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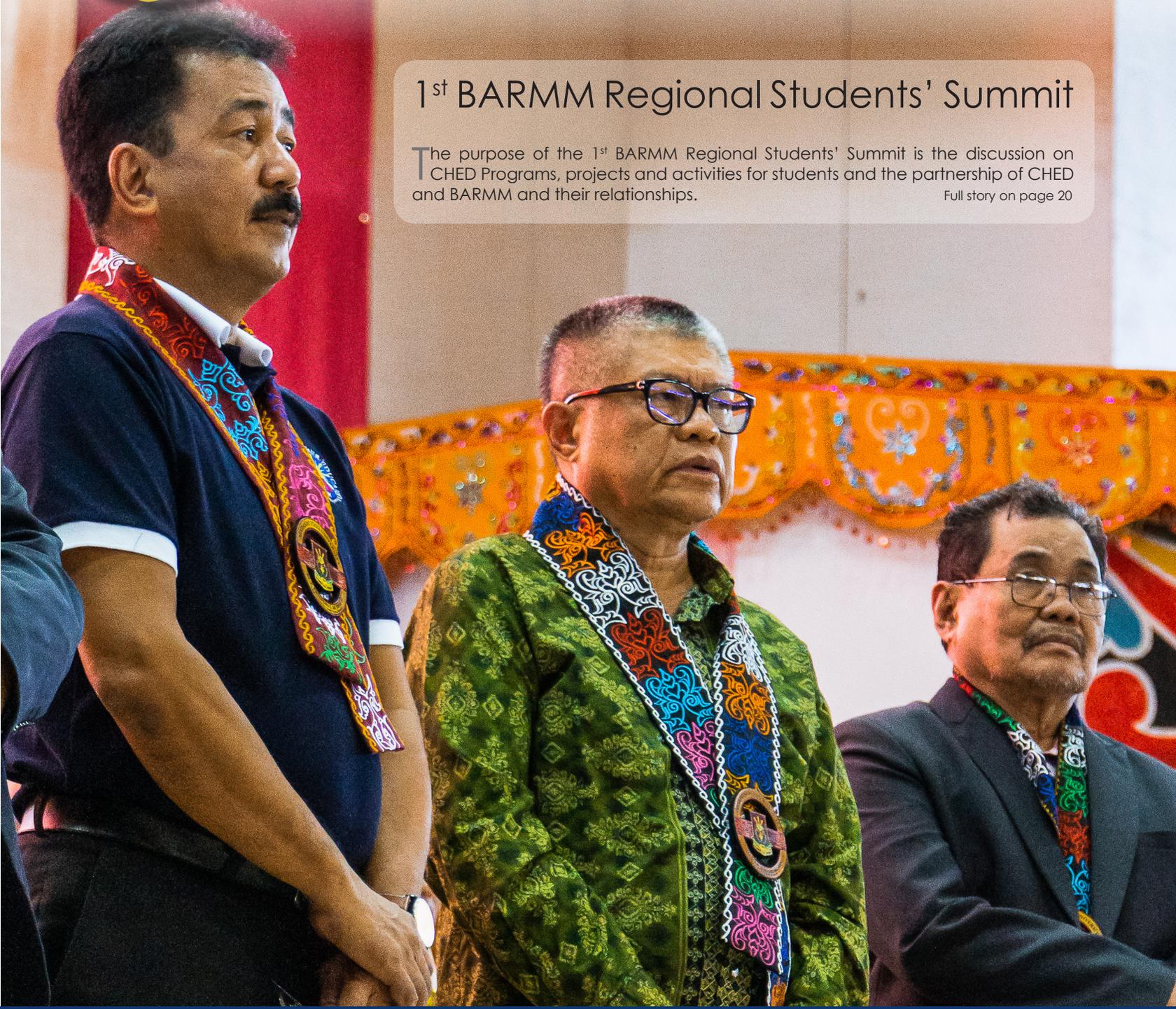
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## 1<sup>st</sup> BARMM Regional Students' Summit

The purpose of the 1<sup>st</sup> BARMM Regional Students' Summit is the discussion on CHED Programs, projects and activities for students and the partnership of CHED and BARMM and their relationships.

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PRINCE MANSOUR BIN SAAD AL-SAUD (Right)  
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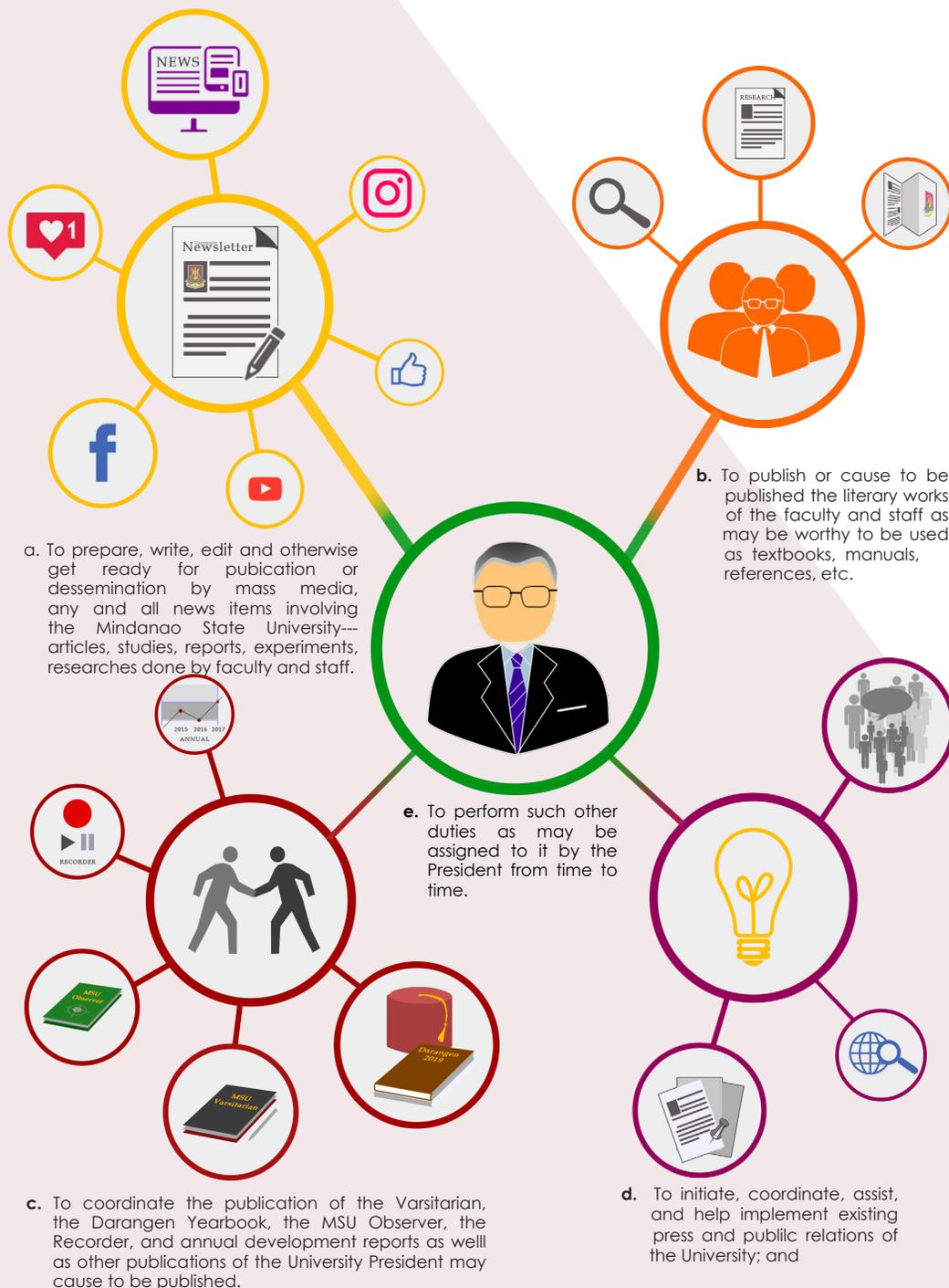
## THE CREATION OF OIPP

GOALS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION, PRESS AND PUBLICATION

### RESOLUTION No. 557

RESOLVED, That in order to systematize and make effective the press and publication programs of the University and upon recommendation of the President, the creation of the Office of Information, Press and Publications (OIPP) is hereby approved, provided that the staffing, organization and budget will be subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the following functions and responsibilities be assigned to the Office of Information, Press and Publications:



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# The Mindanao State University: A Historical Glimpse (2<sup>nd</sup> in a Series)

Dr. Sarangani is an alumnus of MSU. He is a member of the initial batch of 282 students in 1962 and of the group of 63 constituting the first graduating class of MSU in 1966. Dr. Sarangani earlier served as Chancellor of MSU General Santos (1988-90) and MSU Marawi (1990-91), and retired as University Secretary/ Secretary to the Board of Regents on concurrent capacity as Executive Vice President (1990-2011).



## The Period of Growth and Expansion

Under the leadership of its second president, Dr. Mauyag M. Tamano, the University pursued its plan for growth and development that was started in the Isidro period. New academic programs were introduced. The number of student scholarships and study grants was increased to cater to the financial needs of poor, but deserving students. The faculty development program received additional funding support and more faculty members were sent for further studies. Additional faculty members and administrative staff personnel were recruited in response to increasing student intake, developing campus facilities, and a growing campus community. Graduates of the university are now bringing honors to their Alma Mater on the account of their sterling performances in their respective professions as well in copping top ten finishes in government board examinations. Cultural activities and presentations by the Darangen Cultural Troupe and the Sining Kambayoka Ensemble reached further heights, in addition to performances of external entities being held in the campus on a periodic basis.

From 1970 to about 1975, but in 1972 when martial law was declared, student activism has reached alarming levels and this affected institutional development. Leadership instability, as well as peace and order concerns, has troubled the University, causing the leaving for good of some students and faculty members. These setbacks, however, were temporary. University activities were carefully restored to normal levels, although much of the glory of the 60's was already a part of history.

After a brief switch of university leadership in 1974-75, then Gov. Mohammad Ali Dimaporo took over the helm of the University in 1976, first as Officer-in-Charge, and later as Acting President. In his ten years of overseeing the University, the expansion trend continued. Curricular programs emerged and/or were improved, while faculty and staff development increased. External units of the University increased in number as well, bringing now the total of six (6) campuses. Iligan Institute of Technology, Sulu College of Technology and Oceanography, Dadiangas Community College, Sulu Development College, Dinaig Agricultural College, and the Institute of Fisheries Research Development in Naawan. MSU Marawi remained the mother campus.

In addition to sustained institutional growth in the academic sector, the leadership era of Gov. Dimaporo also witnessed a massive infrastructure development program. Academic and administrative buildings, dormitories, residential units were erected, complimented by a paved road network linking the different sector areas of the campus. This campus and institutional physical buildup also triggered the setting-up of a nearly complete sports complex, and this led the entrance of the University to national sports activities, having hosted the National UAAP games in 1983 and other regional sports competitions in a later period, The first half of the 1980's might easily be referred to as the "halcyon" days for the University.

## Towards a University System Set-up

The appointment of Dr. Ahmad E. Alonto, Jr., as the 3rd regular President of the University, after the EDSA People's Power of February 1986, witnessed startling changes in the institutional character and buildup of the University. Through an act of the MSU Board of Regents, the University was re-organized from a single to multi-campus setup, the University now evolved into a university system. Under the arrangement, the external units of the University are now considered autonomous campuses, uniformly headed by a chancellor. Moreover, these campuses were now encouraged to embark on academic programs and other institutional activities that are deemed in congruence with the overall mission of the University, while these are also meant to address the differing needs of every campus towards further growth and continuing relevance.

From 1986 to 1992, the University continued to withstand the perils of growth due to dwindling government subsidy and a seemingly irretrievable foreign assistance program. However, the University still managed to hold on to its quest for academic excellence as



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*“Who you are tomorrow begins with what you do today”* – Tim Fargo



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MSU-Marawi City alumna who was awarded the POLITICAL REPORTER OF THE YEAR of the Philippine Elite Awards 2019—a prestigious gathering in partnership with Hollywood Weekly Magazine which recognizes deserving individuals for their significant achievements and for contributing exceptional efforts in the community.

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# FOUR YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. HABIB W. MACAAYONG, MSU SYSTEM PRESIDENT, 2016 – 2019

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In summary, the achievements of MSU President Habib W. Macaayong in 2016 to 2019 are:

1. He has set the direction of the Mindanao State University System in the improvement of the seven elements of the University, namely: a. Faculty, b. Students, c. Academic Programs, d. Administration Support, e. Operational Security, f. University Facilities, and g. System and Policies. There are developments along these lines.
2. In the development of facilities, the University purchased three buses and gets additional two buses through donation by The Victory Liner from Metro Manila. It has provided service vehicles for all the Colleges and for all the University Officials. It has completed all the infra buildings left unfinished by the past administration. It has acquired three more new infra projects, namely the Maranaw Cultural Heritage Center, the Faculty Housing, and the International Livelihood Center and Dormitory. To be constructed early 2020 is 400-bed Student Dormitory donated by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China.
3. The MSU President also was able to defend MSU Marawi City from the Marawi siege of 2017. The Operation of MSU since then is very vibrant and peaceful.
4. President Macaayong sustained MSU System as the University of Peace as it has been known since the past decades. To strengthen this, he facilitated the offering of one course, FPE 101-Fundamentals of Peace Education since early of 2018, taken by all students in MSU System Campuses, including the training of faculty members who are teaching FPE 101. The objective is to produce graduates who are not only competent in their fields but also eager law-abiding citizens and equipped advocates of peace.
5. The President also received for the MSU students scholarship grants from TES of CHED, from DOST, from DBP and from Embassy of the People's Republic of China.
6. The MSU President has promoted the Internationalization and Linkaging Programs of the University. There have been established strong collaborations with local and foreign universities and organizations.

Hereunder are illustrations of the performance of MSU in 2016 to 2019 under the leadership of President Dr. Habib W. Macaayong.

## Year 2016

Dr. Habib W. Macaayong was appointed by President Benigno S. Aquino III on March 8, 2016 as seventh regular President of the Mindanao State University System with a six year term. He took his oath on the same day. On April 14, 2016, President Macaayong's investiture was solemnized by Alumni Regent Dr. Datumanong Sarangani in behalf of the CHED Chairman Patricia Licuanan.

His first year was spent in putting the right things in the right perspective. He was faced with challenges that were inherent in the process of going towards the right direction. He enhanced and strengthened the seven elements of the University and was steadfast with the main goals of the institution, that is the instruction, research and extension services. According to him, "if we truly understand the mission-vision of the Mindanao State University, it is easy for us to move in a direction where our collective efforts shall bring about the realization of MSU becoming globally competitive."

In the aspect of faculty, the President placed great emphasis on the quality of the faculty members, since it is something that University must have. It is primarily the determining factor of "the strength of the University." He said, "My leadership has a strong emphasis on academic excellence and full management support of its attainment shall be the guiding principles for executive decisions."

Regarding the area of Academic Programs, the academic programs of the MSU System have undergone several rounds of changes and scrutiny to make them relevant in order to address the demands of the 21st century. These initiatives have to be sustained until the University becomes globally competitive. To this end, President Macaayong stated, "I have instructed the concerned University Officials to immediately consolidate what so far were undertaken vis-à-vis the innovations that are imperative to our becoming world-class."

In the aspect of Facilities, wisdom dictates that in order to achieve the desired result, the right tools for the right person must be present to accomplish the task. One cannot expect any task to be accomplished as desired, when the tools to accomplish are non-existent, inferior, or not the right ones. "Building up on the gains of the previous administrations, the imperative to address the build-up of equipment and facilities of the MSU System will be a major concern under my watch," President Macaayong said regarding the matter.

Certainly, the students, the clientele of the system, must not be forgotten. The students, best represent the quality of instruction of the MSU System. The quality of MSU graduates reflects the quality of the university's preparation as MSU is mandated in its service areas, as well as that of the country, as a whole. Notwithstanding, the students must be as globally competitive as those with other better universities in the ASEAN region.

The administrative support staff aspect was also given attention by the President. Like an efficient machine, the administrative support staff must be programmed to work cohesively despite the compartmentalized or segmented character that each unit may seem to have. He emphasized, "I will review the existing structure as to each unit's functionality and how efficient are these in delivering the quality services expected from them."



Operational security matters have been an urgent concern that President Macaayong is addressing as a major thrust of his administration. The security situation, particularly of the MSU-Main Campus, has always been a perennial concern. He emphasized, "I will address this matter very seriously and with prudence. MSU-Main Campus must enjoy an atmosphere where all students, employees and visitors could feel secure and safe. The University must enjoy the vibrancy and dynamism of an academic institution absent the fear of being harassed, threatened, kidnapped, violated and worst, killed. Rest assured, I will deal with this matter with utmost urgency."

As a State University, the Mindanao State University is guided by system and policies. System refers to procedures and processes are governed by a system of rules and policies in order to achieve the desired result. Faced with circumstances where laws, rules, or regulations need to be invoked, President Macaayong has said, "it is my position to be just in the discharge of my duties and responsibilities. I will exercise my discretion where I could be fair and prudent. The most important thing in the application of laws and policies is justice – where the highest good is attained, thus, the best interest of the many is served."

True enough during his first year in his administration, the policy reforms were felt in the field. Series of consultations were made. The President visited various campuses. In May 19, 2016, he went to MSU Buug. He had firsthand information of the real situation. In May 23, 2016, he directly proceeded to MSU Tawi-Tawi where he generated the valuable insights as to the strength and areas for improvement. In May 25, 2016, Executive Vice President Dr. Macabangkit Ati and Vice President for Planning and Development Prof. Rasid M. Paca, J.D. represented the President to see the real score of the MSU Jolo. In May 25, 2016, the President visited MSU LNAC.

While enhancing the seven elements of the University, he strengthened the three major goals of the University by (1) performing the traditional functions of the University, namely: instruction, research and extensions services; (2) accelerating the program of integration among the peoples of Southern Philippines particularly the Muslim and other cultural minority groups; and (3) providing trained manpower skills and technical know-how for the economic development of the MINSUPALA region.

Grasping the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all, MSU System President Macaayong got involved in this universal call to participate in advancing the Global 17 Goals. Primarily, to achieve the first goal which is "No Poverty", the MSU System President expanded the University's Grants in Aid Programs with Scholarship Grants (Forming part of President Duterte's Comprehensive Reform and Development on Anti-Poverty Package for conflict affected areas in Region 9, 10 and 12). Mindanao State University signed a cooperation agreement with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to strengthen the President Duterte's poverty alleviation programs on July 2016. The President created a special task force committee to work on a series of consultations in different regions needed in crafting the comprehensive development plan.

In Global Goal No. 4 which is Quality Education, President Macaayong ensured inclusivity by forming another special task force to work on the System Wide Strategic Planning and Workshops. No one is left out in the system. All campuses were well represented in the crafting of the strategic planning. According to the President Macaayong, "Without a vision, the people perish," he said. This quote underlines the importance of having a vision. The University's resolution must measure the distance between the University vision, as conceived by the founding fathers, and where MSU is now- fifty years after. He further emphasized that the MSU System will stay the course even as it soars to new heights in pursuit of its noble mission, goals and objectives as a prime instrument of the nation's aspirations for peace, social justice, unity, and sustainable development.

The strategic planning and workshops were concluded on September 9, 2016 at Chali Beach Resort and Conference Center, Zone 3, Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City.

As chancellor of the MSU Marawi City, the System President made sure that the MSU Marawi took matters to a higher level.

Hereunder is the summary of performance indicators of MSU Marawi City.

2016 SUMMARY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, MSU MARAWI CITY	YEAR 2016
Enrolment	14,090
Advance Studies	2,148
Doctoral	151
Masteral	1,097
Post Baccalaureate	915
Bachelor of Laws	656
College of Medicine	259
Higher Education	11,927
Baccalaureate	11,480
Technology	447
Scholarships	3,187
Graduates	3,095
Tertiary Level Faculty	1,248
Secondary and Elementary Faculty	588
Faculty Development Program	101
Ph.D. Level	54
New	2
Previous	52
Master Level	47
New	9
Previous	38
Faculty Researches	109
Dissertations	32
Masteral Theses	138
Paper Presentations in International Conferences	49
Paper Presentations in National Conferences	61
Attendance to International Conferences	22
Attendance of National/Regional and Local Conferences/Seminars	255
Publications of Faculty	41

The Global Goal No. 4 that talks about quality education ensures to provide primary and secondary education. During the early year of the President in the office, Senior Year High School Curriculum was implemented despite MSU being a tertiary institution. Goal No. 4 indicates the universal primary and secondary education, affordable vocational training, access to higher education and more (UNDP, SDG).

With one hundred thirty six (136) bachelor and graduate degree programs, there are 10 Student Scholarship Programs namely, Science Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, Special Muslim Grant, Entrance Scholarship, Tuition Privilege, Cultural Community Grant, College Bound Program Grant, the honor's list of scholars in recognition of high academic performance, Economic development grant and special study grants.

According to the data of Internal Research and Extension Office (IREO) in 2012 to 2016, the research outputs of MSU Marawi have a total of 2,581 which included the category of faculty, dissertation, masteral theses, and undergraduate. For publication, there were 137 and for extension services from 2015 to 2016, there were 1, 917. The MSU System President Macaayong revived the Research through the ASEAN Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (AJOSSH) and ASEAN Journal Science and Technology (AJOST). This is under the Mamitua Saber Research and Training Center.

In terms of Global Goal No. 17 which is establishing partnership for goals, there were 284 from 2012 to 2016 either categorized as International, National and Local.

As to Global Goal No. 9, MSU Marawi had contributed in terms of infrastructure. During the first year of Macaayong administration, there were eight (8) buildings which were turn over by the contractors to the University. In June 2, 2016, President Macaayong created the Finance Review and Project Review Committees to look into the status of the projects in order to speedily attend to the claims of the contractors. The turnover of the said academic infrastructures immediately addressed the serious shortage of classrooms, laboratories and offices. It must be noted that in, in the 2nd semester of Academic Year 2015-2016, the College of Social Sciences and Humanities started a month late because of the classrooms shortage (Newsletter, August 2016).

Hereunder are the University events during the first year year in office of the MSU System President.

- Seminar on Participatory Governance in the Bangsamoro on April 20, 2016 at the IPDM Convergence Hall, MSU, Marawi City
- 6th Insect Eating Festival of College of Agriculture on April 27, 2016 at the Botanical Gardens, MSU, Marawi City
- Seminar Workshop on Teachers Education Program (ASEAN Integration through Strengthening the Teaching Profession, Graduate School, MSU Campus on May 16, 2016
- Hands-on Training on Mushroom Production, College of Agriculture on May 24 and 25, 2016
- 2nd MSU CHS Research Congress on June 10, 2016 at IPDM Building, MSU Campus
- 51st MSU Pre-Commencement Exercises on June 15, 2016 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, MSU, Marawi City
- 51st MSU Baccalaureate Services and 51st Commencement Exercises (with Guest Speaker Hon. Zabedin M. Azis, Department of Justice) on June 16, 2016 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, MSU, Marawi City
- Echo-Training on Senior High School Curriculum Content and Strategies on July 26 to 29, 2016
- 1st Junior High School Summit on August 1 to 3, 2016 at the CHARM Pavilion, MSU, Marawi City
- General Convocation and College Orientation on August 23, 2016 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, MSU, Marawi City
- Strategic Planning on August 25, 2016 at the CHARM Pavilion, MSU, Marawi City
- MSU-DTI Trade Bazaar and Exhibit on August 30 to September 3, 2016 at the University Peace Plaza, MSU, Marawi City
- Ceremonial Fish Stocking Ceremony on August 31, 2016 at the Bacolod-Kalawi, Lanao del Sur
- Equipping K-12 Teachers with Skills in Differentiated Instruction and Material Preparation for the 21st Century Learning on September 23 to 24, 2016 at MSU-Science Lecture Hall
- Dance Festival 2016 All MSU Participating Colleges was held on October 11, 2016 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, MSU, Marawi City
- 14th Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day Conference on October 16, 2019 at MSRTC, MSU Campus
- Echo Training on Workshop on Research Ethics Review on October 17 to 18, 2016
- Retooling for Writing, Research and Publication: The Basic for Lifelong Learning on October 19, 2016 at the E-Library MSU Campus
- "PAGANA MERANAW" on October 26, 2016 at the CHARM Pavilion
- Youth Leadership Summit 2016, Executive Office of the Bangsamoro Youth Affairs (OBYA)-ARMM was held on November 12-14, 2016 at the Academic Complex, MSU Campus
- Seminar and Cooking Demo on Culinary Techniques and Innovations was held on November 25, 2016 at the CHARM Pavilion, MSU, Marawi City
- "Hands-on Training on Mushroom Production on December 8-12, 2016 at the College of Agriculture





On September 11, 2016, MSU System President Macaayong received Malaysian Consul General Datu Abdullah Tahir. This resulted to Memorandum of Agreement signing in the presence of MSU System Officials. This is related to Global Goal No. 17 as it is a partnership in advancing Sustainable Development Goals.

