH Tigers!

Bilang inyong Dekana, taos puso kong binabati ang aming mga bagong Registered Librarians (RL) at Registered Psychometricians (RPm)!

Parang kailan lang ay nakikita ko kayong binubuo pa ninyo ang inyong mga pangarap sa loob ng ating kolehiyo— ang College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH). At ngayon ay nakamit niyo na ang mga ito. Ang tagumpay na ito sa inyong mga Licensure Examinations ay siguradong bunga ng ilang taon ninyong pag-aaral at pagsusumikap sa kolehiyo.

Sa ating mga bagong Librarian, magsilbi sana kayong mga “changemakers” at “leaders” na magbabalik sa hilig ng mga kabataang Pilipino sa library, lalo na sa panahon ngayon ng digitalization kung saan lahat nalang ay mahahanap online. Sa atin namang mga bagong Psychometrician, magsilbi rin sana kayong mga “advocates” at “leaders” kung saan mananaig sainyo ang pag-unawa sa kapwa, lalo na sa pagtataguyod ng isang malusog na pangkaisipan sa bawat Pilipino.

Hinihiling ko sainyo na dalhin ninyo ang inyong lisensya hindi lamang bilang karangalan sa inyong mga sarili, pamilya at sa Mindanao State University, kundi bilang isang malaking pananagutan na maglingkod sa bayan nang may integridad at puso.

Mabuhay kayong lahat! Ipinagmamalaki namin kayo!

PROF. MONAJMAH G. MANABILANG, Ph.D
Dean, College of Social Sciences and Humanities





SEPTEMBER 2025 SOCIAL WORKERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

TOP 1 Performing School in the Philippines with 100% Passing Rate

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| 1. Abdulrahman D. Madid, RSW (Top 9) | 29. Haninah A. Bukhari, RSW | 57. Norhaniah C. Maulana, RSW |
| 2. Aina A. Mamar, RSW | 30. Haninah B. Musa, RSW | 58. Norhaniah M. Hadji Hassan, RSW |
| 3. Akimah A. Mansawi, RSW | 31. Hidayat N. Lantong, RSW | 59. Norhanifah I. Baute, RSW |
| 4. Almairah P. Misug, RSW | 32. Jaffar E. Balindong, RSW | 60. Norjannah M. Rominimbang, RSW |
| 5. Alma-Jellyssa A. Alih, RSW | 33. Jaina P. Baute, RSW | 61. Norlainie M. Macaraub, RSW |
| 6. Amal M. Salman, RSW | 34. Jalil O. Abolais, RSW | 62. Nurmiyah R. H. Said, RSW |
| 7. Amerah A. Bara-Acal, RSW | 35. Jamilah M. Daragangan, RSW | 63. Omaimah D. Ali, RSW |
| 8. Amerah S. Palawan, RSW | 36. Jihan H. Balas, RSW | 64. Omar Jade T. Acraman, RSW |
| 9. Amina P. Abdulaziz, RSW | 37. Johana E. Amboloto, RSW | 65. Raifah A. Talicop, RSW |
| 10. Ana-Sahane P. Marali, RSW | 38. Johana G. Bayabao, RSW (Top 5) | 66. Raihana S. Pangcoga, RSW |
| 11. Anharie P. Bongaros, RSW | 39. Johanah D. Polangi, RSW | 67. Ranya M. Nassef, RSW |
| 12. Ania A. Hassan, RSW | 40. Johana M. Cabugatan, RSW | 68. Sanaira R. Tomawis, RSW |
| 13. Anna Leah M. Taup, RSW | 41. Johari S. Macarampat, Jr., RSW | 69. Sihana C. Salman, RSW |
| 14. Annaleah M. Macalbe, RSW | 42. Jonaid D. Bantas, RSW | 70. Sittie Aina A. Abdullah, RSW |
| 15. Annida U. Dimalutang, RSW | 43. Jonaina A. Mustapha, RSW | 71. Sittie Aina V. Comacasar, RSW |
| 16. Asnifa A. Ali, RSW | 44. Junayelah A. Calil, RSW | 72. Sittie Ashia T. Pandapatan, RSW |
| 17. Camlah A. Macote, RSW | 45. Kristine I. Preciado, RSW | 73. Sittie Ayna Balt, RSW |
| 18. Elaiza P. Mambuay, RSW | 46. Lailanie A. Disangcopan, RSW | 74. Sittie Hamisa E. Salacayan, RSW |
| 19. Farhana D. Ampaso, RSW | 47. Louien Gyle A. Putot, RSW | 75. Sittie Jehan C. Lomodag, RSW |
| 20. Farhana T. Alicasan, RSW | 48. Mahed S. Maweyag, RSW | 76. Sittie Mina M. Usman, RSW |
| 21. Fatimah Nur-Saliha C. Tawagon, RSW | 49. Maica D. Yasin, RSW | 77. Sittie Nur-Hanisa E. Sangca, RSW |
| 22. Fayruz A. Watamama, RSW | 50. Mariah Shamitah M. Cuartero, RSW | 78. Sittie Sonara T. Cornell, RSW |
| 23. Gladys Mae N. Ruaya, RSW | 51. Mohammad S. Panda, RSW | 79. Sittieha M. Batalo, RSW |
| 24. Hafsa D. Cota, RSW | 52. Mohaymen A. Abdullah, RSW | 80. Somaya E. Unos, RSW |
| 25. Hamidah A. Tanggote, RSW | 53. Najeb S. Hadji Ali, RSW | 81. Sumayyah G. Benito, RSW |
| 26. Hamimah H. Bayabao, RSW | 54. Nishreen S. Mariga, RSW | 82. Zamerah D. Magarang, RSW |
| 27. Hana Mazia B. Aloyod, RSW | 55. Nor-Ayn B. Lucman, RSW | |
| 28. Hanan A. Batabor, RSW | 56. Norhanah S. Datumanong, RSW | |

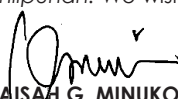
Message

Alhamdulillah! We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the 82 new social workers, their families, and our esteemed faculty in the Department of Social Work. This significant milestone exemplifies our collective commitment to excellence, diligence, and dedication, serving as a powerful reminder of the positive influence we can achieve by nurturing and advancing our social work and public affairs programs.

Reflecting on the legacy of social work since 1981, MSU has consistently ranked among the leading schools in the Social Work Licensure Examination (SWLE), achieving first place in 2010, 2012, and 2017. This year, 2025, we once again celebrate MSU Marawi's pride, highlighted by our top 5, Ms. Johana Gasanara Bayabao, and our top 9, Mr. Abdulrahman Dibansa Madid. And MSU Marawi was hailed as the top one performing school in the Philippines during the mass oath-taking and induction ceremony held on November 15, 2025, at Tent City, Gatchalian Drive, Las Piñas. We are immensely grateful and proud to represent the MSU community, as all the members of the college executive committee in force accepted the plaque of recognition. We shared this joy with our MSU President, Atty. Paisalin PD Tago, CPA, and our Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Minerva Saminah M. Naga-Laguindab, for their unwavering support.



Dear MSU CPA alumni, our proud new social workers, as you embark on this significant journey, you will face intricate realities and challenges that will reshape your career. Remember you are not alone in this journey, and your efforts truly matter. We are confident that by choosing a profession committed to serving others with dedication and compassion, you will thrive and make a positive impact on countless lives. Your pledge to transforming lives and communities will help build a brighter, more sustainable future for all. Once again, kudos to all our new social workers! We are incredibly proud of each one of you. *Ang mga magiging dakilang kawani ng gawaing panlipunan.* We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Mabuhay po kayong lahat!


PROF. AISAH G. MINUKON, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Public Affairs



OCTOBER 2025 LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR FISHERIES PROFESSIONALS

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Abdullah L. Macadato, RFP | 21. Micmic M. Maruhom, RFP |
| 2. Abdullah M. Bacaraman, RFP | 22. Mikaela E. Pingkian, RFP |
| 3. Aleah I. Macapundag, RFP | 23. Naila T. Taurac, RFP |
| 4. Apple Jane L. Cartagenas, RFP | 24. Najmah T. Daud, RFP |
| 5. Ashrifa G. Diamla, RFP | 25. Nancy A. Solitario, RFP |
| 6. Asren P. Casan, RFP | 26. Omayra H. N. Abdulsamad, RFP |
| 7. Baby Ainie R. Sambitory, RFP | 27. Paisalia D. Mansungayan, RFP |
| 8. Chessa Mae Sofia S. Amahan, RFP | 28. Remah . Lala, RFP |
| 9. Fatmah A. Salic, RFP | 29. Rems B. Andagan, RFP |
| 10. Hakima D. Macacuna, RFP | 30. Renalyn D. Acurin, RFP |
| 11. Jalailah P. Balawag, RFP | 31. Risah D. Salong, RFP |
| 12. Jalalodden U. Gani, RFP | 32. Ronnie B. Bandibas, Jr., RFP |
| 13. James Anderson A. Ramilo, RFP | 33. Rosenaida M. Mangondaya, RFP |
| 14. Janice T. Balde, RFP | 34. Sadjarah P. Daud, RFP |
| 15. Jaya Saycon, RFP | 35. Shalimar M. Mindalano, RFP |
| 16. Jimmie M. Pausal, Jr., RFP | 36. Sharifah A. Galvez, RFP |
| 17. Josephine K. Caraan, RFP | 37. Sitenaida D. Dimasangcay, RFP |
| 18. Junrey M. Tubo, RFP | 38. Sittie Aliah O. Naik, RFP |
| 19. Laimah D. Radto, RFP | 39. Von Deansel O. Tapaes, RFP |
| 20. Melsan Andrew C. Jabagat, RFP | |