Pres. Macaayong also answered the call of the President Duterte in conducting consultations regarding federalism as a type of government. On October 1, 2016, one consultation was held in the Dimaporo Gym, MSU Marawi City. On October 16, 2016, Hugpong Federalismo Movement of the Philippines were guests in another consultation at the Dimaporo Gymnasium.

On November 26, 2016, MSU hosted the Infrastructure and Economic Development Summit. The output of this is to be given to Local Government Units so they can integrate in their economic development plan or their comprehensive development plan and executive and legislative agenda. This falls to Global Goal No. 8 which contributes in shaping the economic growth of the region.

## Year 2017

The administration of President Macaayong remained on track as it continued enhancing the seven elements of the university, intertwined with the main goals. It launched the new vision and mission of the system as an output of the strategic planning had in 2016. This is in consonance in aligning with Ambisyon Natin 2040 and continued its efforts in the involvement for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

As indicated in the strategic planning, the Office Of The Vice Chancellor For Academic Affairs started dealing with the accreditation process as it had slept for many years from the past administration in the case of MSU Marawi. It is high time to tap on the competency and meritocracy of an institution to best improve the service delivery of the university to the constituents. But for other campuses, some are already in their level 1, level 3 and level 4.

The Mindanao State University has stepped up its commitment to see that there is improved service delivery. The Human Resource Development Office (HRDO) gained improvements in their recruitment, selection and placement system. Since the start of the Macaayong Administration, the HRDO has been gearing itself to step up and improve the performance management of MSU Marawi City through coordinating with Civil Service Commission's Field Office in Lanao del Sur applying the Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIMEHRM) (Newsletter, September 2019).

Accreditation and institutionalizing meritocracy are significant in assuring the quality education that the University is mandated to deliver to MSU constituents. This would mean leveling up the services one at a time so that these could be at par with the excellent performance elsewhere. These ensure that Mindanao State University particularly, Marawi Campus had contributed to Global Goal No. 4, Quality Education.

2016 SUMMARY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, MSU MARAWI CITY	YEAR 2017
Enrolment	11,375
Advance Studies	835
Doctoral	123
Masteral	712
Post Baccalaureate	977
Bachelor of Laws	711
College of Medicine	266
Higher Education	8,574
Baccalaureate	8,257
Technology	312
Senior High School	989
Scholarships	1,116
Graduates	3,527
Tertiary Level Faculty	691
Secondary and Elementary Faculty	997
Faculty Researches	22
Dissertations	21
Masteral Theses	74
Paper Presentations in International Conferences	5
Paper Presentations in National Conferences	14
Attendance of National/Regional and Local Conferences/Seminars	48
Publications of Faculty	44

On July 2017, MSU Marawi campus had its first graduates of Senior High School. On August 2017, the University saw its first freshmen enrollees who were graduates of Grade 12.

Mindanao State University, Marawi Campus took opportunities to organize several big events in the campus. On February 17-18, 2017, MSU became co-convenor of the twin event, Summit on Bangsamoro Economic Development and International Conference on Islamic Economics and Finance. On February 26, 2017, the 1st International Conference on Language, Kultura and Integration of Technology (LANGKIT) was held at CHARM Pavilion, MSU, Marawi City. MSU innovated to have its own International Conference that showcases its identity and that gave birth to LANGKIT, named after the langkit which is an intricately woven patterned cloth from the Meranaw tribe. This effort will contribute to Global Goal No. 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) since this international conference researches and discourse on new ideas.

Mindanao State University led other agencies in launching the 2017 Mindanao Peace Summit on March 19, 2017. This event would be its answer to Global Goal No. 8, 9 and 16. The theme of the event was Peace and Sustainable Economic Development in Mindanao. Secretary Jesus Dureza of OPAPP who represented the President of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte in the event said, "the role of the academe, particularly the MSU System of holding and producing responsible, rationalistic and nation loving graduates who are prospect leaders of Mindanao." Moreover, Chair Datu Abulkhayr Alonto, one of the plenary speakers emphasized on the social and economic thrusts to address poverty and promote economic development in Mindanao.

On May 23, 2017, late afternoon, is the day to remember for Marawi City when fierce fighting between government and Maute group who called themselves as part of ISIS. The unforgotten day did not put the MSU down. In fact, there were proposals from some groups who wanted the MSU to be transferred to another place. But MSU System President Habib W. Macaayong, DPA firmly asserted that MSU must be in Marawi City as the University is the jewel of Lanao del Sur. It must be kept where it is because it is only the remaining treasure that Marawi has now. When the military gave the ultimatum that all residents needed to flee, students of MSU were properly hauled to Iligan City since the semester was also about to end.

The MSU System President did not leave the MSU. His family stayed even when downtown Marawi was bombarded with bombs and other ammunitions. According to former PMS Director Ayesha Merdeka Alonto, "MSU system President continued to hold office in MSU Marawi. Taking lead with his officials, he immediately constituted committees to attend the needs of the constituency of MSU starting with the orderly and safe convoy of students and faculty to Iligan City in close coordination with the Philippine Army and the Local Government Units of Marawi City and Lanao del Sur." Crisis Management Committee performed its functions during start of the siege and even extended its functions in providing relief goods to MSU constituents that it could reach.

All officials concerted their efforts to continue their work even as the Marawi Siege continued. The Accounting, Budget, Cashier held their offices temporarily at MSU IIT and transferred to MSU Marawi City, College of Medicine. One room was shared by Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Office of the President. Skeletal scheduling of employees was arranged since some employees found ways to settle a temporary shelter after they became displaced from their homes. In the case of the Office of the President, Officer in Charge for Presidential Management Staff, Aliah C. Pascan was designated to oversee the transaction in Iligan City and technology was used to communicate to the System President who stayed in the campus. Certain mechanism was made to continue the flow of transaction and communication. Summer classes were offered despite the challenges such as the space, and the influx of students in Iligan City. College of Medicine summer classes were not affected when they became host for enrolment for summer class, when summer class itself was held and even administrative transactions were all transferred to College of Medicine. Scholars received their allowances in Iligan City. Everyone was adjusting to the situation where most had left their homes with nothing.

MSU System President continued his close coordination and communication with the Philippine Army. He even called Secretary of National Defense Lorenzana to transfer the howitzers from Mindanao Oval to other places. For him, while Mindanao State University needed protection from terrorists, it was no place for military paraphernalia. Some advised the President to leave MSU but his decision to stay was so firm, even if the campus has no electricity and water whose services were disrupted because of the siege. In mid-June, the military gave clearances to officials so that they could go inside the campus. The terrain became uneasy that every entry every week needed clearances from the military. They called it "Gate Pass". Every car needed to register the color of the car, the brand, the type, the plate number, the name of the driver, and the names of the passengers. The Officials were in solidarity with the System President to bring back the normalcy despite there were odds and challenges. The first attempt to hold the commencement exercise in the campus was a failure for the military did not allow having it so. But President Macaayong administration did its best to convince the military and other stakeholders, alumni and civil society organizations were in support of and for the President Macaayong to let the students had their commencement exercise in the campus. President





Macaayong (who, for the first time stepped outside the campus since the siege) called for a special Executive Committee in MSU IIT to resolve the military decision of having the commencement exercise in MSU IIT instead of having it in the Marawi City campus.



On July 13, 2017, the 52nd Commencement Exercise of Mindanao State University, Marawi City was held in MSU Iligan Institute of Technology. In the article written by Dr. Alawi, President Macaayong wanted nothing more than that the candidates and their parents to come to the campus and see for themselves that the campus is safe and secure, and spread the good tidings. The Marines assigned to secure the campus were very supportive and willing to provide military escort but there was popular clamor of the graduates and their parents that it be more easily accessible to have it in MSU IIT.



Such a heroic act of Pres. Macaayong is worthy to be emulated. The efforts to bring normalcy to the campus continued when he created a special task force for the enrolment of students. Different type of calls was had either on line, or at the College of Medicine. While a special task force for enrolment was created, a constant communication of the Office of the President was maintained. Operation of protecting the campus properties was organized. Relief operations were continued to supply essentials to the Constituents. Pantaw a Mareg was a theme created by volunteers to attract students to come and go back to the campus and that it is safe to stay inside there. The volunteers were in close coordination with the office of the President in matters such as transportation, military escorts from Iligan City, the coordination with Local Government of Iligan City- all for the program of Balik Eskwela.

Before the Balik Eskwela, the Brigada Eskwela which involved the clean-up drive in the whole campus was closely coordinated with the military headed by General Carlito G. Galvez Jr.

On August 23, 2017, the Balik Eskwela was a huge success with more than 8,000 college students enrolled in the first semester returning to MSU to attend classes. It was not an easy feat for the University to persuade military officials and the Philippine government to MSU to open classes but Pres. Macaayong was persistent enough to push through. MSU serves as the last untouched stronghold and symbol of hope among Meranaws next to Lake Lanao (Newsletter, November 2017 Issue).

All these efforts are concerted to Global Goal No. 4, Quality Education.

Immediately after the Balik Eskwela, Pres. Macaayong issued a Special Order creating the Technical Working Group to assist in the formulation of a Comprehensive Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, and Recovery Plan for Marawi City as part of MSU's commitment and contribution to the National Government efforts for the holistic rehabilitation of the City. On October 18, 2017, MSU presented the Consolidated Comprehensive Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Recovery Plan for Marawi City and Lanao de Sur during the 4th Meranaw Leaders' Forum at MSU IIT. There were also presentations made in Manila particularly in the Department of National Defense.



Due to the siege, Pres. Macaayong exerted his efforts to give some comfort to student life by providing services which were not present before the siege. Mindanao State University accommodated three different banks in the campus, namely: Amanah Bank, Landbank of the Philippines and Philippine National Bank. Amanah Bank, an Islamic bank used to be located in Marawi down town but because of the siege, the new location is stationed at the left side of the International Convention Center of Mindanao State University. Philippine National Bank was given new and bigger space at the Mindanao State University Dimaporo Gym. Before, they had two Automated Teller machines (ATMs). Now, they have 5 ATMs and one is located at the administrative building. Landbank of the Philippines transferred their located from Commercial Center to MSU Dimaporo Gym and they also increased the number of ATMs one of which is located inside the International Convention Center. They also proposed to construct one new building at the entrance of the MSU as agreed in the Memorandum of Agreement. All these initiatives lead to sustaining the Mindanao State University after the siege and range to Global Goal No. 11.



During the Marawi Crisis, there was total power failure in MSU Campus due to collapsed power lines being affected by the war. Physical Plant Division with the help from Philippine Army and the National Grid Corporation was able to restore the power supply. The water supply was also restored as assisted by Motor pool Office.

In order to help meet some of the University's transportation needs, the University acquired 5 buses and for the colleges, 17 service vehicles as approved by the Board of Regents. These have proven useful in the carrying out of the University's tasks and related concerns.

Civil Service Commission's Field Office has its new home in the campus. MSU opened its arms to accommodate it in the University Library. The purpose is make also MSU equipped with the new trends and policies from CSC. CSC will help MSU developed their program to institutionalize meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM). This corresponds to Global Goal No. 17, partnerships for SDGs.

Hereunder are the events happened during the year 2017:

- MSU signed a MOA with Development Academy of the Philippines.
- MSU released the 1st Citizen Charter to All Offices
- MSU partnered with TESDA on the 1st Provision of Technical Assistance to Comprehensive Development Plan on Poverty Alleviation
- MSU provided 50 to 150 Scholarships under the Comprehensive Development Plan on Poverty Alleviation of TESDA
- MSU is one of the sponsors of the ASEAN Universities (International Conference on Islamic Finance in Brunei)
- MSU partnered with Cherry Mobile in providing scholarships among some College of Public Affairs Students
- MSU conducted an inventory of all the residents in the MSU-Main Campus where there houses were provided tag numbers
- First to have two Shariah Review Programs in a year with mock bar
- MSU signed the 1st Collective Negotiation Agreement with the MSU Faculty Union

2017 Infrastructure Developments:

- Repair and Renovation of Professor Cottages and different offices including the Office of the President
- Completion of MSU New Summit Inn Building
- Repainting of MSU Arc at the Main Gate
- Concreting of Road Pavements
- Repainting of Exterior Wall of Administration Building
- Concreting of Access Road at Summit Inn
- Perimeter Fencing of New Summit Inn Building
- Fabrication of Double Deck Beds in Dormitory
- Construction of MSU Security Out-Post
- Landscaping of MSU Convention Center
- Fabrication of Security Steel Pipe Barricade (Check-Point)
- Installation of Distribution Transformers to then newly finished 3-storey College of Agriculture Building
- Replacement and upgrading of Distribution Transformers at the different offices and colleges
- Installation/replacement/repair of busted lamps of street light in some areas

Since MSU System President Habib W. Macaayong was a former member of the Peace Panel and an advocate of combatting the rising tide of violent extremism and terrorism not only in the country but across the world, he created a committee to craft a 3-unit course on Peace Education (MSU Newsletter, December 2017). The curriculum was approved in the System Council Meeting and in the Board of Regents' Meeting on December 20, 2017.

In the article of Dr. Rebekah Alawi, consultant to the Office of the President and faculty member of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, she mentioned that the course was named FPE 101 with a description of "Fundamentals of Peace Education." It is described as a holistic, multi-inter and trans-disciplinary, action-based discipline with the purpose of countering violent extremism and terrorism.

After the BOR approval, the FPE 101 was debuted in the first semester, A.Y. 2018-2019 of all MSU campuses. The capacity development of the faculty members of all University campuses handling the FPE 101 continued even in the year 2018 and 2019. The Teacher's Manual was launched during the 57th Foundation Day Celebration.

After the membership of MSU in the International Council for Islamic Finance Educators (ICIFE), 30 officials were trained and completed the course on Islamic Finance. It is in preparation for the offering of Islamic Finance as curriculum in MSU-Marawi City. The two international conferences on Islamic Finance held in Metro Manila were also attended by some officials of the University.





# Year 2018



- MoU Signing with Star Training Induction Program on October 23, 2018 at CHARM Pavilion

- 619 Women - IDP Scholars graduated in Sari-Sari Store and Access to Resources Program on June 18, 2019 with DTI, Coca-Cola, TESDA and TFBM



- Consultation on the Proposed Islamic Salary Loan Facility of Al-Amanah Investment Islamic Bank of the Philippines



- Bloodletting Activity: Sanduguan Bloodpool conducted by MSU-College of Health Sciences and Red Cross Youth Council in collaboration with Amai Pakpak Medical Center at CHS Laboratory, MSU, Marawi City on August 30, 2018



- 2018 MSU-Marawi in-house Research Review with the theme: "MSU Marawi Continuing Sustainable Researches Amidst Adversity," held on March 18-21, 2018

- General Convocation and Orientation on September 12, 2018 at the Dimarporo Gymnasium

- Installation Ceremony of the Newly Elected College Deans on July 11, 2018 at the CHARM Pavilion, MSU-Main Campus, Marawi City

- Testimonial Luncheon of the New Lawyers of MSU, Marawi City on September 24, 2018

- Padded seats have been installed at the MSU Convention Center for everyone's comfort and convenience

- 1st Faculty Commune on December 13, 2018 at the Dimarporo Gymnasium, MSU Marawi City

- Literary Musical Competition, Dance Extravaganza, University Intramural Games

- Executive Committee Meeting on January 8, 2018

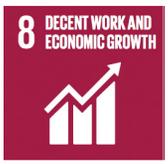
- Direction Campus Curriculum Committee Meeting on January 8, 2018



- Seminar Workshop on the Role of Women in Peace Building and the Prevention of Violent Extremism held on January 30, 2018 at CHARM Pavilion, MSU, Marawi City

- **March 5, 12, 19, and 26** Celebrations of Women's Month with the theme: "We make Change work for Women."

- Lecture on Women Issues, Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening



- Job Placement Seminar on January 18-19, 2018 at the CHARM Pavilion, MSU, Marawi City



- Groundbreaking Ceremony of Two-Storey Faculty Housing

- Moropreneur on April 20, 2018 held at MSU-Science Lecture Hall

- Groundbreaking Ceremony of MSU-Golfers' Club Shed

- Entrepreneurial Forum on Job Fair

- Senior High School Research Colloquium



- Jiggy Manicad Stories: A Free Lecture Series on November 7, 2018

- MSU Marawi Faculty Union 14th General Assembly and Basic Orientation Seminar on February 12 at the CHARM Pavilion, MSU, Marawi City

- Eid'l Adha Prayer and Celebration on August 31, 2018

- 15th Biennial Congress on October 26-27, 2018

- Launching of Moriataw o Ranaw on June 28, 2018 at the CHARM Pavilion, MSU, Marawi City



- Groundbreaking Ceremony of Two-Storey Heritage Building with Attic

- USAID Enhancing Governance, Accountability and Engagement (ENGAGE) Project about Youth-led response to the impacts of Marawi Siege

- MOA Signing Between Mindanao State University (MSU) and DBP on IDP Scholarships

- Benchmarking with MSU-Tawi Tawi's OIPP on November 7, 2018

- MOA Signing Between Mindanao State University (MSU) and World Food Program on IDP Profiling

- 1st ASEAN Celebration of MSU

- Seminar on Taxation Land Reform and Cooperatives on October 24, 2018

- Seminar on Heraldic Code of the Philippine

where Teodoro S. Afienxa, Head of Heraldry Division, National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) was the Guest Speaker (October 17, 2018)

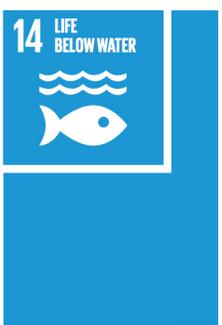
- Book Launching of "Tadman Diripatan" on May 23, 2018
- 3rd Tribute to Retirees and Awarding of Service of Awards to Faculty and Staff on December 18, 2018
- HANDOG (A Tribute to MSU Personnel for their 40 Years of Service in the University) Campus Curriculum Committee Meeting (January 17, 2018)



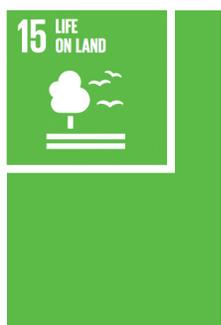
- Seminar on TRAIN on February 7
- Halal Convention with the Department of Trade and Industry on May 3
- 1st MSU-System Wide Conference 2018 Budget Preparation
- Launching of MSU Ceramics Products on December 20, 2018 using Recyclable Materials



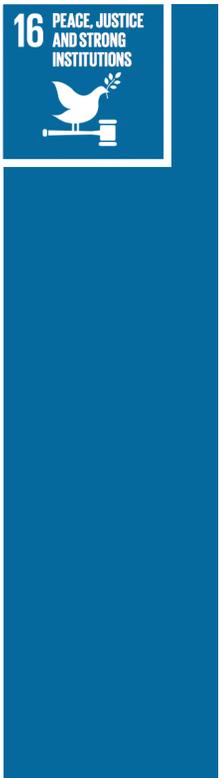
- Establishment of Fire Substation at MSU, Marawi City (In partnership with the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Bureau of Fire Protection)
- TNT Tropang Ready: Disaster Preparedness on September 26, 2018 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium MSU, Marawi City
- Meeting with the SMART-Infocast on August 3, 2018 as part of DRRM Preparedness
- MOA Signing with the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) at the OP Conference Room, MSU, Marawi City
- USAID CVE Awareness Raising on November 16, 2018 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium
- International Conference on Environmental and Forest Conservation (ICEFC 2018) with the theme: "Ecosystems Research and Innovation for A Sustainable World"
- Earth Day Celebration on April 22, 2018
- Participated in the International Conference on Ecology and Biodiversity Across Time and Space (ICEBATS) on 13 – 19 August 2018 (Malaysia)



- Fish Dispersal and Seedling Fingerlings (College of Fisheries)



- 3rd Induction of Botanical Garden Society First Lady Pamela Rehanna B. Macaayong on February 15, 2018
- Tree Planting Activity in coordination with 12th Civil-Military Operations Battalion Philippine Army at the Agri-Land (Heaven) on 23 November 2018
- Ceremonial Planting and Harvesting



- Multi-Stakeholders Validation Group Meeting (MSVG) of the International Alert Conflict Monitoring System (ACMS) on February 1, 2018 at the IPDM, MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology, Iligan City
- Training of Trainers on the Basic Course on Peace Education (28 May – 1 June 2018)
- Launching of Peace Education (Fundamentals of Peace Education 101)
- Trainers' Training with the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPCS) of Cambodia (28 May – 1 June 2018)
- Training with UP, Miriam College, Xavier University, MSU-IIT (IPDM)
- Training of Trainers participated by the 7 Campuses
- FPE 101 Peace Education Training at Apple Tree, Opol, Misamis Oriental
- PEACE EDUCATION INITIATIVES: Basic Peace Education Workshop at the CHARM Pavilion, MSU-Main Campus, Marawi City
- INFORMATION DRIVE ON BANGSAMORO ORGANIC LAW (BBL) Public Hearing and Consultation on the Proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law (16 March 2018)
- Culmination of Public Consultation on Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) by the House of Representatives at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, MSU, Marawi City 16 March 2018
- Forum on Bangsamoro Organic Law by College of Law (31 August 2018)
- Understanding the Organic Law for Bangsamoro ARMM during the flag raising ceremony (3 September 2018)
- Rule of Law Forum: Understanding the Organic Law for BARMM by DPA students (6 September 2018)

- Forum on Bangsamoro Organic Law at the Academic Complex of College of Law, MSU, Marawi City (6 September 2018)
- Multi Stakeholders Forum on Bangsamoro Organic Law at the Dimaporo Gymnasium
- Bangsamoro Organic Law Forum with the theme: "Understanding the transition of ARMM to BARMM," on 30 August 2018 at the CHARM Pavilion, MSU, Marawi City
- Solidarity Peace Walk on February 19, 2018
- Virtual Peace Expo on September 27, 2018 (MSU-Marawi in collaboration with OPAPP)
- Barangay Peace Summit with the theme: "Sustaining Community Life through Peace and Security," organized by MSU-Institute for Local Governance (ILG)
- Mindanao Peace Week 2018
- MOA Signing with CPCS February 15
- Interfaith Dialogue February 16
- Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of the Most Affected Area of Marawi City
- Groundbreaking Ceremony of MSU Rizal Park, Barangay Dansalan, Marawi City, Lanao del Sur
- Awarding of Pantaw a Mareg Heroes during the Marawi Siege
- 7TH Peace Practitioners Research Conference (PPRC) with the theme: "Leading for Peace in the Midst of Crisis: Building Peace is Here and Now"
- Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM) held on 18 April 2018 at the Convention Center, MSU, Marawi City
- Seminar on Revised Rules on Administration Cases in the Civil Service Commission (RRACCSC) held on September 20, 2019 at the CHARM Pavilion, MSU-Main Campus, Marawi City

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



- MOA Signing between MSU and DOST-SEI on January 26, 2018 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, MSU, Marawi City
- MOA Signing with the Collective Negotiation Agreement (CSC) on January 31, 2018 at the OP Conference Room
- Contract Signing of 2017 DOST-SEI Bangon Marawi Scholarship Awardees April 6, 2018 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, MSU, Marawi City
- Contract Signing for the Enhancement of LAN for MSU-Main Campus, Marawi City on April 11, 2018
- MoU with UNDP on April 26, 2018
- Inauguration Ceremony of the new Civil Service Commission Office (CSC) in MSU, Marawi City on May 10, 2018
- Inauguration and Soft Opening of Al-Amanah Islamic Bank Office at MSU, Marawi City
- MOA Signing with SMART Communication on October 3, 2018 at the OP Conference Room, MSU, Marawi City
- Asian Legal Information Network (ALIN) September 21
- MOA Signing between Mindanao State University (MSU) and The Asia Foundation (TAF) November 28
- Red Cross Training on September 27, 2018 at MSRTC
- JCI Manila visits MSU on June 28, 2018
- Malaysian visitor on June 28, 2018
- Visit of President Duterte's Cabinet Spouses Association, Inc. On July 16, 2018
- Visitors from Ateneo de Manila (Volleyball Team Courtesy Call) on February 2, 2018
- The 10 Writers' Visit on April 25, 2018
- Meeting with US Mission, US Government representatives, and USAID on April 27, 2018
- Visit of the Netherland Ambassador to Philippine Campus
- Meeting with Perkis Rector and Visitors from University Islamic Sains, Malaysia on May 2, 2018
- Bangko Perlas, Gawad Kalinga, and CSPEAR Volleyball Clinic



# Year 2019

**2** ZERO HUNGER

- Orientation on GSIS Financial Assistance Loan (GFAL) Program held on November 5, 2019 at the Convention Center, MSU, Marawi City

**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- Basic Research Ethics Training organized by the Philippine Health Research Ethics (PHREB) held on March 25-26, 2019 at MSRTC, MSU, Marawi City
- 2019 University Intramural Games
- 1st Fun Run held by MSU-Botanical Garden on August 28

**4** QUALITY EDUCATION

- 10,360 total number of enrolled students as of 1st Semester, A.Y. 2019-2020
  - 2,279 total number of new students as of 1st Semester, A.Y. 2019-2020
  - 2,498 total number of scholars as of 1st Semester, A.Y. 2019-2020
  - Orientation of the Faculty Members
  - In-house Research Review on October 24
  - 2019 Newly Hired Faculty Members
  - Literary-Musical Contests and Dance Extravaganza
  - Poster Making Contest on August 16, 2019
  - MSU Enactus is the Champion on the Business Innovation Idea Challenge held on July 27, 2019 at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City
  - 17 Accounting Students from CBAA were sent to Ernst and Young Partners in Taguig, Manila on August 10
  - MSU held Freshmen Orientation on August 16
  - MSU held General Convocation and Orientation on September 12
  - MSU-CNSM and DMASM-NHS signed MoU for Grade 12 Enrichment Program on September 4
  - MoA with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP)
  - MoA with the Development Bank of the Philippines Resources for Inclusive and Sustainable Education (DBP RISE) on September 18, 2019 at DBP Head Office, Makati City
  - Podcast Development Training and Development Tools for Biodiversity Protection held on April 29 to May 2, 2019 at Mandaue, Cebu City
  - MSU System representatives engage on vital Mindanao Research Fora held on June 10-11, 2019 at Davao City and June 18-19 at Koronadal City
  - Confirmation of the Juris Doctors
  - MSU System President Habib W. Macaayong received Plaque of Recognition from the Presidential Communications Office, Philippine Broadcasting Service, Bureau of Broadcast Services, and DXSO Radyo Pilipinas for his unconditional advocacy to quality education, unbridled support for free education through broadcast media and strong tenacious leadership during the Marawi Siege
  - MSU-Marawi through the leadership of MSU System President Habib W. Macaayong, DPA received a Plaque of recognition as Top Employer in Government Sector, Mindanao 2019 during the Stakeholders' Accomplishment Report on September 26, 2019 at Dusit Thani Hotel, Davao City
- ACHIEVERS:**
- MONTIA JAMILAH D. SARIP, Ph.D.**  
Dean, College of Education  
2019 Outstanding Professional Awardee in the field of teaching
- ELIN ANISHA C. GURO**  
Director, University Library  
CSC's 2019 Honor Award Program Regional Awardee
- ALEEM ANWAR M. RADIAMODA, MA**  
OIC Director, Shariah Center  
Best Presenter on the International Conference on Islam in Malay World IX, Institution of Higher Education Learning and the Development of Islamic Civilization in the Malay World
- PROF. EDWARD ARIS FAJARDO**  
Faculty, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics  
His Research Paper on Group Theory Applications in Solid State Physics was published and selected as the editors' suggested read in Physical Review B  
Ph.D. student at Northern Illinois University (NIU)
- PROF. REY HARVEY SUELLO**  
Faculty, College of Fisheries  
Scholar of an Inter-University Master's Program, Master of Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management Major in Environmental Impact and Remediation organized by Vrije Universiteit Brussel Ghent University and University of Antwerp, Belgium

**DR. IVANE PEDROSA-GERASMIO**  
COF-Marawi alumna and MEXT scholar  
Ph.D. in Applied Marine Biosciences major in  
Applied Bio-Engineering at Tokyo University of  
Marine Science and Technology, Japan

**ROBERT S. BUNAL** **3rd Placer**  
(91.95%)  
**RANDELL KEITH P. AMARILLE** **6th Placer**  
(91.40%)  
**SHAIRA AIMA B. AMBOLA** **9th Placer**  
(91.05%)

**2019 Physician Licensure Examination**  
2019 Passing Rate: **84.61%**  
2019 National Passing Rate: **76.57%**

**2019 Social Work Board Examination**  
2018 Passing Rate: **89.72%**

**DENIM E. MAGHANOY** **6th Placer**  
(88.17%)  
**MAREEYA ROWENA M. RIZON** **8th Placer**  
(87.58%)

**SITTIE AYRAH O. RAZAK** **8th Placer**

**19 Passers of the recently concluded Fisheries Professionals Licensure**  
MSU Passing Rate (First Timer): **63.64% (14 out of 22)**  
MSU Passing Rate (Overall): **50% (10 out of 38)**  
National Passing Rate: **34.79% (731 out of 2,101)**

**2019 Forestry Licensure Examination**  
2019 Passing Rate: **71.72%**  
2019 National Passing Rate: **55.94%**

• SPMS Training among the MSU employees

**5** GENDER EQUALITY



• Mashwara o Mga Bae ang Dialogue with Women Leaders on October 26, 2019 at MSU, Marawi City

**6** CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



• Consultation on Lake Lanao Rehabilitation and Conservation on July 25

**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



• First Marawi's Best Trade Fair hosted by MSU on August 27-September 1  
• Job Fair 2019

• Site of the 3-storey International Livelihood Center and Dormitory building with basement for carpark

**9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



• Seminar on Data Privacy in Research held on April 15, 2019 at MSRTC, MSU, Marawi City  
• Creation of Technology and Innovation Center (TIC)  
• Creation of Information and Communication Technology Center (ICTC)  
• Grand Launching of Technology and Innovation Center (TIC)  
• Completed and Inaugurated 2-Storey College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) Empire Building

• Completed and Inaugurated 3-Storey College of Medicine (COM) Building  
• Completed and Inaugurated 3-Storey College of Health Science (CHS) Building  
• Completed and Inaugurated 3-Storey College of Public Administration (CPA) Palace Building  
• Shariah Center Legal Clinic  
• Enhancement of Lightings of MSU-Main Campus  
• Grandlaunching of the Solidarity Cube

**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES



• MSU SSG moved to Parliamentary System of Government

**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



• Province-wide 119th PH CSC celebration hosted by MSU  
• Alumni Orientation and Fellowship on July 1  
• MSU-MSHS hosted a Culture and Art workshop on August 5-9

**13** CLIMATE ACTION



• Study on Quantification of Soil Respiration Rates in Natural and Man-made Tropical Forests (will be led by Atty. Renato Pacaldo, Ph.D. and Dr. Mira Aydin)

• Installation of Fire Extinguishers to the Offices and Dormitories of MSU-Main Campus  
• Medical Mission and Blood Donation by MSU-CHS on August 30-31

15 LIFE ON LAND



- Joint Research Project on the Essential Oil Composition Analysis on Selected Tropical Plants (co-led by Dr. Fema Abamo with Dr. Kerim Guney)
- 3rd Induction of Botanical Garden Society First Lady Pamela Rehanna B. Macaayong on February 15, 2018
- Tree Planting Activity in coordination with 12th Civil-Military Operations Battalion Philippine Army at the Agri-Land (Heaven) on 23 November 2018
- Ceremonial Planting and Harvesting
- Tree Planting Activity initiated by the College of Agriculture on June 12-16, 2019
- Tree Planting initiated by the University Library
- Partnership agreement with State University of New York- Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) on July 18
- MoU Signing with Odessa State University on Environment Conservation in Ukraine on September 20, 2019
- Overview, Training, and Seminar-Workshop on Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) on February 18-19, 2019 at MSRTC, MSU, Marawi City

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



- MSU Security Group Meeting between PNP, AFP and other Security Force
- Dialogue in Security Matters and Ensuring the Safety of the Students held on October 28, 2019 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium
- Peace Education Program amps up Training of FPE Teachers in External Units
- Mindanao Week of Peace on November 28 to December 4, 2019
- Alay Panalangin Para sa Kapayapaan
- Understanding BARMM Prospects and Challenges on May 2, 2019
- Focus Group Discussion on Moral Governance and Bangsamoro Updates on November 2, 2019 at IPDM, MSU, Marawi City
- Peace Assembly for the Ratification of BOL
- Solidarity Peace Walk

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- International Affairs and Linkages Center (IALC)
- MSU Women's Volleyball Team won 2nd Runner-up during the Mindanao Peace Games held at Ateneo de Zamboanga University, Zamboanga City
- MSU AFP-SAF Friendship Games on August 27
- MSU-XU Women's Volleyball Game on October 18
- MSU-XU Men's Basketball Game on October 18
- MSU Fastballers-CDO Team 1st Friendship Game
- VP Paca and VC Alaya graced the 1st International Conference on Islamic Development held on September 8-12 at Bandar Lampung, Indonesia
- National Privacy Commission (NPC) MSU System-wide Seminar Workshop on Data Privacy and Cybersecurity on October 3-4, 2019
- His Royal Highness Prince Mansour Bin Saad Al-Saud Assistant Secretary General of King Faisal Prize visited MSU-Marawi on October 25, 2019 for the first time.
- His Excellency Adnan V. Alonto, Philippine Ambassador to Saudi Arabia visited MSU-Marawi on July 27, 2019
- Honourable Oscar Moreno, City Mayor of CDO and Honourable Emmanuel Mugot, Municipal Mayor of Gitagum on October 28, 2019
- Democracy and Disinformation on October 16, 2019 at American Corner, University Library, MSU, Marawi City
- Inauguration of the the University Library's American Corner Mural
- Attended the Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM) Updates on October 20, 2019 at Mariwi Resort Hotel, Ayala, MSU, Marawi City





HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

# PRINCE MANSOUR BIN SAAD AL SAUD

## Visits MSU-Main Campus and its KFCIAAS Complex

by Dr. Abdulcader M. Ayo, Dean, KFCIAAS

The Mindanao State University-Main Campus was honored with the visit of His Royal Highness, Prince Mansour Bin Saad Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia and Assistant Secretary General of King Faisal Foundation. He was accompanied by his entourage and they were escorted by the University Officials including Vice President Rasid M. Paca of the Office of Vice President for Planning and Development (OVPPD) and the dean and some faculty members of King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies (KFCIAAS) together with Governor Mamintal “Bombit” A. Adiong, Jr. of Lanao del Sur.

A short program was prepared at the CHARM Pavilion in honor to the prince's visit to the University where Prof. Mohammad Jihan M. Macarambon, faculty member of the KFCIAAS, led a stimulating opening prayer. Both the Philippine and Saudi Arabian national anthems were played during the event.

On his opening remarks, President Habib W. Macaayong extended his felicity to the visit of the prince. On other hand, Prince Mansour Bin Saad Al-Saud thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to visit the Philippines particularly in Mindanao. He also emphasized that he was stricken by the hospitality of the Meranaw.

“Your quality of delivering good ethics and good communication to other culture is the most remembered in my visit, I am honoured to be with you. I really feel that I am within a community of my family,” he said.

Plaque and token of appreciation were also given to the prince and his entourage. The hall was then entertained by a kalilang from MSU Sining Kambayoka Ensemble where most of the attendees were impressed by their colorful performance. The program ended with the closing remarks of Vice President Alma E. Berowa of the Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs (OVPA).



Thereafter, MSU officials led by MSUS President Macaayong toured Prince Mansour to Masjid Malik Al-Faisal founded by his great grandfather and to the entire KFCIAAS complex. His Royal Highness performed Friday Prayer with Lanao del Sur Governor Adiong at New Capitol Complex Mosque and also visited the Marawi City's Most Affected Areas (MAA) by the siege.

The visitation is hoped to be the passage in strengthening the bond between MSU-Main Campus especially the KFCIAAS and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and in advancement the University's facility and academic excellence.



# 1<sup>st</sup> BARMM

by Director Aliah P. Cali-Pascan, J.D., MPA, Sh.L.



The 1st BARMM Regional Students' Summit was held on November 16, 2019 at MSU Dimaporo Gymnasium, with the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education, Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III as guest speaker. In addition, Dr. De Vera arrived in Iligan City on November 15, 2019 to attend to MSU System Wide Faculty Forum. MSU System President welcomed the CHED Chairperson and other CHED officials who were present in the forum. Executive Vice President Dr. Macabangkit Ati, Vice President for Administrative and Finance Atty. Jamaloden A. Basar, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Alma E. Berowa, Vice President for Planning and Development Prof. Rasid M. Paca, J.D. and Board of Regent Secretary Usman D. Aragasi, J.D. were among the officials who graced the forum. Participants from MSU Marawi were the 17 Deans from various colleges and some officials. From MSU IIT, they also selected faculty who attended the forum. There were participants from MSU Lanao Norte Agriculture College (LNAC), MSU Lanao National College of Arts and Trade (LNCAT), Buug, and Maigo. Some also came from MSU Naawan. Parts of the discussion in the forum were the CHED programs on faculty development and their professional growth.

Upon arrival in Marawi City on November 16, 2019, Dr. De Vera had courtesy calls to Local Government Units of Lanao del Sur and Marawi City and had visit in the Most Affected Areas (MAA) otherwise known as ground zero for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) of Marawi City.

Before the start of the Summit, Dr. De Vera indulged the press and gladly answered the questions of members of the press in a Press conference. The MSU System President Habib W. Macaayong and Hon. Mohagher M. Iqbal also joined in the press Conference. The conference was moderated by the Director of Office of Information, Press and Publication (OIPP).

The purpose of the 1st BARMM Regional Students' Summit was the discussion on CHED Programs, projects and activities for students and the partnership of CHED and BARMM and their relationships.

MSU System President Habib W. Macaayong, DPA gave his welcome remarks to the summit. He mentioned that the CHED particularly the Chairperson has been encouraging the Presidents of the State Universities to be visible and be very supportive to BARMM. Aside from that the Mindanao State University, Marawi City is located in the BARMM area so the more it should be very cooperative not just supportive because the beneficiaries of the



BARMM programa for education are studying there Hence, he said, "we are co-convenor of the 1st BARMM Students' Summit".

Atty. Carmelita Yadao-Sison MNSA, Ph.D., CESE formally opened the summit and discussed the overview and purpose of the Summit. She was also the Master of the Ceremony for the Summit.

The first testimonial message of the summit was from RC-Alkwarizmi International College, Jamalia U. Rascal. She shared the benefits of having Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES). The subsidy she received helped in compensating her expenses in school like her needs in books and projects required or in compliance with her subjects in school. She said, "I will no longer be afraid in proceeding to Medicine since there is subsidy that I can hope for".

It was followed by a message of support from the Local Government of Unit of Lanao del Sur. The Provincial Governor Hon. Mamintal Alonto Adiong, Jr. was represented by Board Member Jamil Faisal Saro Adiong, Sanggunian Kabataan Panlalawigang Pederasyon Elect. He explained the opportunity of students in this generation. He further explained in his own speech that Tertiary Education Subsidy



# REGIONAL STUDENTS' SUMMIT



the National Government that we are here to interact and inform students to tell them about RA 10931 and discuss the education subsidy which are many beneficiaries in the province, in the city and in the BARMM that are enjoying Tertiary Education Subsidy."

He stressed that, "the summit is also an avenue to discuss our partnership with the BARMM such as how higher education institutions in CHED can provide technical assistance to the BARMM in ten areas that we have agreed upon."

Hon. Mohagher M. Iqbal gave his inspirational message. He mentioned the importance of smiling towards others. He also shared the importance of women in the life of men.

A dialogue with students was held, where they asked questions to Dr. De Vera, Dr. Macaayong and Hon. Iqbal. It was noted that there were Local University College and Schools (LUCS) that are not chartered and are not covered by RA 10687. Hon. Iqbal called Dr. Amor Pendaliday the OIC Chairman of CHED BARMM to give insights on the application status of RA 10687 otherwise known as Unified Financial Assistance System or Tertiary Act or UniFAST in the BARMM. Dr. Pendaliday gave information that they seek legal assistance from Solicitor General on the LUCS which are not chartered.

Dr. De Vera in an answer to one of the questions from students, said, "there are students from the BARMM who are enjoying scholarships of various kinds, those who are studying in state universities and colleges do not pay tuition and miscellaneous fees anymore. Students who are beneficiaries of the TES subsidy gets additional stipend from the national government ranging from 40 thousand pesos to 60 thousand pesos per year, there are Tulong Dunong scholars, so any scholarship that CHED is running."

Pres. Macaayong also shed light on the number of scholarships. He said, "For MSU Marawi Campus, we have 168 TES scholars now. And according to Director Sison, there will be additional number of scholars."

Lastly, in the closing remarks of Dr. Pendaliday, he expressed hope that the partnership of CHED and BARMM and the technical assistance to be given by Mindanao State University System.

will help the family in sustaining the needs of the children who were internally displaced from their homes. He mentioned that he knew and could sympathize with the burden of being students.

Another Tertiary Education Subsidy grantee, Arjester M. Kanihat, MSU Student, BS Nursing, shared his story on how he availed the Tertiary Education Subsidy. He informed the public that he had bought a laptop which is a necessity to students out of the money he got from the subsidy. He explained the benefits that one can get once he or she is a grantee.

Atty. Majul U. Gandamra who was represented by Superintendent Cairany D. Gandamra welcomed the guests to the city of Marawi. Superintendent Gandamra read the message of Mayor Gandamra to the participants.

The summit guest was introduced by Dr. Rody P. Garcia, OIC Regional Director of CHED Regional Office 9.

Dr. De Vera in his address said, "The Commission on Higher Education is here to participate in the Student Summit, as part of the Commission for the National Students' Day. This is part of the activities being done by



# Internationalization Accomplishment Report

by Atty. Prof. Renato S. Pacaldo, Ph.D., *Acting Executive Director, International Affairs and Linkages Office*  
Mindanao State University System

This report highlights the milestone of the internationalization program of President Habib W. Macaayong during his incumbency as the MSU System President. Since he assumed the office, President Macaayong has been instrumental in promoting MSU in local and international communities through academic and research collaboration with prestigious universities in Asia, Middle East, Turkey, United States, and Europe. Joint research projects, academic exchange programs, and international conferences have been successfully implemented and producing results in the form of research outputs, scholarships, and bilateral agreements.

## Memorandum of Agreements Signed by MSU with Foreign Institutions

### 1. MOU Between MSU and Kastamonu University, Kastamonu, Turkey on April 30, 2015

#### Areas of Partnership

- Faculty and Student Mobility (Erasmus and MEVLANA)
- Exchange of scientific materials, publications, and information
- Joint research and other activities
- Development and realization of joint educational programs and research proposals
- Publication of reports, articles, and other scientific materials
- Other forms of educational and scientific activities

#### Niche Programs:

- Forestry
- Fisheries
- Engineering
- Public Administration
- Islamic Theology
- Education
- Vocational Training

#### Accomplishments

- Meetings/Conferences:
  - On December 2015, KU's Rector visited MSU to reaffirm the commitments and explore the potentials for cooperation;
  - On July 23-25, 2017, President Habib Macaayong was extended a scholarship by the Turkish government to participate the Vice Chancellor's forum at Bilkent Hotel, Ankara, Turkey. During this conference, MSU has been officially placed under the satellite of the universities in Islamic Countries. This forum was participated by 313 Rectors from different Islamic Universities around the globe, it was an agreement of Islamic Universities to engage in academic exchange programs through joint research and degree programs.
  - On November 21-25, 2017, the Kastamonu University provided scholarship to two faculty members from MSU-Tawi Tawi, and one from MSU, to attend the International Ecotourism Conference.
  - January 26-30, 2018, eight delegates from various MSU Campuses visited Kastamonu University for benchmarking. The delegates include Dr. Macabankit Ati - Executive Vice President and head of the delegation, Dr. Mary Joyce Sali-Chancellor of MSU-TCTO, Chancellor Bai Soraya Sinsuat-Chancellor MSU, Maguindanao, Dr. Sultan Sarip-Chancellor, MSU Buug, Director Alnasul Sali, Ms. Sopia Maguid, Asst. Prof. Saminah Sarip, and Dr. Renato Pacaldo.
- Faculty Mobility/Exchange
  - On January 13-21, 2016, six faculty members of MSU went to Kastamonu University under the Erasmus to deliver their



- lectures at the university. These Faculty Members include Dr. Gerardo Gavine, Dr. Romeo Bornales, Asst. Prof. Reynald Gimena, Prof. Mary Joyce Sali, Prof. Henry Aringa, and Prof. Renato S. Pacaldo. This visit was also participated by President Habib Macaayong and his wife, Ms. Pamela Macaayong.
- On March 6-13, 2016, eight faculty members from Kastamonu University visited MSU-Main, MSU-IIT, and MSU-Naawan under the Erasmus program for lectures and exploration of research project collaboration. These faculty members include Prof. Ahmet Sivacioglu, Asso. Prof. Mirac Aydin, Asst. Prof. Kerim Guney, Prof. Rafet Ozcan, Prof. Saim Ates, Asso. Prof. Adem Yavuz Sonmez, Asso. Prof. Soner Bilen, and Prof. Mahmut.
- On August 2017, Yusuf-uddiyn Jamasali went to Kastamonu University for 15 days lectures program under the MEVLANA;
- In 2018, Dr. Evelyn Bigcas and Dr. Mahid Mangontarum, MSU Main Campus, also visited KU for 15-day lecture and research collaboration program under MEVLANA;
- Also, in 2018 Imlani Aynulyakin from MSU Tawi-Tawi also visited Kastamonu University for 15-day academic and research engagements under the MEVLANA program;
- On November 10-17, 2018, four Faculty members from Kastamonu University visited MSU-Marawi and MSU-IIT for research program and academic exchanges under the MEVLANA program, namely: Prof. Ahmet Sivacioglu, Asso. Prof. Mirac Aydin, Asst. Prof. Kerim Guney, and Prof. Tolga Ulusoy.

- Student Mobility/Exchange Program
  - On March 27-June 27, 2017, student mobility program under Erasmus+ was realized; one PhD student from MSU-IIT, Asso. Prof. Ernesto Empig, went to Kastamonu University and one PhD student from KU visited our campuses for a three month training program.
  - In return, one PhD student from KU, Keriman Yuruten Ozdemir, also visited MSU for three months research, from March 27-June 27, 2017.
  - Asso. Prof. Ernesto Empig of MSU IIT has been conducting his PhD Research in Kastamonu University starting last October 2019 until January 2020 with his advisers, Prof. Ahmet Sivacioglu, Prof. Renato S. Pacaldo, and Prof. Ruben Amparado.