First-time Takers: 85.71%

Retakers: 64.29%

Overall Passing Rate: 79.59%

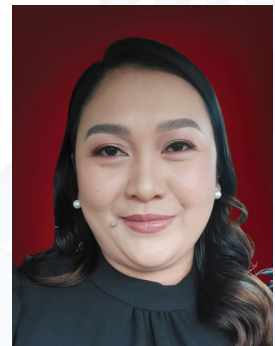
Message

On behalf of all former Deans, the Faculty, staff, and students of the MSU College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, it is with immense joy and pride that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of you on your outstanding achievement in passing the Fisheries Professional Licensure Exam. I know how much hard work all of you have put in, and it's evident in the results. I wish that you achieve many more such milestones and make your parents and teachers feel proud of you in the future as well.

Parents, this success is dedicated to you. It is your undying belief in us as well as in your children that inspires us to shape their young minds and transform them into dreamers, achievers, and performers. Your success will undoubtedly contribute positively to the industry's growth, innovation, and sustainability. To all the licensure exam passers: your achievement clearly shows your dedication to excellence and your thorough comprehension of the intricacies of the fishing industry. Your success is a testament to your own commitment as well as the excellent quality of instruction and preparation you acquired from our esteemed university.

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

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




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



OCTOBER 2025 LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

1. Abdul Muqhsit R. Pangandaman, CPA
2. Abdulhakeem S. Lao, CPA
3. Al Rhaji B. Macapodi, CPA
4. Almerah H. A. Abdul Majid, CPA
5. Al-Moder S. Macapintal, CPA
6. Amera Vhandary A. Usman, CPA
7. Amerasnah B. Amerodin, CPA
8. Angelbert Asa, CPA
9. Asnarizah A. Pakinson, CPA
10. Assiya C. Oti, CPA
11. Baby Alnahr S. Macabidar, CPA
12. Bashayer M. Sultan, CPA
13. Brill Jade E. Membreve, CPA
14. Camela R. Macacuna, CPA
15. Dolly Anne S. Arlique, CPA
16. Elmo C. Plaza, CPA
17. Fatima-Shahayah N. Badron, CPA
18. Hannah Alyssa D. Aliponto, CPA
19. Homaida R. Dicatanongan, CPA
20. Jalalah P. Mimbantas, CPA
21. Jamal R. Casan, CPA
22. Jehan S. Ali, CPA
23. Johamed M. Alangadi, CPA
24. Johanisa E. Amboloto, CPA
25. Lailiah C. Abdul Nasser, CPA
26. Moh'd Sheehan A. Tocalo, CPA
27. Mohammad M. Hadjisalic, CPA
28. Mohammad Rayyan M. Busar, CPA
29. Mohammad Yassin Alauya A. Mindalano, Jr., CPA
30. Mohammad Yassin C. Bonsalagan, CPA
31. Nadjmairah C. Mandangan, CPA
32. Naila M. Romoros, CPA
33. Nailah S. Batua, CPA
34. Naim M. Ali, CPA
35. Nancy L. Musico, CPA
36. Nehara G. Saud, CPA
37. Nezam P. Maranda, CPA
38. Norhanifah R. Tampi, CPA
39. Norjanifah A. Mustari, CPA
40. Nurhassan B. Gubar, CPA
41. Nur-Hidaya M. Muti, CPA
42. Omair N. Ali, CPA
43. Paidah A. Tendegaranao, CPA
44. Princess Racma A. Pundato, CPA
45. Princess Raihana R. Derogongan, CPA
46. Raneil D. Penaso, CPA
47. Rayhanah B. Ibrahim, CPA
48. Rayhanah D. Romaob, CPA
49. Rohaya R. Guroalim, CPA
50. Sahera A. Pundamdag, CPA
51. Saliha M. Miondas, CPA
52. Salma B. Abdullah, CPA
53. Salmiah M. Madki, CPA
54. Sittie Faiza M. Batalo, CPA
55. Sittie Islah A. Hadji Faisal, CPA
56. **Sittie Jehan G. Codante, CPA (Top 17)**
57. Sittie Jehannie M. Benito, CPA
58. Sittie Maricah M. Dipatuan, CPA
59. Sittie Raima M. Bacarat, CPA
60. **Soraya P. Hadji Cosain, CPA (Top 5)**
61. Wafah M. Hadjisalic, CPA
62. Waffah S. Agakhan, CPA