*Giving of tokens after the signing of MOU between MSU and OSAU. In this Photo, the left side are the focal persons and scientists of the different programs.*

- Research Collaboration
  - From 2015 to date, Prof. Renato Pacaldo, MSU-Main Campus, has been engaging various researches in Kastamonu Turkey together with KU faculty members on various research projects related to biomass production, watershed management, soil organic carbon, and soil respiration.
  - On April 2017, two Faculty members from Faculty of Fisheries from KU, Asso. Prof. Adem Yavuz Sonmez and Asso. Prof. Soner Bilen, visited MSU-TCTO to conduct research together with MSU-TCTO scientists on seaweeds;
  - Nine collaboration research projects between KU and MSU had been funded by KU using its own internal funding. The first batch of KU researchers came to MSU Main campus on May 5-25, 2019 for a joint research project on soil respiration and essential oils studies.
    - Associate Prof. Dr. Mirac Aydin, a Forestry Faculty member, conducted a study on "Comparison of soil respiration rates between a man-made forest and naturally grown mixed forests". The research was collaborated by some faculty members of the College of Forestry, including Asst. Prof. Melencio Jalova, Jr, Asso. Prof. Nelieta Bedoya, Prof. Danilo C. Mero, Asso. Prof. Rodrigo Pontillas, Asst. Prof. Elias Egam, and Prof. Romeo Bornaes, Jr. The Team was also able to visit the research sites of mining rehabilitation program of Holcim Cement Industries in Luga-it, which will serve as one of the research sites of MSU-CFES.
    - Asst. Prof. Kerim Guney conducted research on essential oils, which was collaborated by Faculty members from Main Campus, namely: Dr. Fema

- Abamo, Dr. Beverly Amparado, Dr. Evelyn Bigcas,
  - On May 19, 2019, the second batch of researchers from KU arrived in Naawan campus to conduct a study entitled "Determination of pharmacokinetics and bioavailability of cefuroxime in tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*)". The researchers from KU include Asst Prof. Dr. Orhan ÇORUM, Asst Prof. Dr. Ertuğrul TERZİ, Yigit Tastan, and Osman Nezh Kenanoglu. On MSU Naawan side, the research team is headed by Dr. Ruby Gonzales. The researchers conducted the study from June 20-29, 2019.

- Scholarship Programs
  - International Conferences
    - MSU, in partnership with Kastamonu University (KU), Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), and SEAMEO BIOTROP, successfully hosted the first International Conference on Environment and Forest Conservation (ICEFC 2018) on November 18-23, 2018 at Dakak, Dapitan City
    - IPB, in partnership with MSU, KU, and SEAMEO BIOTROP, hosted the second ICFC in IPB Campus, Damarga, Bogor, Indonesia on October 1-3, 2019
    - KU, in partnership with MSU, IPB, and SEAMEO BIOTROP, will be hosting the third ICEFC in Kastamonu Turkey in 2021.
    - On November 23, 2017, Prof. Renato Pacaldo and Prof. Mary Joyce Sali presented papers and acted as session moderators in the first International Conference on Sustainable Ecotourism, held in Kastamonu University
    - On April 26-29, 2018, President Habib Macaayong, Vice Chancellor Cesar dela Sena, and Prof. Renato Pacaldo were awarded scholarship by KU to present papers in the first International Congress on Engineering and Life Sciences (ICELIS) to be held at Kastamonu, Turkey
    - On April 11-14, 2019, Prof. Renato Pacaldo participated as a Plenary Speaker in the second International Congress on Engineering and Life Sciences (ICELIS) in Kastamonu University, Turkey.

## 2. MOA Signing Between MSU and Turkish Higher Education Council (YOK) on July 1, 2019

### Mutual Projects

- Council of Higher Education in Turkey (CoHE) will prioritize the financial support of the scientific projects, development projects such as vocational training, short term non-degree courses, and other related training and programs, which will be conducted jointly the public universities of the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of the Philippines under "Project-Based Mevlana Exchange Programme".
  - Ten (10) scholarship slots that will be awarded each year, from 2019 to 2021, shall be distributed as follows:
    - Two (2) scholarships for the Undergraduate degree programs;
    - Four (4) scholarships for the Masteral degree programs;
    - Four (4) scholarship for the Doctoral Degree program.
- Accomplishments/Milestone
- Seven (7) Faculty members and one student from MSU-Marawi, MSU-TCTO, and MSU-Maguindanao have been awarded scholarship by the Turkish Higher Education Council to study Master and Doctoral Degree Programs in Turkey. They started the different programs

this semester (AY 2019) until they finish the programs in two years (MS Degree) or four years (PhD Degree). These faculty members and student include the following:

Name of Faculty/ Student	MSU Campus	Degree Program Applied	University in Turkey
Albaris B. Tahliluddin	MSU-Tawi Tawi	PhD in Fisheries-Aquaculture	Kastamonu University, Kastamonu City
Saima Abdullah Sansaluna	MSU Maguindanao	PhD in Foreign Language Studies	Cukurova University
Naima R. Sirad	MSU Marawi City	PhD in Biology Major in Microbiology	Erciyes University, Kayseri City
Mariam C. Kabirun	MSU Marawi City	PhD in Biology Major in Microbiology	Erciyes University, Kayseri City
Mohammad Faizar Y. Alonto	MSU Marawi City	MS in International Relations	Kastamonu University, Kastamonu City
Gerly-Ayn Jaafar Tupas	MSU-Tawi Tawi	MS in Fisheries Major in Aquaculture	Kastamonu University, Kastamonu City
Merilyn Que Amlani	MSU-Tawi Tawi	MS in Fisheries Major in Chemistry	Kastamonu University, Kastamonu City
Lyndel Kylie Roxette T. Tizon	MSU Marawi City	Bachelor of Science International Relations	Kastamonu University, Kastamonu City



Rector Mykhailo Broshkov and President Habib Macaayong during the signing of MOU between OSAU and MSU.

**3. MOU Between MSU and Bogor Agricultural University, Bogor, Indonesia on October 30, 2018**

**Areas of Partnerships**

- Academic and staff mobility
- Student exchange at undergraduate and graduate levels
- Development and realization of joint educational programs
- Joint research activities, symposium, and academic meetings
- Publication of articles, reports, and other scientific materials
- Exchange of academic information, publication, materials and knowledge

Other forms of educational and scientific activities as mutually agreed upon by both parties

**Niche Programs**

- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Fisheries
- Engineering

**Milestones/Outcomes**

- Meetings/Visits
  - o On December 3-8, 2019, President Habib Macaayong, Atty Renato Pacaldo, Dr. Evelyn Bigcas, Ms Pamela Macaayong, and Mohaimen Umpat visited Bogor Indonesia to further strengthen the cooperation between MSU System and the Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) and SEAMEO-BIOTROP. Pres Macaayong and his party were warmly welcomed by no less than the University Rector Dr. Arif Satria of IPB and his party and by the SEAMEO-BIOTROP Director Dr. Irdika Mansur and his Deputy Director for Program Dr Jess Fernandez
  - o On July 28-August 1, 2019, Prof. Renato Pacaldo, the Executive Director of International Affairs and Linkages of MSU System, visited IPB to finalize the arrangement of

the second International Conference on Environment and Forest Conservation 2019.

- Faculty Mobility/Exchange
  - o On July 2018, Dr. Evelyn Bigcas participated the International Training on Forest Fire sponsored by IPB Forestry Faculty
  - o On October 2019, Asst. Prof. Mudzna M. Asakil of MSU CIT participated the training on Forest Fire Management using information technology, particularly remote sensing.
- International Conferences
  - o On November 18-23, 2019, MSU and IPB co-hosted the first International Conference on Environment and Forest Rehabilitation 2018
  - o On November 1-3, 2019, IPB hosted the second International Conference on Environment and Forest Rehabilitation 2019, which was co-hosted by MSU, KU, and SEAMEO-BIOTROP
- On the Pipeline Research and Conference Projects
  - o Joint research projects on mining rehabilitation, biodiversity, and carbon sequestration
  - o International conference on biodiversity and forest conservation to be hosted by MSU

**4. MOU Between MSU and SEAMEO BIOTROP, Bogor, Indonesia on April 18, 2018**

**Areas of Partnerships:**

- Joint implementation of research activities on tropical forests and its related fields in a manner that will be mutually agreed upon by both parties
- Provision of technical advice in research and development on tropical environment and its related fields
- Joint training program, seminars, symposium, and conferences on tropical forest ecosystem and conservation and its related fields
- Joint publication of articles, reports, and other scientific materials
- Exchange of academic information, publication, materials, and knowledge exchange
- Other forms of educational and scientific cooperation as may mutually agreed upon by both parties



#### Niche Programs

- Forestry
- Fisheries
- Agriculture
- Mining Rehabilitation
- Essential Oils
- Short Term Training

#### Milestones/Outcomes

- Meetings/Visits
  - On December 3-8, 2019, President Habib Macaayong, Atty Renato Pacaldo, Dr. Evelyn Bigcas, Ms Pamela Macaayong, and Mohaimen Umpat visited Bogor Indonesia to further strengthen the cooperation between MSU System and the Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) and SEAMEO-BIOTROP. Pres Macaayong and his party were warmly welcomed by the SEAMEO-BIOTROP Director Dr. Irdika Mansur and his Deputy Director for Program Dr Jess Fernandez
  - On July 28-August 1, 2019, Prof. Renato Pacaldo, the Executive Director of International Affairs and Linkages of MSU System, visited SEAMEO BIOTROP for discussion on research projects, training programs, and joint international conferences.
- International Conferences
  - On November 18-23, 2019, MSU and IPB co-hosted the first International Conference on Environment and Forest Rehabilitation 2018
  - On November 1-3, 2019, IPB hosted the second International Conference on Environment and Forest Rehabilitation 2019, which was co-hosted by MSU, KU, and SEAMEO-BIOTROP
- On the Pipeline Research and Conference Projects
  - Training programs on mining rehabilitation, mushroom production, and essential oil production
  - Joint research projects on mining rehabilitation, biodiversity, and carbon sequestration
  - International conference on biodiversity and forest conservation to be hosted by MSU

#### 5. MOU Between MSU and Abdulrachman University College (TAR UC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on April 29, 2019

##### Areas of Partnerships

- Academic and administrative staff exchange programmes;

- Students mobility at the graduate, undergraduate, middle school, and secondary levels;
- Development and realization of joint educational programs, such as student internship;
- Joint research activities, organization of academic meetings and symposiums, publication of articles, reports, and other scientific materials, and applications for research funding;
- Exchange of academic information, publications, materials and knowledge;
- Other forms of educational knowledge and scientific activities as may be mutually agreed upon by both PARTIES.
  - Short Term Courses
  - Vocational Training
  - Senior High Mobility Program

#### Niche Programs

- Business (Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Finance)
- Computer Science and Information Technology
- Vocational Training

#### Milestones/Outcomes

- Meetings/Visits
  - On April 29, 2019, the Vice President of TAR UC for collaboration, Innovation and Entrepreneurship of Tunku Abdul Rahman University College, together with Dr. Lim Tong Ming, visited the MSU-Main, Marawi Campus to grace the two-day Research Colloquium and witnessed the signing of MoU between MSU and TAR UC. The MoU was signed by two Presidents, Dr. Habib W. Macaayong, for MSU and Prof. IR. Dr. Lee Sze Wei for TAR UC. This event was witnessed by MSU officials
  - On June 17-19, 2019, MSU delegates visited TAR UC. This visit was for the purpose of signing a Memorandum of Agreement for the short visit and learning program of senior high school in TAR UC. Although President Macaayong wished to visit TAR UC, he was not able to do it because of the eleventh hour change of his schedule. However, he sent VC Dr. Florencio Recoleta to represent him during the signing of MoA. Also, Atty Renato Pacaldo, PhD, the Acting Executive Director of International Affairs and Linkages Office of MSU System, and also Director Melba Angni, the former Director of Senior High School of MSU-Marawi.
- International Conferences
  - On January 2020, four Faculty members from the College of Information Technology will present their papers in the International Conference on Digital Technology in TAR-UC.
- Student Mobility
  - On November 24-December 10, 2019, twenty (20) Senior High Students from MSU-Main Campus visited TAR-UC for a 15-day exposure and learning program, with Prof. Ann Mitos Dizon and Art Marvin Aranas as their Chaperons.

#### 6. MOU Between MSU and State University of New York-Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, New York State, United States of America on July 18, 2019

##### Areas of Partnerships

- Joint development and implementation of research activities and product development on tropical and



subtropical environments and renewable energy and related fields in a manner that will be mutually agreed upon by both parties;

- Provision of technical advice in research, innovation and product development on tropical and subtropical environments and renewable energy and related fields;
- Collaborations on seminars, symposiums, conferences and training programs on tropical and subtropical forest ecosystem and conservation and other related fields;
- Joint publication of articles, reports, and other scientific materials;
- Exchange of research information, publications, materials and knowledge;
- Exchange of research faculty, staff and student assistants;
- Other forms of research and scientific cooperation as may be mutually agreed upon by both Parties

Niche Programs

- Forestry and Environmental Studies
- Environmental Engineering
- Renewable Energy

Research Projects and Programs on the Pipeline

- Biomass Research Project. MSU is planning to establish the first biomass research center in the country to address the scientific knowledge gaps related to the sustainability of the production system. Biomass, which is a source or renewable energy, has been considered as a tool to mitigate the CO2 emissions from CO2 polluting industries, such as coal power plants and cement industries. This is parallel to the government policies to promote clean energy sources to mitigate climate change impacts. SUNY-ESF is in the best position to help MSU in realizing this project considering that it is the leading HEIs in United States and North America in biomass production, particularly shrub willow biomass crops.
- Carbon Sequestration Research Projects. Carbon sequestration is one of the famous words usually quoted in climate change forums as a tool to counter the increasing atmospheric CO2 levels. However, limited knowledge products have been generated along this area of research. The MSU, through the College of Forestry and Environmental Studies has been actively partnering with the National Power Corporation in conducting carbon sequestration studies in its reforestation initiatives. With the promising results obtained in this project, the SUNY ESF wanted to explore deeper studies related to this subject, which is one of the focus of discussion with Dr. Timothy Volk.
- Mining Rehabilitation and Restoration Project. MSU

is also planning to lead in research related to mining rehabilitation and restoration, which is a major environmental issue in the country. Open pit mining, which is the most commonly employed mining practice among mining industries, has been causing destruction on the landscape; hence, it needs to be rehabilitated and restored. Although mining companies have been doing initiatives in restoration of vegetation, these initiatives remain fragmented due to lack of an overarching research center to focus on this area of research.

- Watershed Management and Hydrology Research Projects. The MSU Main campus is setting within the watershed area of Lake Lanao, which is the biggest inland lake in the country, and providing about 65% of the power energy in Mindanao. This is a critical watershed due to its role in power generation. Unfortunately, we have limited studies on hydrology and watershed management characterization, which needs to be addressed through joint research with SUNY-ESF scientists who are world class known experts.
- Fisheries and Ecotourism Research. Taking into account the strength of MSU system in fisheries and other aquaculture related researches, the MSU identified this research area as one of the focus of joint research and academic exchanges. SUNY ESF has a very strong fisheries programs with state-of-the art facilities and equipment.
- Environmental Sciences and Engineering Research. Some of the solutions to mitigate climate change impacts are soft and hard engineering infrastructures. SUNY ESF is one of the leading environmental schools in US with strong research in environmental sciences and engineering, which could support the MSU's environmental sciences and environmental engineering degree programs, both at undergraduate and graduate levels.
- International Conference on Biodiversity and Forest Conservation. This conference will be held on April 2020 in which SUNY ESF will be a co-host.

7. MOU Between MSU and Odesa State Agricultural University, Odesa, Ukraine on September 19, 2019

Areas of Partnerships:

- Academic and administrative staff exchange programmes;
- Students mobility at the graduate and undergraduate levels;



Two Rectors and International Coordinators. In this Photo (L-R): Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sivacioglu, Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, President Habib Macaayong, DPA and Atty Prof. Renato Pacaldo, PhD.



Giving of tokens after the signing of MoU between MSU and OSAU. In this Photo, the left side are the focal persons and scientists of the different programs.



MSU Delegates during the ICEFC2019 in IPB, Bogor, Indonesia. In this photo (L-R): Peter Suzon, Danilo Mero, Ahmet Sivacioglu, Anielyn Tampus, Alma Berowa, Lailan Syufina, Evelyn Bigcas, Zaida Halun, Nelieta Bedoya, Mudzna Asakil, Fema Abamo, Renato Pacaldo, Edgar Castañares, and Mariano Habagat.

- Development and realization of joint educational programs, such as student internship;
- Joint research activities, organization of academic meetings and symposiums, publication of articles, reports, and other scientific materials, and applications for research funding;
- Exchange of academic information, publications, materials and knowledge;
- Other forms of educational knowledge and scientific activities as may be mutually agreed upon by both PARTIES.

#### Niche Programs

- Agriculture

#### Research Projects and Programs on the Pipeline

- Establishment of biomass research center in OSAU with the technological help and guidance of MSU experts. Following the visit, OSAU created the task force biomass to organize the research team for the establishment of the research center using local funding support.
- Participation in the incoming conference on Environment and Mining Rehabilitation to be conducted in the Mindanao State University.
- Student and faculty exchange programs.

#### 8. MOU Between MSU and University Islam Malang (UNISMA), East Java, Indonesia on March 27, 2019

##### Areas of Partnerships:

- Faculty and Staff Mobility
- Exchange of publications and relevant academic and scholarly information
- Joint Research, Lectures and symposia
- Other activities deemed relevant as agreed by mutual consent

##### Niche Programs

- Business and Finance
- Islamic Science

##### Research Projects and Programs on the Pipeline

- Short-term courses and trainings on Islamic Sciences
- Capacity building on entrepreneurship

#### 9. MOU Between MSU and University Sains Malaysia (USM), Malaysia

##### Areas of Partnerships

- Establish collaborative environmental and biological research between USM and MSU;
- Develop and conduct joint publication, research projects and other programs in the educational and scientific fields;
- Establish Human Capital Development program, research attachment and postgraduate studies; and
- Any other cooperation that will be mutually identified and agreed upon by both Parties at a later stage

##### Niche Programs

- Business and Finance
- Islamic Science

##### Research Projects and Programs on the Pipeline

- Short-term courses and trainings on Islamic Sciences
- Capacity building on entrepreneurship

#### 10. MOU Between MSU and other Universities in Indonesia

##### NAME OF UNIVERSITIES

- 1 Islamic University of Jakarta
- 2 Universitas Muslim Indonesia
- 3 Universitas IBN Khaldun Bogor
- 4 Universitas Islam Bandung
- 5 STAI Darul Ulum Banyuwangi
- 6 Universitas Ma'arif Nahdlatul Ulama
- 7 Universitas Qomaruddin
- 8 Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Tarbiyah Al Fattah Siman-Lamongan
- 9 Universitas Swadaya Gunung Jati
- 10 University of Islam Darul Ulum Lamongan
- 11 STAI Al-Fattah Pacitan
- 12 Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Tarbiyah Sunan Giri Trenggalek
- 13 Universitas Nahdlatul Ulama Blitar
- 14 Universitas Tidar
- 15 Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Syariah Miftahul Ulum Lumajang
- 16 Sekolah Tinggi Ekonomi Islam Kanjeng Sepuh Sidayu Gresik
- 17 Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Tarbiyah Raden Santri Gresik
- 18 Politeknik Unisma Malang
- 19 Institut Ilmu Keislaman Zainul Hasan
- 20 Universitas Islam Madura
- 21 Insitut Agama Islam Darussalam

- 22 Institut Agama Islam Uluwiyah Mojokerto
- 23 Institut Agama Islam Qomaruddin Gresik
- 24 Institut Agama Islam Sunan Giri
- 25 Institut Agama Islam Ngawi
- 26 Universitas Maarif Hasyim Latif
- 27 Institut Agama Islam Bunga Bangsa Cirebon
- 28 Institut Agama Islam Darullughan Wadda'wah
- 29 Darussalam Islami Institution
- 30 Institut Agama Islam Al-Fatah As-Sunniah
- 31 STAI Nazhatut Thullab Sampang
- 32 STAI Nahdlatul Ulama (STAINU) Malang
- 33 Universitas Islam Raden Rhamat Malang
- 34 Universitas Widyagama Malang
- 35 Sekolah Tinggi Agama Islam
- 36 Graduate Programs STRKIP Pembangunan Indonesia
- 37 University of Abdurachman Saleh Situbondo
- 38 Sekolah Tinggi Agama Islam Hasanuddin
- 39 Universitas Islam Jemmer
- 40 Sekolah Tinggi Agama Islam Denpasar Bali
- 41 Universitas Al Asyariah Mandar
- 42 STKIP PGRI Jombang
- 43 University of 17 Agustus 1945 Banyuwangi

Date Signed: March 27, 2019

**Areas of Partnerships:**

- Faculty and Staff Mobility
- Exchange of publications and relevant academic and scholarly information
- Joint Research, Lectures and symposia
- Other activities deemed relevant as agreed by mutual consent

**Niche Programs**

- Islamic Science

**Memorandum of Understanding Signed by MSU with Local Institutions**

1. MOU Signing Between MSU and De La Salle University, Bacolod City on February 2, 2019

**Areas of Partnership**

- Academic mobility
- Short course program
- Social action and innovation

**Niche Program**

- Agriculture
- Law

2. MOU Signing Between MSU and De La Salle College Of Saint Benilde, Manila on May 3, 2019

**Areas of Partnership**

- Joint Educational Program
- Joint Organization of Int'l Conferences
- Collaboration research

**Niche Program**

- Hospitality Mgt
- Design, Architecture and Arts

3. Signing of MOU Between MSU and Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) on September 21, 2018 (First Batch and on September 16, 2019 (Second Batch)



During the signing of the second batch of DBP-RISE scholarship program. In this Photo (Front L-R): DBP President Emmanuel Herbosa, Dr. Rolando Metin, Member, DBP Board, and Atty Renato Pacaldo. At the back: Chancellor Ali, MSU\_GenSan, Chancellor Mary Joyce Sali, Regent Bob Lim, Director Hannah Marquez, and Raymart Tan.

Nature: Scholarship Program under the DBP Resources for Inclusive and Sustainable Education (DBP-RISE)

**Accomplishments/Milestone**

• Scholarship First Batch

	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
1	Abdulazis	Al-Fikre	H.Zaman
2	Abdulbasset	Arifah	Usman
3	Abdulsamad	Hormaima	Radiamoda
4	Alinor	Mohaima	Marohombsar
5	Almaida	Loreveh	C.
6	Andig	Albar	Gunting
7	Andig	Amina	Camim
8	Asistido	Carl Kenneth	Alapan
9	Bakar	Rasul	Omar
10	Bandrang	Princess As-Shaina	Abdulrahman
11	Barando	Amerah	Pitilian
12	Barrat	Abdul salam	Mamle
13	Bat-og	Rogelio	A.
14	Benito	Johardy	Raugan
15	Calauto	Hafsah	Mangrun
16	Calope	Gracelia	Pagulong
17	Dicritan	Sittie Ashia	Bacaraman
18	Dindo	Rasida	Undong
19	Gepulla	Raisajane	Bausing
20	H.Nashif	Amanoden	Dilabacun
21	Hadji Ali	Marjanna	Saidali
22	Malang	Al-Raffy	Dimangadap
23	Marandang	Aisha	Macalambos
24	Maruhom	Princess Aliah	Monding
25	Maruhom	Alyzza	Sailing
26	Musa	Azzidine	Sambolawan
27	Nashif	Amanoden	D.H.

28	Nasser	Almera	H. Razul
29	Pangandaman	Nabil	M
30	Saidali	Saliha	Gomambao
31	Sihawi	Hidayah	Abdulhamid
32	Sani	Noorainie	Mantorino
33	Torres	Reigh Lynn	Coronel

**International Conferences**

1. First International Conference on Environment and Forest Conservation (ICEFC 2018) on November 18-23, 2018 hosted by Mindanao State University System



**Partners**

Kastamonu University, Turkey  
 Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia  
 SEAMEO-BIOTROP, Indonesia

Venue: Dakak Beach Resort, Dapitan City

**Number of Participants:**

24 Foreign Delegates  
 155 Local Presenters and Participants

2. Second International Conference on Environment and Forest Conservation (ICEFC 2019) on November 18-23, 2018 hosted by Bogor Agricultural University (IPB)

**Co-Host/Partners**

Mindanao State University, Philippines  
 Kastamonu University, Turkey  
 SEAMEO-BIOTROP, Indonesia

Venue: IPB Campus, Damarga, Bogor, Indonesia

Number of Participants from MSU: 15

3. Southeast Asia International Transformational Entrepreneurship (SEAITE) 2.0 on October 23-24, 2018 hosted by Suranaree University Of Technology (SUT), Bangkok, Thailand



MSU Delegates during the SEAITE 2.0, Bangkok, Thailand. In this Photo (L-R): Michelle Layao, Melba Angni, Renato Pacaldo, Florencio Recoleta, Prof. Joan Lockyer (Conventry University), Art Marvin Aranas, Anne Mitos Dizon, and Husna Abdullah Dimapalao.

**Co-Host/Partners**

Coventry University, United Kingdom  
 Mindanao State University, Philippines  
 Tunku Abdul Rahman University College, Malaysia  
 Universitas Mercu Buana, Indonesia  
 Hanoi University of Science and Technology, Vietnam

**Number of Participants from MSU:**

Prof. Florencio Recoleta – Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
 Prof. Renato S. Pacaldo – Acting Executive Director, International Affairs and Linkages Office, MSU System  
 Asso. Prof. Anna Mitos Dizon – Faculty, CBA  
 Art Marvin Arañas – Faculty Member, CBA (Plenary Speaker)  
 Asso. Prof. Michelle Layao – Faculty Member, CSPEAR  
 Asst. Prof. Husna Abdullah Dimapalao- Faculty Member, Biology Department  
 MT Melba Angni – Member Secretariat, SEAITE 2.0  
 Project In Pipeline: MSU-CBA will host the SEATI 3.0 In 2020

4. International Conference On Islamic Finance on November 15-20, 2018 hosted by MSU-Main Campus at Manila



# A New Dawn for Marawi

by Henry P. Aringa, Ph.D.

The DOST-SEI Bangon Marawi Program in Science and Technology Human Resource Development (STHRD) was conceived primarily to help in the rehabilitation of the war stricken Marawi City. Through a scholarship, the program is geared towards helping both the students and faculty members who were primarily affected by the siege and who are studying in the field of Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics and other applied sciences such as Fisheries, Forestry, Agriculture,

In addition, Dr. Fortunato T. De La Peña approved the second batch of qualifiers of the program last September. Finally, last October 16, 2019, the signing of the Scholarship Contract by the recipients happened again at the Dimaporo Gynasium. This time, 169 undergraduate scholars along with their parents/guardians attended the orientation and contract signing activities. The table below shows some of the benefits that will be enjoyed by these scholars.



Psychology and Education majors in Sciences and Mathematics.

It should be recalled that last January 26, 2018, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed by Dr. Josette T. Biyo, representing the Science Education Institute (SEI), and Dr. Habib W. Macaayong, representing the Mindanao State University. The event happened at the CHARM Pavilion and was attended by several university officials as well as officials from the DOST led by Dr. Fortunato T. De La Peña, DOST Secretary and one of the signatories of the said MOA. Last April 6, 2018, the most awaited time had come. The signing of the Scholarship Contract by the Batch I recipients ( 212 Undergraduate and 30 Graduate students ) happened at the Dimaporo Gymnasium.

Table 1: Privileges of the recipients of the DOST-SEI Bangon Marawi Scholarship Program.

Scholars	Monthly Stipend	Book Allowance per Semester	Thesis Allowance
Undergraduate Scholars	P7,000.00	P5,000.00	P10,000.00

Eighteen (18) MS and PhD scholars of the said program also joined the orientation and contract signing activities.

"This program seeks to have a long-term effect on your city as we want you to be the ones to spark the rehabilitation of human and social infrastructures of Marawi", DOST-SEI Director Dr. Josette T. Biyo said during the orientation program. "In the next few years, we believe that the Bangon Marawi scholars are already equipped with the knowledge and skills to bring a new dawn to Marawi", Biyo added.



# 30 MSU Students Receive Dompét Dhuafa Republika Foundation Scholarship Grants

by Dr. Abdulcader M. Ayo, Dean, KFCIAAS



The Mindanao State University-Main Campus was given scholarship grants from Dompét Dhuafa Republika Foundation which was initiated by Sahraman H. Latip and Dr. Abdulcader M. Ayo. With this particular and appreciatory blessing, it was immediately conveyed to the President Habib W. Macaayong with the presence of the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Florencio D. Recoletto, Jr., Vice President for Finance Atty. Alauya Jr., Vice President Paca, other MSU officials for the signing of Memorandum of Understanding and Memorandum of Agreement between the foundation and MSU-Main Campus. Present also were the Education Development Manager of Dompét Dhuafa at the same time the Manager of Education Development of Dompét Dhuafa Republic Foundation in person of Purwa Udi Utomo and the Manager of Scholarship Program of Education Development Dhuafa Republic Foundation, Fherdes Setiawan.

The main financial source of the foundation uses is the zakat of the Muslims around the world. Their main office is situated in Jakarta, Indonesia with the mission of: "Education Scholarship for poor and needy students who are primarily included in the 8 types of persons to receive Zakat." This project had already started this first semester AY 2018-2019. Screenings from different colleges were done for maximum participation and selection where 30 freshmen from MSU-Main Campus will be granted the scholarship. They will be receiving P2,500 every month within 4 years. It gives free accommodation, inclusive of separate buildings for men and women. Inside the said house are supervisors who will supervise these students' needs and other concerns. The KFCIAAS got 30% of the slots corresponding to 9 students. The rest which is 70% or 21 students were distributed and allocated to the different colleges of the University.

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shown in its programs, faculty activities, quality of graduates, and outputs in instruction, research, and extension activities. The ever changing directions of Philippine higher education saw the University spearheading massive efforts towards relevance and renewal under the lead efforts of the PASUC ( Philippines Association of State Universities and Colleges), with Dr. Alonto as president of the latter. Existing academic programs and other institutional mandates continued to be pursued with renewed vigor, despite meager resources.

## Academic Excellence through Accreditation

As the mother campus, the MSU at Marawi holds aloft the noble desire of the University to maintain quality education through the quest for academic excellence. In addition to curricular innovations and continuing faculty development, the university submitted itself to the accreditation process with the ACCUP. Under the leadership of the 4th University President, Dr. Emily Marohombsar (1993-98), seeds of accreditation were planted and his complimented well the various institutional activities geared to captured relevance and practicality. Five (5) colleges of the University at Marawi have successfully gone through at least the first level of accreditation. Another two colleges were on deck, while other campuses of the university were preparing to submit for accreditation.

The latent impact of accreditation has spurred enthusiasm from the academic sector to continue with existing institutional efforts to accelerate growth and in pursuing academic excellence. Centers of Excellence and Development were achieved by the University and in other autonomous campuses. The administration as Acting President Diamel Lucman (1999), though very brief, saw vigorous support of these institutional objectives through

institutional renewal, relevant personnel reorientation schemes, and necessary repairs of physical infrastructure and facilities.

Institutional Growth through Peace Development and Information Technology

The University seeks to hold on its steady course towards development, despite recurring problems on resources and instability. Under Dr. Camar A. Umpa, the 5th President of the University (1999-2005), the pursuit towards sustained institutional growth and progress, still under the loft goal of academic excellence, must consider issues impinging on organizational stability and continuity of work. Given the additional pressures of competitiveness in the global market, the university has embarked on a twin approach to organizational growth. These are the institutionalization of programs on peace development and information technology. This institutional outlook is anchored on the perspective that no development is feasible and possible where there is the lack or absence of peace and stability. In the same vein, attainment of peace may be possible utilizing a number of proven methods, but the role of information technology is very crucial as well. The acquisition and dissemination of information may now be passed on from the more traditional procedures of broadcast and print media to computer-assisted and Internet Web facilities. In considering these two-pronged options to institutional growth, the primordial goal of the University to maintain academic excellence in its institutional activities and mission is not at all a matter of wishful thinking succeeding university administrations sustained and improved on the foregoing institutional thrust, while exploring other avenues of continued growth and relevant growth directions. *(To be continued)*



## MSU-Main Campus Participates in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Seminar on Islamic Higher Education (SEIPTI 2019) at Gadong, Brunei Darussalam

by Dr. Abdulcader M. Ayo, Dean, KFCIAAS

On November 5, 2019, some officials and faculty from Mindanao State University-Marawi City travelled to Brunei, Darussalam to participate in the 6th Regional Seminar on Islamic Higher Education with the theme: "Towards Excellence in Islamic Higher Education in the Industrial Revolution 4.0 Era" held at Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali, Negara Brunei Darussalam. It was a two-day international seminar which began on the 6th day of November 2019. They were also joined by other delegates from different universities. The trip was spearheaded by the Board of Regents' Secretary Usman D. Aragasi and the University Registrar Ansano Ampog. With them who had their paper presentations were: the Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Minombao Ramos-Mayo, the Dean of the College of Health Sciences, Dr. Naima D. Mala, the Dean of the King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies, Dr. Abdulcader M. Ayo, the KFCIAAS' Secretary, Prof. Omayyah T. Amer-Tarathingan, Dr. Sohra Sharief, Prof. Zahiya B. Hadji Salih, Prof. Jawad Z. Salic, and Abu-Azmie Saidona Tagoranao of MSU Marantao.

The Assistant Rector, of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali, Yang Mulia Dr. Arman bin Haji Asmad delivered his welcome remarks followed by the speech of the guest of honor of the Minister of Religious Affairs in Negara Brunei Darussalam. Keynote speaker, Dr. Mohd Rusdan bin Mohd Jailani, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia discussed the importance of the theme where he emphasized that Industrial Revolution 4.0 narration is a moral case where institutions must prepare their students to be wise, and well-equipped to reap its benefits and prevent its pitfalls. He added that the strategy an Islamic University should be a strong metaphysical and epistemological knowledge paradigm, technology and skills to be nurtured and encouraged to thrive in Industrial Revolution 4.0, and creating collaboration and niche in the chief sectors revolving Industrial Revolution 4.0. He ended with a quote from Alvin Toffler, "the illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn."

One of the highlights for the first day was the special forum regarding the theme, which was participated by the presidents of different universities, and by Dr. Minombao Ramos-Mayo

representing the MSU-Main Campus. In the afternoon, the parallel session began where the Dean Ramos-Mayo presented her paper entitled: "Teachers' Characteristics and Other Student Variables Affecting Students' Performance Among Secondary Schools in Lanao del Sur, Bangsamoro Area Dr. Naima D. Mala presented also her paper entitled: "The Extent of Work Engagement and Reflective Practice Among Nurse Educators in the Different Nursing Schools in Marawi City, Philippines; and Dr. Sohra C. Sharief presented "Project Madrasah Education."

For the theme the parallel session continued on the second day. The morning presenters Maqasid Shari'ah and Halal Sciences were Prof. Omayyah T. Amer-Tarathingan with her paper entitled, "The Qur'an as Basis of the Articles on Marriage and Divorce Under PD1083 (The Code of Muslim Personal Laws of the Philippines) as Perceived by Ulama and Professional in Mindanao State University, Marawi City", Abu-Azmie Saidona Tagoranao with his paper entitled, "The Contributions of the Mindanao State University in the Development of the Shari'ah Courts in the Philippines", Prof. Zahiya B. Hadji Salih, with her paper entitled, "Halal Branded Foods in Marketing Industry as It Relates to Meranaw Consumers", and Prof. Jawad Z. Salic with his paper entitled, "Creation of Halal Certification Supervision: The Case of Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte." Another presenter in the other venue was the Dean of the KFCIAAS, Dr. Abdulcader M. Ayo who presented his paper, "The Participation of Muslim Filipinos in the Political System in the Philippines."

The said international seminar concluded with the signing of Consortium of i-QRA by USIM, UNISSA, UNIDA, FTU and MSU presentation of SEIPTI 2019 Resolution spearheaded by the BOR Secretary Usman D. Aragasi, the University Registrar Dr. Ansano Ampog, and Dr. Abdulcader M. Ayo.

The productive and meaningful Brunei expedition also featured a City Tour of the MSU participants where they went to the Omar Ali Saifuddin Mosque, Jame Asr Hassanil Bolkiah Mosque, the Palace Istana Nurul Iman, Royal Regalia Museum, the Empire Hotel and Brunei Wet Market.



## MSU holds first AC US Embassy Talks

by Nasrimah R. Sampaco

The American Corner Marawi in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines, University Library, Office of Information, Press, and Publication (OIPP), Division of Student Affairs (DSA), English Majors' Society (EMS), MSU Marawi Debate Varsity (Rostrum), Supreme Student Government (SSG), MSU Integrated Laboratory School (ILS), and Social Hub for Education (SHE) held the first American Corner (AC) US Embassy Talks Marawi with the theme: "Harnessing the Power Within: Championing our Own Stories, Challenges, and Advocacies," on September 25, 2019 at the Convention Center, MSU-Main Campus.

AC US Embassy Talks is a signature program of American Spaces of US Embassy in the Philippines patterned with Technology Entertainment Design (TED) Talks. It aims to fortify the American core value on free access to information and to highlight the triumphs and stories of the speakers in their US exchange experience that may lead to the continuous professional development of others.

It was attended by both high school and college students from different academic institutions in the city, and by some faculty and staff of MSU-Marawi who served as captive listeners to the stories featured.

Former Executive Vice President and now a Senior Professional Lecturer in MSU, Dr. Datumanong A. Sarangani emphasized on his welcome address the importance of American Corner as a tool facility in the University particularly in strengthening the partnership between the Philippines and the United States by providing information sources, resource sharing and expertise.

The AC US Embassy Talks starred three high calibre MSU alumni. The first speaker was Sittie Jehanne U. Mutin, JD, CES, Major in the Army Reservist Command (AVESCOM), a prominent public servant. She was also an alumna of US Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) and is currently working with civil society's organizations for her advocacy on peace, culture, human rights and gender.

Mutin spoke about "Girl Power, You Have it or Can Have It: An Empowerment Talk," where she gave emphasis to the roles played by women in social transformation despite their struggles in engaging in development. She said that women can also be a source of power and not just as helpless victims of societal injustices, "By becoming power, we eliminate the disadvantages against us, even with one word at a time."

"Not only girls can aspire, they can lead... Together we can realize the full potential of every girl in this room and in our communities. That is the power of all, the power of caring for others, and of living that you can be an instrument for the good of many," she added.

Forester Asmarie M. Labao, a young Moro journalist, environmentalist and an alumnus of US Department of State Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) who is currently working in ARMM-DENR-Lanao del Sur as Forestry Supervisor and designated as an Information Officer and Chief in Forest

### "Harnessing the Power Within: Championing our Own Stories, Challenges, and Advocacies"

Management Unit of CENRO 2-B, inspired the audience with his story of being a barrio kid who became a GMA Stand for Truth Reporter.

"I came from an average family from a poor barrio but what I can definitely tell you is I am a dreamer like you.. I realized that why I am in to media is because of the stories of the Meranaws and bangsamoro that need to be heard, written, and aired in national broadcast," he said.

He also challenged the young Moro especially those from small barrios in Lanao to never let go of their dreams, "Oba kalokalo na so mga wata a taga inged na makapanamar siran mambo



a masuwa eran si Mr. Asmarie Labao a GMA Stand for Truth."

The last resource person to speak was Atty. Rashid V. Pandi, a trailblazing academician and lawyer, and an alumnus of US Department of State Global UGRAD and ACCESS Philippines (now PYLP) who is presently working as associate-at-law at Romulo Mabanta Buenaventura Sayoc and De los Angeles in Cebu City.

Atty. Pandi talked about the "Rights of Nature Movement: Shifts in International Environment Law and Implications for Municipal Law," where he enlightened the crowd especially the Meranaw (people of the Lake) to do some efforts in preserving Lake Lanao.

"There is an inspiration that we can draw somewhere for our own Lake Lanao.. Our identity is a ripple of Lake Lanao, Lake Lanao is a ripple of us. For several years, we have benefited from her, exploited her, and enjoyed our rights because we thought that we own her. I think, it is about time we give Lake Lanao her own sets of rights before it is too late," he concluded.

Director Elin Anisha C. Guro of the University Library and the lead organizer of the event closed the program by showing her gratitude to everyone. She also assured everyone that this will not be the last AC US Embassy Talks that will be held in and by the University.



## Consortium on Democracy and Disinformation, MSU Library, American Corner, OIPP and English Department Conduct an Event on Democracy and Disinformation

by Director Aliah P. Cali-Pascan, J.D., MPA, Sh.L.

On October 16, 2018, University Library, Mindanao State University and the Consortium on Democracy and Disinformation partnered for "Return to Truth: Democracy and Disinformation in Marawi. This is co-presented by the American Corner, the English Department, the Communication Studies Department, the Office of Information, Press and Publication (OIPP) and the English Majors' Society.



It was attended by the MSU system President Habib W. Macaayong, DPA. He welcomed the guests and participants. He said, "Through instruction, the University propagates truth, and through research, it discovers new knowledge and truths. There could not be a setting more ideal for uprooting or starting the eradication of untruths than academe."

Director Elin Anisha Guro, CESE presented a case study entitled, "Disinformation: Marawi Context." She shared the difference between misinformation and disinformation. She gave examples of each concept so the participants could grasp the two concepts. She said, "Disinformation is a deliberate act to malign a person while misinformation is to mislead the information without malice." She cited instances to eradicate disinformation in the society and even in social media which is to verify information.

Related to this, Pres. Macaayong said, "It is society that provides the fertile soil on which disinformation thrives. He emphasized, "I see values education and ethics as basics that we need to strengthen and emphasize more in the Academe. I believe that extirpating

disinformation is everyone's business."

The presence of OIPP as co-partner is relevant as it is its business to engage itself in advocacies to engage in verifiable information and its niche is to propagate information to the MSU constituents. OIPP shared its thoughts and experiences during the event, which included the discussion of OIPP's experience focused on the social media encountered in its Facebook page.

Manuel Mogato and Marian Pastor were among the invited guests. Mr. Mogato is the Pulitzer Prize awardee from Reuter who shared his experience in journalism and provided information on the sprouting of fake news. He said, "fake news was an old story. It was only fuelled because of technology. And the manipulation of information can affect the journalistic professionalism". He showed photos to support his sharing. He further related that democracy in journalism is limited with policies and laws as mentioned in the Constitution. Marian Pastor, who is a famed curator and author discussed the impact of disinformation on democracy. She explained the legal basis underlining the democratic way of sharing information in the media.

Froilan Gallardo of the Inquirer and Carol Arguillas of Mindanews were among the panelists. They discussed the relationship of disinformation and media. In the afternoon, its highlights were the discussion on the Architects of Networked Disinformation by John Nery from Consortium on Democracy and Disinformation. Consortium on Democracy and Disinformation is a consortium of several media groups that work on various initiatives toward fighting fake news, improving literacy on media and putting press freedom with to address the threats that online disinformation posed to media and democracy. The media groups are Philippine Daily Inquirer, Rappler, the ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC), VERA Files, the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle Philippines, the University of the Philippines, BlogWatch, Media Nation, Citizen Safe, Foundation for Media Alternatives, and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation.

After the discussion on the Psychology of Disinformation delivered by Faridah D. Alango, the event ended with "A Way Forward" discussion on what can be done to fight disinformation.



# MSU-TIC hosts SECon 2019

by Prof. Richard S. Celeste, MBM, REB

The MSU-Technology and Innovation Center co-hosted the Social Enterprise Conference on November 3-4, 2019 at the MSU-CHARM Pavilion. In partnership with Marawi Tourism Social Enterprise (MTSE), the event sought to highlight recent trends in social entrepreneurship as a feasible and promising tool for economic development in the Bangsamoro region. Over a hundred social enterprises, cooperatives, aspiring entrepreneurs and students gathered to form a collaboration in developing, strengthening and promoting social entrepreneurship initiatives.

**“Our major objective in hosting SECon 2019 is to educate participants on the potential of Social Enterprise in solving BARMM’s most pressing problems,”**

said Annas C. Deriposun, MTSE Chief Executive Officer. “We want to facilitate meaningful discussion on the key challenges of various communities in the region and help them look for solutions such as organizing social enterprises,” he added.

SECon 2019 is sponsored by Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament Member (MP) Atty. Maisara Damdamun Latiph who delivered a message



**“We have recently established the Technology and Innovation Center, Entrepreneurship Training and Promotion Office and MSU Intellectual Property Office to strengthen our support to micro, small and medium enterprises in the region”.**



Photo shows MSUS President Habib W. Macaayong, DPA joined by MSU Officials, Faculty, Students and staff along with VIP/guests from left: Asmarie A. Labao (Anchor, GMA Network), Hon. Mohammad Khalid R. Adiong (Vice Gov. LDS), Atty. Maisara D. Latiph (MP, BTA-BARMM), Dr. Cesar A. Dela Sena (Vice Chancellor Research & Extension) at SECon 2019.

of encouragement to existing and aspiring social entrepreneurs. “Our office focuses on making legislations relevant to our people, and this includes developing, strengthening and providing financial assistance to social enterprises geared towards economic development in the region,” she shared. “We are also committed to investing in people empowerment, clean environment for our planet and long-lasting peace in BARMM,” she added.

MSU System President Dr. Habib W. Macaayong also graced the event and inspired everyone to continue doing a social mission for the betterment of the underprivileged and disadvantaged sectors of society. “MSU is committed to provide technical and business consultancy services to our entrepreneurs. We have recently established the Technology and Innovation Center, Entrepreneurship Training and Promotion Office and MSU Intellectual Property Office to strengthen our support to micro, small and medium enterprises in the region,” he said.

The two-day conference is also supported by the provincial government of Lanao del Sur. Vice Governor Mohammad Khalid Raki-in Adiong joined the event and encouraged the youth to take part in social advocacies such as social entrepreneurship. “We’re putting much weight on economic development in making policies and legislations, so our people will be empowered and that there will be a lasting peace in Lanao del Sur,” he shared.

Meanwhile, the social entrepreneurs showcased their innovative, creative and unique products to everyone’s delight. Successful social entrepreneurs also shared their success stories to appreciative audience.

# Technology and Innovation Center's MSU Intellectual Property Office (MIPO) Joins the IPOPHL's IP Policy Writeshop

by Ayeesha-Maruki A. Macarambon, MSU Intellectual Property Office (MIPO), Technology & Innovation Center



Participants of the President's Summit 2019 take a photo opportunity after the massive discussion on The Philippine Technology Transfer Act and the IP Code, Ownership of IP and Rights of Use, Research Contracts, Commercialization of IP, Governance and Operation, Incentives and Benefit Sharing, Conflicts of Interest and Conflicts of Commitments, Dispute Resolution

In line with the Memorandum of Agreement between the University and the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) and as one of the newest host institutions for the Innovation and Technology Support Office (ITSO), the MIPO/ITSO is extensively participating with series of training courses provided/hosted by the IPOPHL in order for the University to be capacitated and well-equipped in Intellectual Property (IP) management and technology transfer, and eventually provide high impact technologies.

During the President's Summit 2019 hosted by the IPOPHL, the Director of Documentation, Information, and Technology Transfer Bureau (DITTB), Atty. Mary Grace Cruz-Yap, said that to justify the need to have an ITSO in every institution, she cited the new mandate for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in 2013, where schools and universities are mandated to adopt IP policies that would govern the creation and use of university IPs. This is to safeguard the intellectual creations of the learning institution and its employees.

On October 9-11, 2019, IPOPHL hosted a three-day policy writeshop on IP to help universities draft and develop their own IP policy. The purpose was mainly to guide and equip the universities with the needed skills for over-all IP management—from creation to protection, technology transfer and commercialization. It was held at the IPOPHL Training Hall, McKinley Hill, Taguig City.

The following lectures were discussed in the writeshop: Technology Development, Patents, and Copyright, The Philippine Technology Transfer Act and the IP Code, Ownership of IP and Rights of Use, Research Contracts,

Commercialization of IP, Governance and Operation, Incentives and Benefit Sharing, Conflicts of Interest and Conflicts of Commitments, Dispute Resolution

The Director of Technology and Innovation Center (TIC), Dir. Sarifa-Sofia M. Ali and yours truly attended the said writeshop. Other State Colleges and Universities (SUCs) also attended the writeshop.