Message

Assalamo alaikom warahmatullahi wabarakatuh!

Alhamdulillah! It is with immense pride and joy that we congratulate our newly licensed Certified Public Accountants who passed the October 2025 Licensure Examination for CPAs. Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence bring honor to your families. You also bring honor to the College of Business Administration and Accountancy, and to Mindanao State University.

MSU-Marawi proudly celebrates this exceptional performance, highlighted by our two topnotchers: Ms. Soraya P. Hadji Cosain, CPA, Top 5, and Ms. Sittie Jehan G. Codante, CPA, Top 17. We also commend our 62 new CPAs, whose impressive 62.69% first-taker passing rate far exceeds the national passing rate of 34.02%. Our 17 conditioned examinees are likewise recognized for their perseverance. We extend special congratulations to the Accountancy Department, led by Prof. Joharah Mauntol-Marandacan, CPA, for their steadfast guidance and dedication to student success. Our sincere appreciation to MSU System President Atty. Paisalin P. D. Tago, CPA, for his unwavering support and visionary leadership, and to Vice President Dr. Minerva-Saminah M. Naga, for her guidance in strengthening our academic programs.

To our CPA passers—congratulations! You have made the CBAA and the entire MSU community proud. May this achievement open doors to even greater opportunities in your professional journey. May ALLAH bless, protect, and guide you always.


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





OCTOBER 2025 PHYSICIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

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| 1. Ace Ronan A. Hechanova, MD | 35. Juniel Christian S. Aleman, MD |
| 2. Alexis Kristina R. Quinalayo, MD | 36. Karen Faye Catolico, MD |
| 3. Alia L. Mocsana, MD | 37. Karljan Paul L. Gayloa, MD |
| 4. Allysa Ameenah M. Ismael, MD | 38. Kent V. Anito, MD |
| 5. Alyanna C. Mustapha, MD | 39. Klyde Keenen I. Bingat, MD |
| 6. Aminah M. Achmad, MD | 40. Maria Angelica M. Rosales, MD |
| 7. Ana Norshida S. Moti, MD | 41. Marjorie Anne P. Caburian, MD |
| 8. Angelou Christine T. Albano, MD | 42. Mary Colliene A. Mahinay, MD |
| 9. Arifah D. Magomnang, MD | 43. Mayann Joy B. Resurreccion, MD |
| 10. Athena Grace P. Sularte, MD | 44. Mercedes Z. Tayapad, MD |
| 11. Benjar S. Arula, MD | 45. Mobarac A. Pacalna, MD |
| 12. Bianca P. Monte De Ramos, MD | 46. Myrly Lourdes A. Capa, MD |
| 13. Carl Jibran J. Maruji, MD | 47. Nafisah L. Macaraob, MD |
| 14. Crisbert Angelo N. Villamil, MD | 48. Nahidah L. Maguinungka, MD |
| 15. Diane Mae A. Sanchez, MD | 49. Nashibah H. Bint-Alicaya, MD |
| 16. Elaine F. Austria, MD | 50. Nhorlex May M. Balbin, MD |
| 17. Emil H. Hussain Jr., MD | 51. Noemi Angel S. Cabardo, MD |
| 18. Farhanna Ayesha U. Nor, MD | 52. Nor-Aine Camal, MD |
| 19. Fatmah Omar, MD | 53. Noronsalih H. Ali Jra., MD |
| 20. Flynn Dovic C. Gentallan, MD | 54. Nur-Asia P. Pau-Tin, MD |
| 21. Hamida R. Somirado, MD | 55. Onaissah A. Abdul, MD |
| 22. Haniya S. Angintaopan, MD | 56. Paul Lander S. Sarto, MD |
| 23. Hannah Veyma C. Jumawan, MD | 57. Rafu Destajo, MD |
| 24. Idah Quenie B. Aguilar, MD | 58. Rajeena Aliah M. Simihag, MD |
| 25. Jericho Joseph E. Nadayag, MD | 59. Rey Esperidion Anthony M. Rodriguez, MD |
| 26. Jezzcy L. Casipong, MD | 60. Rico Ray T. Mendoza, MD |
| 27. Jihan S. Mangondaya, MD | 61. Russel P. Candongo, MD |
| 28. Joan L. Novero, MD | 62. Saharudin M. Daracag, MD |
| 29. Johaira G. Abbas, MD | 63. Saidatul-Nisah M. Bent Basher, MD |
| 30. Johairah N. Tifiban, MD | 64. Shiham M. Dalidig, MD |
| 31. John Michael Butanas, MD | 65. Sittie Aina P. Panggaga, MD |
| 32. John Neil B. Ferrer, MD | 66. Sittie Elham P. Malawani, MD |
| 33. Josef Monique M. Solas, MD | 67. Sittie Jomairah A. Hadji Musa, MD |
| 34. Junamera Rahma G. Bagayan, MD | |