The three-day policy writeshop was extensive and hectic as the participants were tasked or required to draft their own IP Policy and submit it on the last day. The members of the Innovation Bureau (IB) will review the IP Policy drafted to share their insights and suggestions for a well-drafted IP Policy that will govern the use, protection and management of IPs and afterwards the IPOPHL thru DITTB will submit the IP policy drafts of all participating universities to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and to their respective university Presidents for information, suggestions and approval.

The DITTB highly suggested that the draft should conform to the Memorandum of Agreement between the IPOPHL and CHED which focuses on the integration of IP course in the curriculum of universities and colleges.

MIPO was able to draft an IP Policy for the University. The draft is still subject for amendments or revisions by a committee focused on the drafting of University's IP Policy of MSU Main Campus to be spear-headed by the Vice Chancellor for Research Extension and Development (OVCREd), TIC Director, University Legal Office Director and other select members from faculty research experts of the University. This committee will be created by the MSU President in the near future.



The 2019 Plotting Points participants with Plenary and Break-out sessions Speakers.

## University Museum Participates in the 2019 Plotting Points Museum Summit

Now on its second iteration, and because museums are faced with complexities that confront their purpose, commitments, challenges and vision for the future, Plotting Points 2019 once again convened museum workers, museum practitioners and other stakeholders for a three-day summit, October 7 to 9, 2019, at the RBC Plaza, Makati, Metro Manila, to discuss the future direction of the museums in the country, with this year's theme, "Museums for the Future: Connections. Interpretations. Impact."

The summit was hosted by Yuchengco Museum with the support of the National Commission of Culture and the Arts (NCCA), 2019 Museums and Galleries Month, Museum Foundation of the Philippines and Metrobank Foundation.

The biannual summit is the premier gathering of museum practitioners across the country in a professional setting.

Practitioners and specialists were brought together for sharing and critical examination of the future of museums. The summit was comprised of three structured plenary sessions in the morning and three break-out sessions in the afternoon. Each session was followed by a question and answer portion to inspire discussion between participants and the speakers. The sessions are opportunities to learn from the sages of museology and curating. The

summit also provided a space for museum workers and practitioners to learn from each other during lunch and afternoon snacks.

The aim of Plotting Points is to reassess the field of Museology and curating. "We have to regroup and reassess and move forward to strengthen our identity as institutions of story-telling", said Mercedes L. Vargas, Director of Lopez Museum and Library (Host of Plotting Points 2017) in the Opening Ceremony. "Maybe with Plotting Points, we can connect the dots and move forward

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The Mindanao Team - MSU Tawi Tawi, MSU IIT and MSU Main Campus.

together," said Jeannie E. Javelosa, Curator of Yuchengco Museum (this year's summit host).

The summit was filled with stories of achievements and challenges of Museum directors, managers and curators. Museums today face complexities. There was a time when museums were considered boring and only for the elitist, but now they are slowly getting the attention they deserve. "Sadly in the country, there is absence of museum culture," said Marie Venus Q. Tan, Chief Operating Officer of Tourism Promotions Board. In 2018, according to the Museum Database, there are over 600 museums in the Philippines, "but it is not inherent in the Filipino life to visit a museum. To develop museum culture in the country, there has to be increased cooperation between tourism and museums," said Tan.

Dr. Anilyn Salvador-Amores, Summit Program Director said, "To thrive, museums should do innovations through exhibitions, workshops and activities like guided tours. Effective communication is the key. Museums should redefine their goals and objectives, to adjust to the changing times." She also said that the participants "should take the curatorial challenge and understand the genealogy of the exhibit, and this is when research comes in."

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## MSU Marawi: Unleashing the Tradition of Research towards a Research University

by Dr. Jamel R. Cayamodin, Sh.L.

This centuries-old tradition has been regarded as one of the most efficient approaches of diverse disciplines in the science and art to understand the occurrence and remedies of various phenomena in the society. In fact, this is one of the integral functions of any academic institution, which is to conduct and promote scientific researches on various phenomena that concern people and affect the operation of the society in different ways. Hence, the administration of research-related activities and programs by the MSU Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development (OVCRED) under the tutelage of MSU System President Dr. Habib W. Macaayong is timely and most laudable given the challenges and diverse phenomena we face in the contemporary time.

One of the highlight programs in MSU following the celebration of the founding anniversary of the University is the "In-house Research Review" designed to provide suitable venue for the evaluation of researches in the University. On October 24, 2019, OVCRED conducted the MSU Marawi Campus In-House Research Review with the theme, "Bolstering MSU Marawi Campus Service Communities through Relevant Research" which convened faculty and students from different areas of specialization to showcase their researches. In his opening remarks, DR. CESAR A. DELA SEÑA, the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development, astonished the participants and guests during his eloquent speech focused on the role and significance of scientific and ethical research in nation-building. He also showcased the recently launched research and extension programs of MSU-OVCRED which are pioneering in nature. DR. ALMA E. BEROWA, Vice President for Academic Affairs, showed high appreciation to the program which is an important platform that paves the way for quality research outputs, and should be promoted further for the best interests of MSU and its constituents.

The event was graced by the participation of a select brilliant panel of professors coming from other auxiliary branches of the university – MSU-IIT and MSU Naawan – who were appointed as evaluators of researches being presented from two different clusters: (1) Social Sciences, Humanities and Education; and (2) Pure and Applied Sciences. The clusters were competed in two categories – (1) Oral Presentation and (2) Poster. For Oral Presentation, it was the King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies (KFCIAAS) represented by Dr. Jamel R. Cayamodin who won the 1st Place under Cluster 1 with his paper entitled, "The Triumvirate Quandaries of Muslims in the Philippines: An Exposition of Said Nursi's Hypothesis vis-à-vis Hizmet Movement Approach". The 1st Place was shared by the College of Health Sciences (CHS) represented by Sittie Ainah M. Mai who presented her paper entitled, "Factors Influencing Malnutrition Status among Children

**“ In virtually every subject area, our knowledge is incomplete and problems are waiting to be solved. We can address the holes in our knowledge and those unresolved problems by asking relevant questions and then seeking answers through systematic research ”**

- Leedy & Ormrod, 2010



0 to 71 Months of Age in the Municipality of Bubong Lanao del Sur." Dr. Hamdy Muhyuddin D. Barra representing the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (CNSM) won the 1st Place for Cluster 2 with his paper entitled, "An Innovative and Cost-Effective Synthesis of Nanothermochromic VO<sub>2</sub>-PVP Composite Film for Smart Window Application." For Poster, Mr. Hamdoni K. Pangandaman of CHS, and Ms. Luthfia R. Amerol of CNSM won the 1st Places for Cluster 1 and 2 respectively.

Indeed, the promotion of the tradition of research among faculty and students of MSU will not only help them advance their career development, but it will likewise pave the way for MSU to attain the status of a "Research University" in the future. This will eventually uplift the status of MSU in both national and international university rankings. Although university rankings may not be the sole criterion to assess the competitiveness of one university, it is popularly known and accepted norm as the epitome that signifies the competitiveness of universities around the world, the quality of graduates they produce, and the intensity of extension services they will likely to contribute to the society. MSU with her OVCRED is thrilled to take the challenge in unleashing the tradition of research among faculty and students towards achieving the status of a Research University.

# MSU Main's HRDO Hosts System Wide Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Workshop

by Amer D. Pangandaman, MPA

The Human Resource Development Office of Mindanao State University – Main Campus hosted a system wide data privacy and Cybersecurity seminar workshop held at International Convention Center, MSU Main Campus Marawi City on October 3 and 4, 2019 in an effort to promote awareness about the Data Privacy Act and its implementing rules and regulations.

Selected officials (Office of the Chancellors, Human Resource Development Offices, Registrars, Data Protection Officers, Office of Information, Press and Publications, Admission Offices) hailing from MSU campuses attended the seminar workshop.

Also in attendance were the University System President Dr. Habib W. Macaayong, Vice President for Planning and Development, Prof. Rasid Paca, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Atty. Saadudin M. Alauya Jr., Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Prof. Florencio Recoleta and the Board of Regents Secretary Usman Aragassi.

The event was officially started with the welcome and opening remarks by the MSU Main HRDO Director Amer D. Pangandaman. University System President Dr. Habib W. Macaayong delivered a message before the seminar proper.



The seminar, which was facilitated by National Privacy Commission Officials, exhaustively discussed the obligation of the organizations in terms of protecting the data that they handle. The speakers also discussed the implication of the law in academic setting and shared tips on how to protect personal and sensitive information from being exploited. Apart from the specific provisions of the law, facilitators emphasized the importance of abiding by the data Privacy Act and underscored the fines and penalties imposed on those who will violate its guidelines.

The seminar was finally concluded with the closing remark of Campus Data Protection Officer, Saadre D. Rago.

## Amid Road Regulations Checks, MSU Offers Free Bus Rides

by Hasmin M. Tambidan

The AFP and PNP called on motorists for strict compliance of road regulations such as "No License, No Driving" rule and LTO registration for safety and security improvement. Considering the number of identified violators, the unavailability of passenger vehicles became a challenge to commuters particularly students, faculty and staff of the Mindanao State University. To help alleviate the stressful and inconvenient condition experienced by commuters and to ensure that they arrived home safely, the MSU System President Habib W. Macaayong, DPA in the early weeks of November initiated free bus rides.

The said free bus ride was offered to MSU students, faculty and staff going downtown. To avail the free ride, all they needed to do was show their ID. The MSU buses were parked in front of PLH Dormitory from 4:00PM and were available even after office hours. The free bus rides went on for four successive days where most of the passenger vehicles resumed their operations upon clearance from AFP and PNP. This generous act by the MSUS President was also made possible through the assistance of Motorpool and Water System Division (MWSD) and Department of Security Services (DSS).



# Breeding and Utilization of Superworm (*Zophobas morio*) as Human Food

by Prof. Emma Mituda-Sabado

Currently there is a global concern for increasing population along with decreasing arable land, extreme weather conditions, worsening pollution, poverty, hunger and malnutrition. Scientists are finding ways to solve these problems and one of the identified solutions is the utilization of edible insects as human food.

The potential of insects as food to meet future global food demands has been explored, recognized and gained support from international organizations like the Centre Technique de Cooperation Rurale et Agricole (CTA) and the Food and Agricultural Organizations (FAO). In Thailand, insect farming and selling of insects for human food is already a multi-million industry. It provides income and employment as well as healthy and nutritious food to consumers.

Utilization of edible insects as human food by Filipino people however, is far behind from other Asian countries. Entomophagy (eating insects) is rare and considered as a "rural" or "backward" practice, born out of times of poverty and isolation from "modern life." Furthermore, majority of our farmers and government authorities have not seen its value for pest control in times of pest outbreak. Currently, pesticides still dominate among the pest control tactics. In the Philippines, two insects are commercialized as feed for aquarium fishes such as arowanas and flowerhorns and for fighting cocks but never as human food. They are the mealworms (*Tenebrio*

*molitor*) and superworms (*Zophobas morio*) which are sold in large quantities in Cartimar Pet Center, Pasay City and in many parts of the country. Other cultures however, considered superworms as human food. They are reported to contain 58% protein along with vitamins, enzymes, hormones, and have other nutritional benefits. Its high protein content makes it the perfect raw material component that can be added into bread, pastry, instant noodles, and other foodstuffs.

I tried to submit a research proposal to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for funding mainly because I am an advocate of entomophagy. The proposal generally aims to utilize superworms as human food with the vision to help solve the problem of hunger, malnutrition, and poverty alleviation among countryside folks in the Philippines. The proposal titled "Utilization of Super worms (*Zophobas morio*) as Human Food" was approved by CHED as per Commission en banc (CEB) Resolution No. 1065-2016 through its Higher Education Development Fund (HEDF) in the amount of four million pesos (P4,000,000.00) for two years effective October 16, 2018 to October 16-2020. Dr. Candida B. Adalla, a retired professor and the former dean of the College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines at Los Banos (UPLB), College, Laguna is the project consultant.

## The research components including the researchers are the following:

1. Effects of Different Rearing Media on the Growth and Development of Superworms, *Z. morio*  
(Dr. Emma Mituda-Sabado, College of Agriculture, MSU Main Campus)
2. Characterization of Superworms, *Zophobas morio* as Food Supplement  
(Prof. Nelia G. Autor & Prof. Jerico M. Consolacion of CNSM, MSU Main & College of Agriculture, MSU Naawan)
3. Processing of Superworms Into Various Superworm-Based Food Products  
(Prof. Teresita T. Sanchez, CHARM, MSU Main Campus)
4. Assessment of Consumers' Acceptance of Superworm-Based Food Products  
(Prof. Leo M. Aguanta & Mrs. Editha M. Consolacion, College of Agriculture, MSU Main Campus & DepEd, Ramon Magsaysay, Zamboanga del Sur)
5. Commercialization of Superworm-Based Food Products: Prospects and Constraints  
(Prof. Roland C. Almorado & Prof. Ali Zainal A. Lingga, College of Agriculture, MSU Main & MSU Buug Campus)



CROP PROTECTION  
LABORATORY

Fig. 1. The Crop Protection Laboratory, College of Agriculture, MSU, Marawi City.

This project will breed superworm, *Z. morio* to be used as human food. Basic studies will be conducted to facilitate fast breeding of superworms, process superworm-based food products (SBFPs) and know their suitability and acceptability as food fit for human consumption. These will include life cycle study, finding the best growing media which can promote fast growth and development, conduct complete proximate analysis including minerals, vitamins and amino acid content as well as identification of microbiota associated with superworms. Likewise the nutritional value of SBFPs will be determined as well as their acceptability to selected consumers. Finally a feasibility study will be made to prove the profitability of breeding superworm and study the prospects and constraints of marketing SBFPs.

### Implementation Status of the Project

Notable Accomplishments presented to CHED Monitoring & Evaluation Team

1. Establishment of Crop Protection Laboratory and procurement of laboratory equipments and facilities;
2. Conducted preliminary studies on the life cycle and breeding of superworms;
3. Conducted proximate analysis of superworms;
4. Processed superworm-based food products for preconsumer acceptance test;
5. Conducted a preconsumer acceptance test for MSU Main and MSU Buug panelists last April 30, 2019;
6. Interviewed by Jessica Soho on her television documentary "Kapuso Mo Jessica Soho" at GMA about super worm rearing and its utilization as human food last June 23, 2019.



Fig. 2. The Life Stages of the Darkling Beetle (*Zophobias Morio*). A. Eggs B. Newly Hatched Larvae C. Young Larvae D. Mature Superworms E. Pupae F. Adult Darkling Beetles.



Fig. 3-A. Dr. Candida B. Adalla

Dr. Adalla visited the MSU Campus on April 29 to May 1, 2019 to evaluate the progress of the implementation of the project and to attend the 9th Insect Eating Festival held at the CHARM Pavillion. During the festival she sampled an insect meat ball type of dish which she found good and compared it to fried squid and fishball. She suggested to innovate and develop food products with proper packaging for village level viand for the family meals especially in upland / forest communities far from seashores as sources of protein and as crisis food during calamities and emergencies.



Fig. 3-B. Superworm Pabrot a.k.a Fried Fishball



Fig. 4. Superworm-based food products prepared by Prof. Teresita T Sanchez and offered as food during the pre-tasting trial at CHARM Pavillion on April 30, 2019.

Our team met the CHED Research Monitoring and Evaluation team headed by Dr. Custer C. Deocar, the current head of the Research Management Division in Malberry Suites, Cagayan de Oro City on July 25, 2019 to document the progress of our research project.



Fig. 5. The Superworm researchers with CHED Monitoring and Evaluation Team. This photo was taken on July 25, 2019.



GSIS-Iligan Financial Expert Camar L. Umpa Jr. talks on financial literacy program.

## GSIS-Iligan Conducts an Orientation for GFAL II

by Salam S. Esmail

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*MSUS Pres. HWMacaayong, DPA*



GSIS-Iligan Branch Manager Alexis Arumpac

On November 5, 2019, the GSIS-Iligan conducted an Orientation for GSIS Financial Assistance Loan (GFAL) Program II to the Mindanao State University constituents at the Convention Center. Before the orientation, a Memorandum of Agreement between MSU and GSIS was signed on October 16, 2019 at Office of the President (OP) Conference Room, Administration Building.

MSU System President Habib W. Macaayong gave his welcome address to the MSU constituents where he said, “MSU is no different from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) with respect to its aspirations and mandate for the whole Filipino nation.”

GSIS-Iligan Branch Manager, Alexis D. Arumpac highlighted the role of GSIS. According to him, “GSIS being your partner looks after your financial concern.” He also introduced the new feature of GSIS with its latest loan transfer and consolidation Program called as the GSIS financial Assistance Loan (GFAL) II.

It was known to many that GFAL I which was previously offered to the public teachers and staff of the Department of Education (DepEd) started from July 2018 and will end this December 31, 2019. Due to its clamor, GSIS expanded its GFAL coverage as of July 2019 to other government agencies. GFAL II aims to settle outstanding loans from accredited lending institutions and to come up with Top-Up loan. Meanwhile, Ivory N. Paunte, Officer I of GSIS-Iligan, discussed the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the GFAL.

Camar L. Umpa Jr., a financial expert of GSIS-Iligan, conducted a seminar about the Financial Literacy Program where he said that, “We want to improve your standing.” An open forum followed after the seminar.

Thereafter, Director Amer D. Pangandaman of Human Resource Development Office, concluded the event as he expressed his gratitude to the GSIS-Iligan for conducting an Orientation about the GFAL II to the MSU Constituents.

## New MSU Faculty Attend Oath Taking Ceremony

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs scheduled the Oath-Taking Ceremony for newly-hired faculty members last October 21, 2019 at 7:30 A.M. after the flag raising ceremony in front of Antonio Isidro Hall. More than sixty newly hired faculty from different colleges and external units took their oaths in front of MSU employees. It was administered by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Florencio Reolito Jr. in behalf of President Habib Macaayong.

Different applicants underwent the rigorous stages of the selection process under the scrutiny of the panel members. They were ranked and chosen according to their credentials, teaching demonstrations and how they answered tough questions thrown by the panel members. More than a hundred experienced and fresh graduate applicants from different institutions applied but only sixty-three lucky applicants were chosen to be part of MSU's faculty force. Most of them are master's degree holders and two of them are doctorate degree holders.

Vice chancellor Florencio Reolito Jr. gave an inspirational message and the response was given by Dr. Jamil Cayamodin and Professor Sharisse May Barra. Both emphasized dedication, commitment and excellence. The oath taking ceremony is not just a mandatory ceremony making a promise and declaring a vow but also symbol of promise that oath takers are going to do everything to fulfill their duties and responsibilities as faculty of the university.

# Pres. Macaayong Joins the MSU-LNCAT's Kalimudan 2019 as it Celebrates its 99<sup>th</sup> Year

by Sittie Sohayrah D. Cadalay



**MSU-LNCAT**, formerly Lanao High School, which later became the Lanao Provincial High School established in the early part of 1920, is the first educational institution of the province of Lanao.

It had graduated several outstanding alumni who are now regional and national figures in various fields of specialization. As a trade school, it is tasked to promote and strengthen the quality of industrial technology and skills development to attain market demands and global competitiveness. It was in 1956 when the school was converted into a National School of Arts and Trades by virtue of R. A. No. 1561. In January 10, 2001, a Memorandum of Agreement integrating three CHED-Supervised Institutions (including LNCAT) to MSU System was

## “Empowering Tradeans through Exposition of Teamwork for Excellence,”

signed by the MSU System President and the CHED Regional Director.

As an integrated college, it is essential for MSU-LNCAT to achieve the mandated objectives of the Mindanao State University but with particular emphasis on industrial-technical education and skills development. One of the objectives of MSU-LNCAT is to promote personal discipline and social development of students so they will be productive and responsible citizens of Mindanao and the country at-large. Under the dynamic leadership of Hja. Cairany Dia-Gandamra as the new Vocational School Superintendent II, MSU-LNCAT strives to carry out this objective. Thus, holding a Kalimudan (festivity) came into the picture. As the MSU-LNCAT celebrates its 99th year, Kalimudan 2019 featured Palaro/sports events. This year's theme was which is in cognizance of the school's objective to promote the optimum development of the individuals through total body movement in the performance of

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## 2019 Faculty Orientation: Fostering Unity, Developing Professionalism

The MSU academic community, in line with the opening of the new academic year 2019-2020, welcomed its faculty force along with the newest members of the teaching pool during the 2019 Faculty Orientation. The activity, which was conducted on September 19, 2019 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, was sponsored by the Office of the President (OP) and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA). The one-day event aimed to gather all the members of the faculty and set as an important platform for the lecture-discussion on crucial topics relative to the roles, functions, and responsibilities that a faculty must adhere to.

The different topics presented in the morning session included the Guidelines, Policies, and Responsibilities for Faculty Members and Students discussed by the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Florencio Recoleta, Jr. and Dr. Minombao Mayo, Dean of the Graduate School. Another topic which was emphasized in the program was on Professional Work Ethics and Dress Code by Atty. Aurora Lyn Racmat. This was then followed by Dr. Montia Sarip who talked about the different Effective Teaching Methods and Strategies. The presentation was in line with the various approaches of instruction-delivery that faculty members can utilize in the formulation of their course's syllabus. This was then reinforced by another discussion on the topic on Outcomes-Based Education (OBE) by Dr. Cynthia Filipinas, Special Assistant at the OVCAA. There is presently a need to re-frame all our traditional program syllabi to make it more OBE-compliant in keeping with the University's bid for Accreditation and Quality Assurance Assessment.

In the afternoon session, the subject matter centered on Cultural Sensitivity presented by Dr. Abdulcader Ayo, Promotion Procedures by Dr. Hendeley Adlawan, Faculty Development by Prof. Amor Abrenica and Civil Service Rules on Leave Privileges, Minimum Work Hours, Absenteeism, and Recalcitrant Grantees by Dir. Amer Pangandaman.



Another important highlight of the program was the open forum moderated by Dean Violeta Engracia and Dir. Edenairah Esmael where some members of the faculty were able to raise questions directed to the topic presentors. There was a productive exchange of information especially on issues of academic nature. It was seen that most of the junior faculty members were very keen on inquiring about the ways by which the University can help support them in terms of their professional growth and career advancement.

Essentially, endeavors of this kind intend to broaden the knowledge and improve the skills of faculty members as they perform the wide array of roles expected of them within the academic sphere. Helping our faculty, especially the new recruits, to internalize their functions as constituents of MSU will help propel the University forward towards achieving its mandate to deliver standard education to its student clientele.



# MSU and TFBM: A Progressive Partnership throughout the Siege and Beyond

by Director Aliah P. Cali-Pascan, J.D., MPA, Sh.L.

**M**SU, Marawi City has been a partner of Task Force Bangon Marawi City (TFBM). Recently, a commemoration of the anniversary of Marawi City's liberation was held on October 17, 2019. MSU System Pres. Habib W. Macaayong, DPA was among the guests in the Kapananadem Program of the TFBM which was held in Ground Zero, MAA, particularly in the former market area. Most officials of MSU were also present in the program.

The first partnership of TFBM and MSU was the consolidation of a Master Plan where MSU led the technical assistance in its crafting. In the localization of Regional Interagency committee, MSU has always been invited as special member to see what possible extension services they can lend a hand to with TFBM.

In the early years of the Task Force, they always sought assistance in terms of venue of consultation, the usage of facilities and the use of buses in terms of transportation. Secretary Dabs Mamac, a member of the TFBM, was provided with an office by MSU.

Employees of Physical Plant Division were invited to lead the Balik or Kambalingan preliminaries such as clean up drive in the non-affected areas of Marawi City. In fact, students of ROTC and NSTP joined in the cleaning of debris in the streets. Two buses were deployed and used by the students.

MSU became a shelter for Internally Displayed Persons (IDPs) who rented houses in the residential areas within the campus. Private schools like RC-Alkharizani became transient occupants in the campus before it went back to its present location at the downtown of Marawi. Consultations for the Master Plan were held in the university without asking any rent for its maintenance.

TFBM with Philippine Army also allowed the opening of MSU UTC and MSU LNCAT. Since MSU LNCAT in the university was among the affected properties, it received assistance from the TFBM through the Office of Civil Defense. MSU-UTC also received assistance in the form of grants from foreign donors like equipment such as computers, chairs, among others.

MSU also opened its roads to the passable for commuters going to the second district of Lanao del Sur. It even opened terminals for second district commuters so for their convenience in their travels.