First-time Takers: 86.36%

Overall Passing Rate: 77.5%

Message

It is with great honor and immense pride that we congratulate the 67 newly licensed physicians from the Mindanao State University College of Medicine.

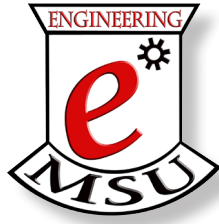
Your journey—from your early years in school, through the challenges of medical education, countless hours of study, and mastery of essential clinical skills—has led you to this remarkable achievement. Passing the October 2025 Physician Licensure Examination is a milestone that reflects your dedication, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to your calling.

Your license is more than a credential; it is a testament that you are now worthy to be called "Doctor." Carry this title with honor, always remembering that it comes with the responsibility to heal with competence, compassion, and humility.

Congratulations, and may you continue to be a source of hope and service to the community. Mabuhay ang mga bagong Doktor Para sa Bayan!




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



OCTOBER 2025 ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

1. Engr. Awaatef A. Amer
2. Engr. Majda M. Gamon

OCTOBER 2025 CHEMICAL TECHNICIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

1. Abdul Jabbat T. Ambor, RCT
2. Juhary M. Khalid, RCT
3. Maria Liza J. Sumonod, RCT
4. Ricky A. Mira, RCT
5. Romano T. Montajes, RCT

OCTOBER 2025 CHEMICAL ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

1. Engr. Aznaira A. Dumpao
2. Engr. Franz Kenneth J. Rivera
3. Engr. Sarah Marie T. Lorenzana

NOVEMBER 2025 CIVIL ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

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| 1. Engr. Abdani-Khudais M. Tago | 9. Engr. Chin Marie M. Manayon | 17. Engr. Najmah A. Macarambon |
| 2. Engr. Abdensah H. Macarimbang | 10. Engr. Famidah P. Masbud | 18. Engr. Najmah S. Masiding |
| 3. Engr. Abdulbaset L. Mimbal | 11. Engr. Johary M. Mindalano | 19. Engr. Neshrien A. Macalangcom |
| 4. Engr. Abdulhalim M. Daud | 12. Engr. Khalid B. Arobinto | 20. Engr. Norjehanne L. Macasasa |
| 5. Engr. Amerhussien D. Abdulgaffur | 13. Engr. Marhamah A. Anwar | 21. Engr. Rehan M. Mambuay |
| 6. Engr. Amerhussine G. Cosane | 14. Engr. Mohammad M. Hadji Mahmod | 22. Engr. Saffah M. Amerol |
| 7. Engr. Arjun M. Generales | 15. Engr. Mohammad M. Ismael | 23. Engr. Sitti Nur-halfah E. Sangca |
| 8. Engr. Bainisah A. H. Rahman | 16. Engr. Muhammad Yasin M. Dimalutang | 24. Engr. Sohail D. Tanguino |

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
Dean, College of Health Sciences