MSU accommodated visitors of TFBM like the visit of the Taiwanese ambassador. The purpose of his visit was to hear from stakeholders the need of housing shelters for Marawi City.

MSU opened its arms to NGOs which needed supports from its expertise in terms of research, mentoring, coaching and other forms of sharing of knowledge.

At one point, MSU allowed its technology curriculum as terminal courses to allow out of school youths to have vocational training where successful trainees can qualify for a certificate so they can use it in finding jobs. The siege has made it very urgent for out of school youth to find means to support themselves and their families.

MSU provided storage rooms for relief goods and books to be distributed to IDPs and children. MSU personnel spent some time to conduct psychosocial activities to IDPs in their temporary shelters and even going to the IDPs' houses one by one so that residents would be able to voice out their sentiments and emotions regarding what had happened. Graduates of MSU became enumerators in the profiling of IDPs which led to the giving of assistance to IDPs of PhP73, 000.00 living in the affected areas and PhP10,000.00 for IDPs in non-affected areas.

Activities of DTI in the profiling of the beneficiaries of the livelihood of the 10 barangays were held in MSU. The Department of Labor and Development also was able to distribute welfare assistance to families who had a family member working abroad, with MSU serving as the venue.

Of course, these could not be possible without the leadership of MSU System Pres. Habib W. Macaayong, DPA. President Macaayong and his administration believed in going the extra mile to serve the constituents and the community.



# English, Science and Mathematics Enrichment Program 2019

by Prof. Anville Shamaign A. Villanueva, Dr. Mahid M. Mangontarum and Nortailah M. Madid

The English, Science and Mathematics Enrichment Program 2019 is the brainchild of the collaborative extension services efforts between the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and the English Department of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. The endeavor is anchored with the Mindanao State University's mandate to realize and sustain need and client-based extension services to nearby communities and schools. This partnership was forged by a Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties in 2018. The said program seeks to promote love and interest in English and Language Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Statistics to Senior High School students from selected public schools around Lanao del Sur. Moreover, it aims to prepare the graduating students for college life and equip them with knowledge and skills that are instrumental for them to excel in entrance examinations to various state universities and colleges, as well as to qualify for scholarships offered nationwide.

This year, the Extension and Community Services Teams have responded to the earnest request of Dr. Amimbae Dipunudun, the School Principal of Datu Mamintal Adiong Sr. Memorial National High School (DMASMNHS) in Bubong, Lanao del Sur, for their school to be the fortunate recipient of an enrichment program. Dr. Dipunudun expressed concern over their students' low morale in doing well in the then forthcoming SASE Examination, hence her initiative in requesting assistance from the Mindanao State University. As a result of her effort, the English, Science and Mathematics Enrichment Program 2019 was conducted for several Sundays from September 22, 2019 to October 27, 2019.

During the review series, most MSU lecturers made every effort in striving to make their sessions fun and enjoyable to all, eventually motivating the students to ask questions that help them clearly understand the lessons being covered. It was also fulfilling for the lecturers to serve as agents of transformation in enriching the students' learning by making difficult concepts more understandable.

The weeks of fruitful learning was formally concluded during a closing program on November 4, 2019 at the DMASMNHS School Gymnasium. The program was attended by the school's officials, teachers, and students, headed by their school



principal, together with faculty members from CNSM and CSSH, headed by the CNSM Dean, Dr. Henry P. Aringa, and joined by the Special Assistant of the Office of the MSUS President, Dr. Mahid M. Mangontarum. It was also graced with the presence of CNSM Extension Coordinator, Dr. Aslayn H. Datu-dacula, the Chairperson of the Mathematics Department, Dr. Raylee J. Gasparin, and the Chairperson of the English Department, Ms. Ailannie D. Macagaan.

The MSU team extended their sincere appreciation to the school especially because of the students' active participation. The school officials also thanked the team for choosing them to be this year's recipient of MSU's generosity of academic resources. On the students' end, the help extended to them helped inspire them towards the pursuit of their dreams. More importantly, the kind gesture they received from the Mindanao State University also inspired them to have the heart to serve with the promise to giving back to generations after them. Much of the appreciation came from the school's administration as they view MSU's extension service an answered prayer in developing young minds and honing those skills to maximize every learner's potentials.

There is profound truth in recognizing the value of teachers who do not only have superior intellect but also possess the capacity to use their heart for the good of many. Indeed, this year's English, Science and Mathematics Enrichment Program 2019 is a testament that the CNSM and CSSH faculty members are not only intellectually adept, but also gifted with the heart of service.





MSU College of Law Barristers Class of 2019 from MSU-Main, MSU-GenSan and MSU-IIT under one group "MSU Law Joint Bar Operations"



MSU College of Law Barristers Class of 2019 undergoing LAW Review Classes as part of the Joint BAR Operations.

## The Philippine BAR Examination and the MSU Law Joint BAR Operations 2019

by Alexander D. Dumpa

Highly regarded as one of the most difficult professional licensure examinations in the Philippines, the Philippine Bar Examination is arguably one of the most demanding and most-awaited exams in the Country.

The bar exams are held annually on four Sundays of November. Each Sunday tackles two subjects of law containing questions that are strictly essay-based. To pass the same and finally earn that most coveted title of attorney, a barrister must get at least an average of 75%, without incurring a grade lower than 50% in any of the eight bar subjects, as mandated by law. Furthermore, under the Three-Failure Rule, otherwise known as the Refresher Rule, failure to pass the bar exams thrice disqualifies a barrister from taking another until s/he re-enrolls in an authorized law school, and passes fourth-year review classes.

The term "Bar Operations", or "Bar Ops" in the lingo of law students, refers to legitimate activities organized by support groups, often composed of law students, referred to as "bar operators", being sent by law schools annually to serve and assist their respective barristers.

This year, the three campuses of MSU College of Law – the Main Campus in Marawi, Iligan Extension Campus, and the General Santos Extension Campus, once again sent their respective bar operators to operate under one group, the MSU Law Joint Bar Operations, under the chairmanship of the Main Campus. The group is essentially organized in arranging the academic and logistical matters of taking the bar exams; getting and answering special requests from the barristers to make them as relaxed and comfortable as possible; and most of all, to provide the much-needed support and encouragements so that MSU barristers will

have a peace of mind in preparing, studying, and passing the exams.

Some of the many activities conducted under the Joint Bar Operations for this year were the holding of a weekly pointers session attended by renowned reviewers from the Villasis Law Center; furnishing of review materials; weekly distribution of bar kits containing food supplies and medicines, among others; and even getting simple requests from the barristers such as giving them palapa, pakal a saging, or a lunch from McDo or Jollibee. Also, during the last Sunday, a kandori was organized to celebrate the good fight of our barristers. Aside from these activities done in Manila, a college-based weekly prayer is also being organized by the College of Law, through the Law Student Government (LSG), and the MSU Legal Aid Clinic (MSULAC), every Friday to support and boost the morale of the barristers.

While it is true that the bar operations are primarily organized for the benefit of the barristers, the writer herein believes that bar operators actually benefit as well. Bar operators who volunteered to serve the barristers already get a taste of what to expect and of what is in store for them. Through the bar operations, positive impressions are emphasized which may make law students realize what the study of law really involves, and how much effort is required to be admitted to the bar. These impressions are indeed invaluable.

Operating in bar operations may be exhausting. It involves a lot of sacrifices – time, effort, money, and energy. But because of the overwhelming supports the operators receive from both the college administration and the university administration, coupled with the fact of being a part of our barristers' success, operating in bar operations make all these sacrifices worth it.

## MSU Constituents Plant Trees to Beautify Campus and to Save the Planet

by Nasrimah R. Sampaco

As one way of protecting and giving back to the planet, constituents of Mindanao State University-Marawi planted yellow and pink flowering trees on September 12, 2019 at 1st Street, Golf Course, MSU, Marawi City for the second time. This was through the collaborative efforts of the Office of the President, the Physical Plant Division, the University Library, and the Philippine Civil Service Commission-Field Office Lanao Sur.

According to Director Elin Anisha C. Guro of the University Library and a well-known eco-warrior, this initiative is another way of saving lives. She also said that the activity was not just for the sake of the environment, but for the students as well by providing them beautiful ambiance.

"One of these days, we want to see you (MSU constituents especially the

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Photo shows students plant trees as part of the strong advocacy of our MSUS Pres. Habib W. Macaayong, DPA; to strengthen and sustain extension services through environmental conservation and development.

# Lanao Ladies Take Part in Maswarah o mga Bae

by Nasrimah R. Sampaco

Based on the information given by Prof. Norkaya S. Mohamad, MSU-ILG Director



Three hundred women from the 40 municipalities and city of Lanao del Sur converged together on October 26-27, 2019 at Mindanao State University, Marawi City for the two-day Maswarah o mga Bae and Dialogue with Leaders (LANAO). This is an initiative under the Women Empowerment and Leadership in Development (WELD) Project of Al-Mujadilah Development Foundation (AMDF) in partnership with Oxfam, Pilipina, Bangsamoro in Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), EveryWoman, National Commission of Muslim Filipino (NCMF) Lanao, and Mindanao State University-Main Campus represented by the College of Public Affairs (CPA) and Institute of Local Governance (ILG).

The participants were academicians, combatants, members of civil society's organizations and people's organizations, elected officials, farmers, fisherfolks, government workers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), out of school youths, orphans, persons with disabilities (PWDs), senior citizens, shariah counselors,

students, traders, traditional leaders, widows, and young professionals.

The event aims to advance the participation and equal rights of women in the policy-making and programming of BARMM governance particularly in the areas of health, education, livelihood, protection, peace building, politics, and sustainable environment and resources.

Director of MSU-ILG, Prof. Norkaya S. Mohamad emphasized on her welcome address the importance of women in nation building through solidarity in shared agenda of social change.

Executive Director of AMDF, Zahria PM Mapandi discussed the Rationale and Overview of WELD Peace in the Bangsamoro Project and Women Sectoral Agenda. She also stressed that the project focuses on

The discussions centered on "Gender provisions in the Bangsamoro Organic Law" presented by Noraisah Sani, Program Coordinator of AMDF and on "Regional Women's Agenda in the BARMM" discussed by Prof. Raima Dimaampao, BOT Chairperson of AMDF and a faculty member in MSU-Department of Community Development.

Workshops on policy-making and programming were facilitated by Sittie Nur Dayhanna S. Mohamad, program coordinator and CS Project Officer of AMDF. Prof. Sorhaila Latip-Yusop, Chairperson of MSU-Communication and Media Studies Department, presented the outputs of the participants in the plenary session.

The Institute of Local Governance continues to expand capacity to the local governments on the wide variety of relevant themes through service delivery, local economic development, leadership, and improved citizen participation.



# PROJECTS & Development



Rubberizing of  
Oval Grounds



Upgrading of  
Lights and CCTV's



Purchase of  
other Materials



Academic  
Buildings



## A Man with a Big Heart

by Carl Chester Caballes

As the saying goes "When it Rains, It Pours".

When funds and support from other agencies realized and our national government budget allocation came in our very own MSUS Pres. Habib W. Macaayong, DPA, didn't waste time in serving our beloved MSU constituents and stakeholders by creating and implementing priority projects that would be benefited by all individuals and for MSU as a whole.

Dubbed as the working President with a big heart MSU Pres. Dr. Habib W. Macaayong along with PPD Dir. Engr. Agay Mangondaya and MSU Supply Management Head Dir. Datudacula L. Mandangan, MPA personally supervised the said

projects to make sure that it will be implemented according to plan and eventually, to expedite all the priority projects so that all the MSU stakeholders would benefit its services. These are among the list of priority projects; to upgrade the old CCTV's and lights, installation of additional CCTV's and lights, Reliable and fast internet connection, Upgrading and building of new academic buildings, rubberizing of oval grounds, purchasing of new equipments and materials for every academic/administrative units and offices, extension services, Technology Innovation, SME's, Research Collaborations/linkages with other foreign institutions and many more.



## The Rise of the New Building

by Jahara A. Solaiman

Based on the information given by Anna Yashreena B. Datudacula, MSU-ILS

### There is always room for improvement.

Louise Leber

Precedingly, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grader building was built and yet again another building was successfully constructed as of this year 2019! With the initiative and the ceaseless help of our Governor Bedjora Soraya A. Adiong and his son, Vice Governor Mamintal "Bombit" Adiong, Jr., this project was ardously accomplished. Uttering the word "thank you" was simply not enough. Thus, to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation, MSU-ILS commemorated the Inauguration Ceremony held at the MSU-ILS Gymnasium marking the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.

Everywhere was filled with decorations and ornaments. This said event was emceed by our ever-vibrant Grade 6 teacher, Prof. Nasif T. Macaslang. To embark on the program, the invocation was led by Prof. Omar Ali ensuing to the singing of the national anthem all together headed by Prof. Glenda B. Malinis. The welcome address given by our beloved Assistant Dean of MSU-

ILS endlessly thanked those persons who had contributed to make this project possible. She also stressed that "Leadership is not about having a title but it is the impact, influence, and inspiration that counts." Afterwards, the current leader of MSU System, Dr. Habib W. Macaayong, delivered his message wholeheartedly and uncovered the history of how MSU was established and renowned.

To fire up the program, a wow yet gratifying intermission that touched our hearts and captivated our attentions was given by the exceptional pupils of MSU-ILS namely Sawdia Atar and Ethan Drake Talibong. Additionally, a zumba dance number was performed by the faculty force wherein a number of students participated. It was then followed by the heartwarming message, counsels, and advices of the Vice Governor and alumnus of MSU-ILS who considers ILS as his second home, Vice Governor Mamintal "Bombit" Adiong, Jr.. On his speech he stated that "I feel the spirit of unity and camaraderie among ILS association." He also said that "ILS is becoming a more standard

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## MSU Law Bangsamoro Library Launched

by Nihaya P. Hadji Mohammad

The College of Law recently launched the soft opening of its new in-house library dubbed as "Bangsamoro Library" during the 58<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary of the Mindanao State University on September 1, 2019. Vice President for Academic Affairs Alma Berowa, representing MSU System President Dr. Habib W. Macaayong, and some university officials graced the event. After a short program, OIC-Dean Norhabib bin Suod Barodi and Vice President Berowa administered the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Aside from its modern design, the new library boosted its collections with new law books. Arguably the Bangsamoro Library is the best unit library in the Main Campus. Today, the Bangsamoro Library is the favorite spot of law students given its grand and enticin ambience for reading and study sessions.

The establishment of the Bangsamoro Library is part of the "Reinventing MSU Law Towards Relevance, Innovation, Service and Excellence" programs of Dean Alizedney M. Ditucalan.

The government of the defunct Autonomous Region in Muslim



Mindanao funded the construction of the library during the administration of former Regional Governor Mujiv Hataman. The project was among the results of the MSU-ARMM programs initiated by MSU System President Macaayong.

With the establishment of the Bangsamoro Library, the law faculty is optimistic that this new facility will greatly improve the quality of learning experience of the students of the College of Law. And certainly, this will give great impact to the quality and competitiveness of legal education in the Bangsamoro community.

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# Shari'ah Center and its Recently Important Activities and Mandates

Dr. Anwar M. Radiamoda, Sh.L



The Shari'ah Center as semi-academic unit of the Mindanao State University is sincerely performing its thrust and mandates in realization of its programs through the leadership of Director Aleem Anwar M. Radiamoda, Ph.D., Sh.L. The major program activities are research books, papers, articles and the conduct of the Series of Lectures on the Shari'ah Bar review program both Arabic language and English language in collaboration with the King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies (KFCIAAS) and the Integrated Shari'ah Bar of the Philippines (ISBP); the regular radio program in University Radio FM (94.1 MHz) and the DXSO Radio Pilipinas FM (99.7 MHz); every Friday Khutbah and Seminars in Marawi City and selected municipalities of Lanao del Sur; and creation of linkages to other offices/institutions locally and internationally. These are as follows:

- 1) The Shari'ah Center recently opened the Shari'ah Bar Review in Arabic language for Arabic Speakers (Ulama) which was conducted last July and August 2019, in support to the plea of Islamic Institutions in Marawi City and Lanao, and there have been more than 30 reviewees;
- 2) In the months of September, October and November 2019, the Shari'ah Center had 370 learners for the four subjects pertaining to Shari'ah bar examination this coming January 2020 conducted by the Supreme Court of the Philippines every two years.
- 3) In September there were visitors from "Dompit Du'afa" of Indonesia, who visited the Shari'ah Center for their purpose to help evacuees and needy students in Marawi City;
- 4) Last October 2019, the Shari'ah Center accommodated researchers from Indonesia for their research on current issues in Bangsamoro in general and the Lanao and Marawi City in particular;
- 5) In September Shari'ah Center participated in fora and workshops for peace, development, and Islamic finance in the BARMM.
- 6) Shari'ah Center is the head writer of the research on "Islamic Law Principles on Preventing and Responding to violent extremism as perceived by select Ulama and Faith-based Organization in Mindanao" sponsored by United Nation Development Program (UNDP).

7) In November 2019 there was an invitation to the honorable MSUS President, Dr. Habib W. Macaayong as key-notes speaker for International Conference at University Technology Mara, Malaysia. It was represented by Shari'ah Center's Director, Dr. Anwar M. Radiamoda, and Alhamdulillah, there was Notes of Understanding (NOU) on Smart Partnership Networking Program. It was signed by the Shariah Center as delegated by honorable MSUS president. The contents as follows:

- a. Collaboration towards enhancing institutional excellence;
- b. Collaboration towards generating excellence in the field of curriculum;
- c. Collaboration towards developing students' talent;
- d. Enhancing the effectiveness of Institutional administration and management;
- e. Exchanging ideas, experiences, creativity and innovation in a variety field;
- f. Enhancing competence, skills and productivity among members of both institutions

With the programs of the Shari'ah Center enumerated above, the center is very proud to contribute in the Mindanao State University in serving and providing the hope to the people of Mindanao especially in the City of Marawi and the Province of Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte.

Allah the Almighty says,

﴿كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَوْ آمَنَ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ مِنْهُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَكْثَرُ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ﴾

In English translation: "You are the best of peoples ever raised up for mankind; you enjoin Al-Ma'ruf (all that Islam has ordained) and forbid Al-Munkar (all that Islam has forbidden), and you believe in Allah. And had the People of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) believed, it would have been better for them; among them are some who have faith, but most of them are Fasiqun (rebellious)". (Holy Qur'an, 3:110)

May Allah bless us all and protects Mindanao State University and the people of Lanao and Marawi City.



The Office of Alumni Relations of MSU-Marawi City headed by Director Hanimah S. Lao in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment – Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (DOLE-ARMM ) through its office branch in Marawi City conducted JOB FAIR 2019 on September 18, 2019 at Charm Pavilion. The office invited twelve(12) companies to participate but only six (6) companies showed up, namely: Al Batra Recruitment Agency, Inc. of Makati City with branches in Mindanao; Education Pathways to Peace in Mindanao whose main office located in Cotabato City funded by Australian Government; Mercan Canada Employment Phil., Inc. with its main office located in Quezon City, AK Kanan Manpower Corp. of Cagayan de Oro City; Matling Industrial and Commercial Corp., Malabang, Lanao del Sur and Maserecampo Abantas Memorial Islamic and Science Academy of Marawi City who recruited new faculty members to join their school; and with special participation of the Civil Service Commission-Lanao del Sur Field Office who shared a brief lecture on Civil Service Policy Updates and steps on how to check vacancies in government websites.



Other companies invited were: Wao Development Corp., of Wao, Lanao del Sur; Mt. Kalatungan Agri Venture, Inc., Bumbaran, Lanao del Sur; Pisces International Placement Corp., Cagayan de Oro City; Light & Hope Overseas Placement Agency of Cagayan de Oro City; Sky High Manpower Recruitment International, Inc.; and Pyramids International Human Resources Services Co. located in Ermita, Manila with branches offices in Mindanao

The event was attended by more than three hundred (300) alumni-job seekers majority coming from Lanao del Sur. This JOB FAIR program designed by the Office of Alumni Relations to provide employment opportunities to graduates right after graduation dubbed as “from education to employment” as part of strengthening the mandated JOB PLACEMENT PROGRAM the rationale behind the creation of the Office of Alumni Relations in 1972. Job vacancies posted by these different recruitment agencies were forwarded to graduates through their Facebook accounts, advising them to apply. Recruitment particularly for nurses and other medical staff are continuing demand of these agencies. The Office of Alumni Relations advise graduates to upload their bio-data and send to their respective email addresses.

## Mass Oath-taking of 2019 Social Work Board Passers

by Violeta Hunt-Engracia, Ph.D., Dean, College of Public Affairs



For the very first time, the Philippine Association of Social Work, Inc. (PASWI), Iligan City Chapter, sponsored the Mass Oath-Taking Ceremony of the successful passers of the Social Work Licensure Examination last October 31, 2019 at the Frosty Bites Gardens, Bacayo, Iligan City.

Aside from Iligan delegates, enthusiastic board passers from MSU Marawi, Ozamis City, Pagadian City, Zamboanga City, and Cagayan de Oro City came to attend the memorable event.

The successful and well-attended event was also attended by Iligan City officials. Iligan City Mayor Celso Regencia was represented by Col. Roy Ga, who gave the welcome address. Others who graced the occasion were Hon. Dr. Ely B. Acosta who was the Keynote Speaker and Dr. Evangelina M. Guinto, PASWI National Board Member who conducted the oath of membership to PASWI. The Pinning Ceremony was administered by Mrs. Liwayway A. Caligdong, RSW, Executive Director, PASWI Mindanao Cluster and assisted by PASWI Iligan City Chapter Officers. Mr. Joepfler P. Ruedas, Chairperson of SW Department, MSU-Marawi City led the Gratitude to Parents Ceremony. The Honourable Vice Mayor, Mr. Jemar L. Vera Cruz, was also present to give the closing message.



placard, was given special due recognition and she delivered a highly emotion-laden message. In response, Dean Violeta Hunt-Engracia, the Dean of the College of Public Affairs challenged the new Registered Social Workers to “Walk your Talk” and encouraged them to go back to their respective communities to assist in development efforts. Special charging was addressed to the Meranaws who may be needed by their own people to help restructure communities devastated by the recent Marawi Siege. To inspire them more as neophytes in the field, She shared with them the guiding principles for social development workers introduced by the Late Sen. Juan Flavio, which says:

*Go to the people, Live among them...  
Learn from them, Serve them...*

MSU's pride, Sittie Ayrah Orangaga Razak, board top 8th

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Like other institutions that experience challenges, Mindanao State University faces a tiger-like phenomenon that it has to tame with its own strength. It has to stand firm with its significant role in building firm foundation and providing sustenance to the stakeholders it caters to. Relevant to this, the Division of Student Affairs, as the student frontline Office of the University, cannot help working and doing its utmost best for the stakeholders it serves. The Office has to carry on and rise with its role to support the University to withstand the challenges.

The Division of Student Affairs held the successful four-day celebration of Mental Health Week in compliance with the IRR of the Republic Act No. 11036 known as Mental Health Act, in addition to its commitment to making the mental health of the students one of prime importance. The celebration commenced with an opening program held on November 11, 2019 launched by a walkathon participated by the students, some employees in the University and other stakeholders. The opening program was intentionally synchronized with the flag ceremony so that University employees can partake of the learning and benefits to be gained. The University System President Dr. Habib W. Macaayong, together with some officials led the launching of the Mental Health Week celebration.

The keynote speaker during the opening program was Professor Aminoding B. Limpao who talked about issues, realities on mental health. Prof. Limpao is a Psychology professor of MSU Marawi, and a mental health advocate who is currently heading a Non-Government Organization, Leading Individuals to Flourish and Thrive (LIFT) that was borne out of the Marawi Siege. LIFT provided Mental Health and Psychosocial services to the internally displaced people who evacuated from Marawi City to Iligan City at the height of the siege. His organization has in fact forged and established continuing partnerships and engagements with the World Health Organization (WHO), the Asia Foundation (TAF) and Plan International in the areas and provision of mental health services. His organization is recognized as the Local Mental Health provider that was able to handle Marawi Siege related psychosocial challenges of the IDPs due to his encounters of several cases pertaining to the incident. Moreover, appropriate activities on the following days were facilitated by the Guidance Counselors and other DSA staff.

The second day of the celebration was devoted to a psychological workshop for the students who participated to express and process

undesirable feelings and emotions that are disturbing them and affecting them seriously. On the Draw Mental Health (Draw MeH), the students were able to express their current feelings and emotions through drawing and were able to process and understand such. Third day was a session where in students were made to experience yoga and meditation exercises for them to be able to learn other forms of coping mechanisms to click into when one is in an unlikable physical, mental and spiritual condition.

The closing program was graced by some MSU Officials, among them and aside from the DSA Director Engr. Labimombao A.D. Macabando there were Dir. Dr. Ramle V. Usman who delivered a meaningful message, Dir. Aliah Cali - Pascan who gave the closing remarks, Dir. Hedjara U. Rande - Cares, Manager Faisah Cader - Sangcopan and MSU Supreme Student Government Prime Minister Mr. Nurhani C. Macaraya.

DSA works on different levels in order to implement successfully its functions. Mental Health is just one of the significant areas that it can touch in the academe because it is relevant for the realization of better governance and just living that the university strives to inculcate in the students.



# Mayor Oscar Moreno Visits MSU

by Nasrimah R. Sampaco



The 2019 Post Intramural Invitational Games (Men's Basketball) that took place on October 30, 2019 caused quite a stir at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, MSU, Marawi City because of the visit of Cagayan de Oro City Mayor Oscar Moreno together with Gitagum Municipality Mayor Emmanuel Mugot, CDO Moreno Team, and the Basketball Varsity of Ateneo de Cagayan Xavier University.

The guests were warmly welcomed by the chants and cheers of the mammoth crowd of the games' fanatics including some University officials, faculty, staff, and students. Mayor Moreno who said that it was his first time to set foot in the campus expressed how pleased he was by the hospitality of the Meranaws.

"Because of the Marawi siege, many individuals especially non-Muslims have hesitated to go to the City. But it was changed because of Mindanao State University that stood for the city," said by Mayor Moreno.

"Being here today does not make me feel worried, for I see how you keep us safe," he added. Dean Hendely Adlawan of MSU-College of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation (CSPEAR) gave assurance to the safety of all the guests as well.

On the other hand, MSU System President Habib Watamama Macaayong, the sponsor of the event, showed his gratitude by presenting a baur-a Meranaw jewelry box as token of appreciation to the guests. He also hoped for the good partnership between MSU and the two institutions (Cagayan de Oro City Government and XU University) in the future.

The Captain Ball of XU Basketball Varsity said that the main reason of their participation is not just for the game, but to



show solidarity to the University and to the resilient people of Marawi City, which is the purpose of the event.

What made it more historic was when CDO Moreno Team led by City Mayor Oscar Moreno himself played with the MSU-Fastballers after the game between XU Basketball Varsity and MSU Basketball Varsity. MSU-Fastballers also played with the Awakening Team of MSU-ILS Alumni.

Apart from championing camaraderie, the event also bridged the gaps of religion, ethnicity and political borders by promoting peace and coexistence through sports.





# MSU-ACXU-IMCC Spike for Peace

by Nasrimah R. Sampaco

The first Spike for Peace: Women's Volleyball Friendship Games between Mindanao State University (MSU)-Marawi City, Ateneo de Cagayan Xavier University (XU), and Iligan Medical Center College (IMCC) jumped off on October 18, 2019 at the Dimaporo Gymnasium, MSU, Marawi City. Not only it showed the competencies and willpower of the participating athletes, it also marked the value of sports in promoting and shaping peace by breaking societal, spiritual, and racial diversities among Mindanaons.

Organized by the Department of Athletics chaired by Nasroding I. Basher of MSU-College of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation (CSPEAR), this event aims to strengthen ties between academic institutions through cohesion in sports development.

During the opening program, Joseph Ricci D. Legaspi, a MSU alumnus and the sponsor of the activity, inspired the athletes when he highlighted the impact of sports in his career, "Napakaimportante ng sports sa aking buhay lalo na sa aking work kasi nai-apply ko dito ang mga natutunan ko sa aking pagiging athlete. Tulad sa sports, makukuha lang ang goal sa buhay kung ang bawat isa ay magtutulungan. Tulad sa sports, ito ay kailangan ng teamwork, kailangan gawin ng magkakasama."

He also urged the athletes to give their best while cherishing every game, "Sa ating mga players, pagbutihin niyo ang inyong laro, kung maaari ay iwasang may magka-injury, at enjoy niyo lang ang bawat moment na nasa court kayo."

Prof. Abdulrashid T. Lucman, project director and a faculty member of CSPEAR encouraged other academic institutions to participate in the Spike for Peace Friendship Games in the incoming years. Tournament Director, Prof. Ronald J. Guadalupe Jr. facilitated the Ceremonial Serve.

The games ended proclaiming IMCC as victor and XU as runner up. Although MSU volleyballs failed to win the 1st prize of the tourney in their own turf, they exhibited good sportsmanship gaining reverence from their competitors.



# MSU-UTC Holds Various Celebrations, Activities



The MSU-University Training Center (MSU-UTC) as one of the feeder high school units of the University continues to holistically develop their students. Through quality academic performance, extra-curricular activities, such as sports, arts, and social endeavors it strives to improve the lives of the students and the community in general.

One of the highlights of the 58th Foundation Day Celebrations of the Mindanao State University was the *Kalilang* Presentation. It was chaired and hosted by the MSU-UTC which showcased the rich and vibrant cultural heritage of the Meranaws and was well attended.

On the morning of November 14, 2019, a successful earthquake drill was conducted. Faculty members, administrative staff members and students actively participated in the said drill. Images of what can possibly take place when "The Big One" finally occurs were seen during the drill. The student Disaster Risk Reduction Management Team (SDRRMT), with Mr. Norhazim D. Maulana as adviser, did what were expected of them.

An echo-seminar on Drug Abuse, Smoking and Bullying followed thereafter. This was facilitated by the Supreme Student Government (SSG) officers through the supervision of the Chairman of the Student Affairs, Mr. Arthur D. Palagawad. Although topics were of serious nature, the students-speakers were able to relate themes with actual teenage-life experiences that made their fellow students listened attentively. In addition, a quiz show that showcased the cream of the crop from the students was also conducted a day before the drill and the echo-seminar.

Joining the parade of indispensable school activities was the CAT Cadet Officer Candidate Course (COCC), Cadet Military Police Course (CMPC) Cadet Medic Course (CMC) Graduation Ceremony and Officer' Pinning of Ranks held on the afternoon of November 15, 2019, initiated by Mr. Abdul Qader D. Yussoph, School Commandant. This was graced by no

less than the School Director, Dr. Edenairah P. Esmail, as guest of honor and speaker.

As of this writing, student athletes and the Band and Bugle Corps join the Opening Day Parade and complete for some sports events in the 2019 Marawi City Meet. Last year, UTC was held 2018 Marawi City Meet Over-all Champion. Also, during the 1st MSU Inter-High School Volleyball Championship, the all-female Volleyball Team of MSU-UTC was the Champion, while the Boys Basketball Team landed as the 1st Runner-up in the basketball championship match.

Another highlight worth mentioning is the conduct of the Senior High School Entrance Examination last November 9, 2019. Teachers and the Grade 10 students alike toiled during the review classes in preparation for it. Last year, there were 124 Grade 10 students from UTC who passed the said exam. Notably, 2 from these passers secured the 11th and 14th places in the nationwide ranking and the top 7, 10, 18 and 20 ranks in Marawi Campus Preference.

Finally, MSU-UTC takes pride in congratulating one of the students, Ayob A. Saidamen, for being one of the finalists in the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program. He will be joining the pool of exchanged students in the United States of America (USA) The administration, staff, faculty and students offer him warmest congratulations and wish him good luck in his journey!

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*Plan with them, Start with what they know...  
Build on what they have.  
Not piecemeal, but integrated approach...  
Not showcase, but pattern...  
Not relief, but release.  
Mass education through mass participation...  
Learn by doing, teach by showing.*

Her brief talk ended with a note of high hope and wish that with the exemplary track record that they have established, MSU would continue to be a leading provider of good quality, Social Workers in Mindanao and the whole country who are highly committed and dedicated to help alleviate the poor situation of the marginalized sector of society.

# Peace Education Program Journey Kicks into High Gear with Moving Forward Plans at Seminar on Conflict Transformation

by Dr. Rebekah M. Alawi

The MSU Peace Education continues to kick into higher gear with its Moving Forward plans outlined during the U.S. Embassy-funded three-day seminar on conflict transformation held on October 22-24, 2019, at Apple Tree Resort and Hotel in Opol, Misamis Oriental. Lectures delivered by two foreign speakers and two homegrown speakers active in NGO work were the highlights of the seminar which was attended by Peace Education Committee members and FPE 101 faculty from the Main Campus picked by the organizer of the event. The other campuses were represented by at least two coordinators and/or FPE faculty.



Iraqi-born but naturalized American citizen Zainab a-Suwali gave a lecture on Community Involvement.

Peggy Macweeney spoke on Origins of Civilian Targeting and Women's Inclusion in Maintaining Post- Conflict Peace. The other two lecturers, Emraida Ali and Yasmira Moner, reported on "Madrasah Education for Sustainable Peace" and "Lived Realities of Muslim Women in the Philippines", respectively. Information in Al-Suwali's riveting talk were culled from observational data and interviews with young college women and professionals in Europe who were recruited by ISIS ideologues "to serve as nurses for the wounded and women and children victims of war in ISIS camps in Syria" only to be reduced to "sex slaves" of ISIS men. The point she sought to drive home is, status in life and educational attainment are not a bar or a guarantee against victimization by the glib ISIS propagandist. Ali discussed in her lectures innovative methods and strategies employed in the family-owned madrasah operating in Pikit, North Cotabato. The fresh perspective and approach adopted make for a more holistic curriculum closing the gap between secular education and the madrasah.

Another highlight was the presentation done by representatives of the various campuses featuring FPE 101 activities as well as challenges and problems encountered in implementing the Peace Education program. MSU-GenSan's video presentation stood out, showing commemorative events celebrated through parade of FPE 101 students and faculty, and projects like PAMINOW, KOPE-YAPAAN, and a program attended by OPAPP Secretary, Gen. Carlito Galvez and local government officials. Sec. Galvez has pledged financial assistance for a Peace Education project that MSU-GenSan plans to embark on.

Also as interesting are the *plein-aire* or outdoor FPE 101 classes conducted in MSU-Sulu in a marked out area where the students do their art work such as murals. Presentation for the MSU-Main Campus in Marawi was made by CSSH Dean Elena Tabanao who is also the Vice Chairman of the Peace Education Committee. Her presentation focused on enrolment figures that showed steady increase, the number of faculty trained through funds provided by ASA-Philippines, and the results or findings of an assessment done with faculty and students as resources. Among the common problems raised by other campuses were lack of classrooms and equipment for FPE 101 classes, overcrowding in some classes and the related problem of trained FPE 101 faculty shortage.

On the second day of the seminar, Dr. Samuel Anonas, Chairman of the Peace Education Committee, in his "Moving Forward" presentation, announced the priorities of the Peace Education program. At the top of the list is getting System Council and BOR approval for three proposals for which Graduate School Dean Minombao Ramos-Mayo assumed responsibility: institutionalization of the Peace Education Committee; institutionalization of the 25 students per FPE 101 class/section; and creation of the Center of Peace Education in the Main Campus and the construction of a Library Building. Dean Mayo defended the three proposals at the latest Academic Planning Committee meeting; it was, she described, a smooth passage. The hurdle ahead is securing System Council approval.



Other major plans are FPE 101 faculty enhancement trainings; FPE 101 general and simultaneous activities for all MSU campuses, by semester; establishment of online FPE 101 Resource Library to better equip FPE 101 faculty; revision of the FPE 101 Manual and Teacher's Guide; and research on the impact of FPE 101 on enrolled students in terms of knowledge, values, and skills. The assembly expressed enthusiasm for Dr. Alawi's proposal that the Peace Education program come up with its own Newsletter as one way of "chronicling" or tracking the progress being made.

Before the group disbanded, they agreed to organize themselves based on focal areas of their choice: Faculty Development, Instructional Material Development; Co-Curricular Activities for students; and Monitoring, Assessment and Evaluation. Focal or point persons for each campus were named. To the planned projects was added the Peace Education Newsletter. She is joined by CWS Executive Director Norma Maruhom, Dr. Grace Rafal, Dr. Johara Alangca-Azis, and Dr. Godiva E. Rivera in producing the Newsletter.

# Meranaw

by Dalomabi Lao Bula

Meranaw ako  
Ingarang ko a Ranaw  
So Ranaw a rangkamanis,  
A piyagiyasaano Allah (SWT)  
Sa pimbarang a pageper.

Ranaw a paramanis o inged,  
A lama lama o Meranaw.  
Di isungowa, di itutukawa,  
Di pagalataan, di kuyakuyaan  
O dalem o pagilidan.

Meranaw ako.  
Pimbiat ko maratabat ko inged go bangesa,  
Kambilangataw go kambayorantang ko Allah,  
Tindeg ko agama nago rugo,  
A da sangkop ko ridoay.

Meranaw ako.  
Pagalongan ko kalilintad go kambilangataw,  
Rawaten ko pimbarang a limo.  
Saken so Meranaw sa Ranaw  
A kena o ba terorista.

Meranaw ako.  
Ingoma ka kalombayan,  
A panginam o Meranaw,  
O paninggalan a inged.

Meranaw ako.  
Magendod ko kadenan.  
Inao kalombayan,  
Katero o Rasol: So Moslim  
Na di senong ko mangarasi.

# Ako

I am a Meranaw.  
The lake is my identity,  
The enchanting lake,  
Provisioned by Allah (SWT)  
With varied sustenance.

Lake, charm of my homeland.  
Open playground for Meranaws,  
Highway, communication means,  
Symbolic salutation, racing space,  
Of surrounding villages.

I am a Meranaw.  
Model of peace and virtues,  
Envied for varied knowledge.  
I am a Meranaw of Lanao,  
I am not a terrorist.

I am a Meranaw.  
Molded on country pride and lineage,  
Good breeding and submission to Allah (SWT),  
Defense of faith and blood,  
Who surrendered not to enemies.

I am a Meranaw.  
Rising generation welcome,  
Hope of the Meranaw,  
Allow not the devastation  
Of your sacred homeland.

I am a Meranaw.  
Who shall return my Creator,  
Oh rising youth,  
The Prophet said: A Moslim  
Never stoops to a tyrant.



The Manila Route group at the Fort Santiago, Intramuros.

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Philippines break-out session, Dr. Jose Victor Z. Torres, Professor of the Department of History, De La Salle University said, "Museology is not offered in most of the universities in the country, but those interested can take bridge programs before taking up the graduate program. But nothing can replace experience." Dr. Cecilia De La Paz, Director, Office for Initiatives in Culture and the Arts of UP Diliman said, "Curators should facilitate the story-telling."

When University Museum Director Dr. Linang M. Cabugatan asked the speakers about their assessment of the status of Cultural Heritage in the country, Dr. Eleazar R. Bersales, Head Curator, University of San Carlos Museum said, "Cultural Heritage education is not a level playing field." Dr. De La Paz said "Cultural Heritage is not static and meant to be showcased. The deep-rooted problem of the place vis-à-vis the cultural heritage should be addressed." Dr. Torres said, "Cultural heritage has become quite confined—you cannot teach cultural heritage within the confines a museum."

The summit witnessed a participation of over 100 participants from various museums around the country. In the Distribution of Certificates and Closing Ceremony, Yvonne S. Yuchengco, Chair, Yuchengco Museum, extended her thanks and expressed her gratitude to the participants for gracing the summit. The afternoon cocktails and networking event afterwards was very beneficial as it provided the participants the chance to exchange tips and useful information for their museums' dilemmas and projects and created a lot of excitement in the participants.

Day 3 was spent exploring the Walled City—the Intramuros and the National Museum for Natural History. A guided tour of Intramuros allowed the participants to learn stories and they felt like they were being transported back to the Spanish colonial period. In the National Museum of Natural History, the

participants were stunned by the massive center piece at the museum's courtyard, the Tree of Life and the taxidermied skin of Lolong, the largest crocodile that was ever caught in the wild. The participants not only took part in a recreational activity but were involved in a personal heritage experience. The site visits were arranged such that a number of facilities could be accessed in a one day period.

Some of the takeaways from the summit:

1. Synergy, convergence and symbioses are needed for museums to flourish.
2. Stage creative festivals or set up a cultural or creative "hub" to develop a generation of creators. Creativity is a driver of growth and is a contributor to economic growth. Creativity and culture are "soft powers."
3. Power of curatorial practice. A deep curatorial challenge must be taken. When museum visitors do not request for a guide, you have a good museum.
4. Research, effective communication, exhibition and narratives are important keys. Museum practitioners should facilitate the story-telling. Objects can actually speak once their inert characteristics is researched and shared. The meat is in the story.
5. There has to be moments of enchantments, resonance and wonder in a museum. The artifacts should astound the visitors and stop them on their tracks. This can be done with great curatorial approach and when you engage the live practitioner or culture bearer to talk about the relevant artifact.
6. Creating an immersive experience, such as interactive exhibitions, can be an option because it engages the senses and can enhance story-telling, but it can be very expensive and needs constant update.

The time at the summit was one for the books. The University Museum looks forward to attending the next Plotting Points Museum Summit in two years.

Happy Museums and Galleries Month!

## NEW BUILDING . . . from page 49

school with its knowledgeable students and I won't be unwilling to help." Well, I certainly believe that "Learning is best when the atmosphere is conducive for learning, stimulating environment where students meet their fullest potential." CAT members then geared up for an exhibition that surprised us all but sadly since it was Friday, we were not able to watch their whole exhibition.

Subsequently, the most awaited part of the event, the cutting of the ribbon took place in the New Building. It was a 2.2 version of MSU-ILS where everything inside the classroom is new. New chairs for every classroom were also donated by the office of the governor. As the quote says; "No man can be wise in an empty stomach." Buffets were catered in the second floor of the new building where every visitor is free for a lunch.

ILS feels honored and privileged owing to the fact that these officials give undying generosity and selfless support to make ILS a better place for everyone.

The alumni batches of MSU-ILS who helped ILS to be what it is today serves as evidence that ILSians never forget and always help the betterment of our alma mater, MSU-ILS. Transforming ILS into its best version, TATAK ILSians!

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The opening was also very timely for the donation of retired Supreme Court Associate Justice Mariano del Castillo. The donation consisted of collections of Supreme Court Reports Annotated (SCRA), Philippine Reports, and other law books. The books were his entire take-home books upon his retirement. The unexpected, yet generous, idea came out over a dinner attended by Dean Ditucalan after the 2019 Legal Education Summit on July 31 to August 1, 2019.

MIO Dir. Hannah Marquez received the books on behalf of MSU System President Dr. Habib W. Macaayong and Dean Alizedney Ditucalan.

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properly selected physical and mental activities. MSU-LNCAT undertakes these sports activities and other related events in cooperation with the SPEAR department. For the second time around in decades, MSU-LNCAT went public through parade as it celebrates the 99th Founding Anniversary. Spearheaded by the Vocational School Superintendent, the SPEAR Coordinator, school officials and with the assistance of the City Traffic Enforcers, MSU-LNCAT roamed half of the city on October 28, 2019. The opening program was graced by the MSU System President Habib W. Macaayong as the guest speaker together with MSU Officials like the Vice President for Administration and Finance Atty. Jamaloden Basar, University Secretary Aragasi Usman and other personalities from the league of directors.

The MSU System President began his speech by reminiscing the past glorious years of the school, mentioning various prominent leaders whose roots of education were traced in LNCAT. He added the reputation of LNCAT once had for having known for producing leadership positions and greatness trend in its younger years. More than anything, this reputation as a provider of quality training or education in the arts and trades should be spoken of as continuing vision and mission of the school. Thus, the MSU System President makes this as a challenge to the LNCATizens to keep on striving and working together to revive the LNCAT's place as one of the top performing institutions in the country.

He ended his speech by expressing his admiration to the teachers as the nation's "mga bagong bayani" for their dedication and sacrifices and for enduring the difficulties during the aftermath of the untimely siege that hit Marawi City two years ago.

Dr. Macaayong finally said that his administration will try its utmost capacity and resources to meet the needs of MSU-LNCAT with his indefatigable support to the new management under the headship of Hija. Cairany D. Gandamra and to the entire LNCATizens.

Part of Kalimudan 2019 were the various events played and enjoyed by the faculty, staff and students.

Different fun-filled competitions like ethnic dance, field demonstration, street dance and the likes were presented by



every camp on the first day. The students rejoiced when the thrilling ball games were played on the second until the final days of Kalimudan. It was exhausting for the sporty students and enthusiastic players yet worth every sweat and effort.

Many camps excelled by showing their teamwork, thus the spirit of camaraderie was achieved. Many other activities like mind games, Arabic Mosabagah, literary-musical, search for Mr. and Ms. Palaro 2019, camp beautification and the first ever color fun run made the faculty, staff and especially students delightful and fulfilled. Some members of the Basketball team of AFP in Marawi even joined the Kalimudan 2019 as they spiritedly played in the Friendship games.

The awarding ceremony highlighted the Kalimudan. Every camp received its well-deserved prizes, medals and trophies. The camps which demonstrated the real sense of teamwork were the Camp Raptors and Camp Trailblazers, making them as the Grand Champion in category 1 and 2, respectively. The Superintendent declared the closing of Kalimudan 2019 by expressing her endless gratitude to all those who untiringly supported the event in making it successful.

True to its theme, the LNCATizens as identified by the Dr. Macaayong, felt empowered as they executed every play or game with teamwork. When there is teamwork or solidarity, numerous things can be successfully achieved, and that includes the revival of MSU-LNCAT's reputation for the next coming years.

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students) reading under one of the yellow and pink flowering trees that we planted to inspire you more on your studies," she uttered.

MSU System President Habib W. Macaayong, DPA is also a strong advocate of environmental conservation and development. In fact, it is one of the goals of the University to strengthen and sustain its extension services by valuing socio-cultural, political and environmental safeguards. "Let us make this world a more beautiful place for generations to come," he said.

The trees were anticipated to grow at approximately 30 feet



tall and bloom resembling Japan's cherry blossom illuminating Golf Course grounds with its pale pinkish and golden yellow flowers where everyone may enjoy its iconic lush view in the future.

OIPP Staff joins in "Tree Planting Activities" a strong advocacy campaign of the MSUS President Habib W. Macaayong, DPA; in Environmental Conservation and development.



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On August 3, 2017, the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, otherwise known as Republic Act 10931—a law that institutionalizes free tuition and other exemption from other fees in state universities and colleges (SUCs) and local universities and colleges (LUCs) in the Philippines—was signed into law. It is intended to give access to education and chance to earn a college degree to the underprivileged Filipino students.

The following are important highlights of the law:

**ELIGIBLE TO FREE EDUCATION.** All Filipino students who are either currently enrolled or shall enroll in any SUCs in the Philippines as long as they qualify the admissions and retention requirements of the school.

**NOT ELIGIBLE TO FREE TUITION.** The following are ineligible to free education:

- Students who have already obtained a bachelor's degree or comparable undergraduate degree from any public or private higher education institutions (HEIs);
- Students who fail to comply with the admission and/or retention policies of the SUCs;
- Students who fail to complete their bachelor's degree or comparable undergraduate degree within a year after the period prescribed in their program; and
- Students who voluntarily opt out of the free higher education provision.

In March 26, 2018, the CHED launched the IRR of Republic Act No. 10931.

On October 15, 2018, the Unified Financial Assistance System or Tertiary Act, or UniFAST, otherwise known as Republic Act No. 10687 was signed into law. This is to have mechanism and embody one modality of all students financial assistance programs for tertiary education and special purpose education assistance in both public and private institutions.

The special purpose of the education assistance is referred to research and scientific studies in college and masteral/doctoral levels. It includes funding assistance such as writing and publication of books, manuscripts, theses, dissertations, scientific and technical journals, production, filming and documentation of research and studies and development of instructional and academic materials, and science models.