NOVEMBER 2025 PHILIPPINE NURSES LICENSURE EXAMINATION

MSU-Main Campus

1. Abdulaziz M. Randi, RN
2. Aiman Sarip, RN
3. Ainnah M. Masnar, RN
4. Akhlimah Sittie Aisah Daison, RN
5. Alfarechie M. Boloto, RN
6. Ali Bin-Aiman B. Mortaba, RN
7. Aliah M. Comayat, RN
8. Aliah M. Dimaporo, RN
9. Alicia L. Romuros, RN
10. **Aliya Jaa-Izah R. Basher, RN (Top 11)**
11. Al-Jazzar A. Datumulok, RN
12. Aljerah D. Ali, RN
13. Allanah R. Abdussalam, RN
14. **Allysah Yasmin A. Bajado, RN (Top 15)**
15. Almaira M. Mamarinta, RN
16. Almerah M. Malawani, RN
17. Alyana S. Macawi, RN
18. Alyssa Mae B. Mauntol, RN
19. Alyzza M. Macadindang, RN
20. Amal A. Pendaliday, RN
21. Amal D. Mutia, RN
22. Amal M. Ratag, RN
23. Amalhayya H.I. Calauto, RN
24. Amer Hussein D. Cali, RN
25. Amerainah H. Dimangadap, RN
26. Aminah-Jalilah S. Gandarosa, RN
27. Amnal Hayah Z. Manding, RN
28. Amrodin Pagador, RN
29. Ana Farena M. Rangaig, RN
30. Ararat M. H.Hamid, RN
31. Ari-Ane P. Sansarona, RN
32. Asliah P. Macaalin, RN
33. Aslimah M. Dimalutang, RN
34. Asmah Y. Sanggacala, RN
35. Atiqah L. Gulam, RN
36. Ayesha Janine M. Dimacocor, RN
37. Ayyah Ramos, RN
38. Bhen Rasid C.Santiago, RN
39. Bonnie M. Maghuyop, RN
40. Charlene Mae A. Escalante, RN
41. Charlyn Jane L. Laurie, RN
42. Danica Kaye F. Lumod, RN
43. Dhanica Janica M. Al-Rashid Ramos, RN
44. Djehayra A. Alando, RN
45. Domenic Wilson C. Lim, RN
46. Elisha Khadijah M. Maradial, RN
47. Emerald P. Bacaraman, RN
48. Farah Famedia M. Taher, RN
49. Fatima Shereen M. Mudag, RN
50. Fatmah Hanniyah D. Dimakuta, RN
51. Francine Aleya T. Taban, RN
52. Guina Laura Fae M. Ricafort, RN
53. Hamdane S. Abdulmalik, RN
54. Hamidah B. Lomondot, RN
55. Hanan M. Abdulhamid, RN
56. Hania L. Maminta, RN
57. Hanima M. Abdulmalic, RN
58. Hanina J. Salainto, RN
59. Hasima M. Ditucalan, RN
60. Hasmidah A. Marmaya, RN
61. Hatasah G. Guro, RN
62. Haula G. Bashier, RN
63. Hazrat Fatimah D. Lucman, RN
64. Heba O. Admain, RN
65. Hiqaya H. Abdulcadir, RN
66. Iman Aira M. Ali, RN
67. Indjera A. Mla, RN
68. Ivhane M. Mandalunes, RN
69. Jaifarah A. Amanodin, RN
70. Jalaizah A. H. Manan, RN
71. Jamaica M. Ondi, RN
72. Jamel C. Sangcopan, RN
73. Jamilah S. Mala, RN
74. Janifah D. Capal, RN
75. Janisah A. Cairoden, RN
76. Jannah M. Amer, RN
77. Jazabeelah M. Mangondato, RN
78. Jash Mahayanah M. Arumpac, RN
79. Jaweerah G. Camama, RN
80. Jazeera M. Disamburon, RN
81. Jehan R. Hadji Jalil, RN
82. Jehan S. Sarip, RN
83. Jennyliza E. Mansalay, RN
84. Jinan A. H. Taib, RN
85. Johainah D. Ampuan, RN
86. Johaira D.Guro, RN
87. Johanisa L. Macaombao, RN
88. Johanisah B. Musa, RN
89. John Aurelio A. Limbaro, RN
90. Jomana S. Tomambud, RN
91. Joshua M. Tomo, RN
92. Judy Glen M. Tugbo, RN
93. Juheirah Jerah C. Macaayag, RN
94. Julia Marie C. Almorado, RN
95. Julie Vincent M. Vergara, RN
96. Julysa Aliah L. Usman, RN
97. Jumailah P. Mimbantas, RN
98. Jumaira T. Husin, RN
99. Junainah H. I. Hanie, RN
100. Jundia B. Marangit, RN
101. Juvina T. Lomondot, RN
102. Juwairiya A. Husain, RN
103. Juwayriyah Mika D. Rasul, RN
104. Krishna Fatima R.Macud, RN
105. Lady Diamond B. Acraman, RN
106. Lailanie B. Macapaar, RN
107. Logina B. Maca-alang, RN
108. Louie Jay M. Estrada, RN
109. Louis Rafael H. Dairo, RN
110. Mardhiah A. Guro, RN
111. Marwah M. Panambulan, RN
112. Meg P. Quidlat, RN
113. Menzierah D. Mipanga, RN
114. Mezierah Janina M. Bacaraman, RN
115. Mihan D. Maruhom, RN
116. Mitche M. Amimita, RN
117. Mohammad Hussien M. Kurangking, RN
118. Mohaymah M. Mohammad, RN
119. Monisha A. Lucman, RN
120. Nabila D. Marangit, RN
121. Nadjmira Z. Dimacairing, RN
122. Nafisaton Aliah U. Unda, RN
123. Najjha A. Usman, RN
124. Najmah S. Macapantao, RN
125. Nawal M. Abdullah, RN

126. Nazmah H.M. Radialaot, RN
 127. Neshren U. Pananggolo, RN
 128. Nihaya G. Ayaon, RN
 129. Nikka P. Falcon, RN
 130. Nohaira H. Sadang, RN
 131. Nor Ash-Sharh M. Mohammadsalleh, RN
 132. Norfatmah D. Minsuari, RN
 133. Norfrida S. Sarip, RN
 134. Norhanida C. Abubakar, RN
 135. Norhanifah S. Angnie, RN
 136. Norhaya A. Lacsaman, RN
 137. Norjaifa E. Abdullah, RN
 138. Norjanifah E. Omaca-an, RN
 139. Norjannah M. Malawani, RN
 140. Norlailah M. Hadji Satar, RN
 141. Norlailah N. Munder, RN
 142. Norlicah C. Mama, RN
 143. Normilah D. Yahya, RN
 144. Nur-Laila N. Metulicop, RN
 145. Nur-Nisah B. Macaronsing, RN
 146. Nurul Izza A. Ali, RN
 147. Princess B. Abinal, RN
 148. Princess Jowairiyah M. Marmay, RN
 149. Princess M. Manan, RN
 150. Princess Rasnifah L. Regaro, RN
 151. Queenie-Ramzia A. Pundato, RN
 152. Raihana A. Disimban, RN
 153. Raihana B. Alawi, RN
 154. Raihanah S. Hadji Socor, RN
 155. Ramayana U. Ali, RN
 156. Raymah M. Mahdi, RN
 157. Raynesa M. Pamlian, RN
 158. Resaliah A. Abdulsalam, RN
 159. Riham R. Bayabao, RN
 160. Rishiel Dimple M. Balones, RN
 161. Rohayla M. Ali, RN
 162. Rona Jean C. Gamutan, RN
 163. Ruth Hope A. Notario, RN
 164. Sabereen A. Abdulsamad, RN
165. Safiyyah M. Comonog, RN (Top 15)
 166. Sahata C. Bohari, RN
 167. Sainollah M. Abaton, RN
 168. Sajarrah S. Abduljalil, RN
 169. Salma A. Abdulhalic, RN
 170. Settie Najmah T. Usgay, RN
 171. Settie Nehan G. Bala, RN
 172. Shahalea G. Macadato, RN
 173. Shahani A. Macabantog, RN
 174. Shahaya B. Solaiman, RN
 175. Sheena Joy S. Pepito, RN
 176. Shykah B. Baulo, RN
 177. Sittie Adjharah M. Diamoaden, RN
 178. Sittie Alia D. Disamburon, RN

179. Sittie Aliah T. Salahudin, RN
 180. Sittie Alliana M. Macapaar, RN
 181. Sittie Aquisha M. Guiling, RN
 182. Sittie Esnaira L. Carim, RN
 183. Sittie Hafidah L. Naga, RN
 184. Sittie Hayaniezah B. Datumolok, RN
 185. Sittie Jalifa D. Ditucalan, RN
 186. Sittie Jamellah G. Dimao, RN
 187. Sittie Jamemah I. Lumbos, RN
 188. Sittie Laila B. Gomez, RN
189. Sittie Nor-Ashya A. Aliponto, RN (Top 7)
 190. Sittie Raima Sumaguina, RN
 191. Sittie Raine M. Malawani, RN
 192. Sittie Waffah M. Arumpac, RN
 193. Sittiecinah Salahoden, RN
 194. Sittierayyanah H. Hadji Salim, RN
 195. Sitty Aliah S. Sanggacala, RN
 196. Sitty Janiemah S. Hadji Ali, RN
 197. Snihayah M. Calandada, RN
 198. Somayyah K. Ditucalan, RN
 199. Somayyah M. Madlawi, RN
 200. Tahara R. Acmad, RN
 201. Tito V. Bautista Jr., RN
 202. Vivien B. Consigna, RN
 203. Wafah A. Abedin, RN
 204. Walid M. Lominog, RN
 205. Yaslia M. Macapaar, RN
 206. Yna Alyana M. Mangoda, RN
 207. Yusrah B. Maruhom, RN

MSU-Main Campus Bataraza Extension

208. Angeline L. Palaganas, RN
 209. Arlynne Moira M. Gayongan, RN
 210. Berhana N. Dullah, RN
 211. Casandra H. Saari, RN
 212. Donna Mae L. Badua, RN
 213. Estephanie C. Panganiban, RN
 214. Kathleen Joyce S. Bacosa, RN
 215. Keisha Faith D. Damasco, RN
 216. Kierstine Bren R. Bautista, RN
 217. Kyle Ritchell T. Nicolas, RN
 218. Lizbeth D. Molama, RN
 219. Lizzel M. Bello, RN
 220. Maria Katherine D. Murillo, RN
 221. Mersia A. Sahibol, RN
 222. Naomi S. Brin, RN
 223. Roldan Jay F. Manahan, RN

First-time Takers : 97.77%
Overall Passing Rate : 96.55%

Message

Assalamu-Alaikom WarahmatullahinTaala Wabarakatuhu.

Passing the Philippine Nurses Licensure Examination is no small feat, and each of you has shown perseverance and resilience to achieve this success.

As you step into the professional world of nursing, bear in mind that your role is not just a job but a calling in the provision of quality patient care. You are now Registered Nurses with the responsibility to uphold the highest standards of healthcare and to continually strive for excellence in all that you do.

With the support from the university, the college, your families, mentors, and peers, as well as your efforts in your academics, related learning experiences, and continuous prayers to Allah SWT/ God for guidance, you nailed the examination.

Alhamdulillah and Congratulations to all of you.



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DR. ATHENA JALALIYAH B. DERICO-LAWI
 Dean, College of Health Sciences

Editor's *Note*

Welcome to the December 2025 Issue of the MSU Marawi Newsletter!

As we close another remarkable year at Mindanao State University, this edition celebrates a period of intense activity, transformative initiatives, and vibrant achievements across the MSU System. We begin with the 64th Founding Anniversary under the theme *Inklusibong Pamantasan*. The celebrations showcased the best of our cultural and athletic excellence through campus-wide competitions, including the Literary, Musical, and Dance Extravanzas, as well as the highly anticipated University Intramural Games. These events embody the spirit of inclusivity, unity, and pride that defines the MSU community.

In addition, we highlight MSU's strategic strides toward academic leadership and global competitiveness. From forging vital alliances with top national and international institutions to advancing quality assurance standards and promoting professional accountability, the university continues to set benchmarks for excellence, innovation, and integrity.

As you explore the stories within these pages, you will witness the impact of leadership committed to action, a university spirit grounded in inclusivity, wellness, innovation, and accountability, and a community working collectively toward Mindanao's and the nation's progress. These stories are more than achievements, they are a testament to MSU's enduring role as a premier institution and a steadfast beacon of peace, knowledge, and progress in the region.

We invite you to read, reflect, and take pride in our journey forward.

Yours in service,




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

Trivia



#Inklusibong Pamantasan

The tagline *Inklusibong Pamantasan*, meaning "Inclusive University," reflects Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi's commitment to unity, diversity, and equal access to education. Founded to bring together people of different cultures, religions, and backgrounds, MSU serves as a space where students from Muslim, Christian, and Indigenous communities learn side by side with mutual respect. More than a slogan, it represents the university's dedication to providing a welcoming, supportive, and empowering environment for all, regardless of identity, status, or ability.

(Ang tagline na *Inklusibong Pamantasan*, ay sumasalamain sa adhikain ng Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi na itaguyod ang pagkakaisa, pagkakapantay-pantay, at paggalang sa pagkakaiba-iba. Ito ay itiniinatag upang pag-isahin ang mga taong may iba't ibang kultura, relihiyon, at pinagmulan, nagsisilbing tahanan ang MSU sa mga mag-aaral na Muslim, Kristiyano, at Katutubo na nag-aaral nang may pagkakaunawaan at respeto. Higit pa sa isang slogan, ito ay isang buhay na pangako ng pamantasan na magbigay ng ligtas, bukas, at pantay na espasyo para sa lahat.)

Inklusibong Pamantasan

