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About 2,000 MinSUans marched the stage this A.Y. 2025-2026, carrying with them the wisdom, experiences and values of being a "*MinSUan na mahusay, mabuti at matino*".

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BY THE NUMBERS



Go where there is stagnation, and bring innovation. Go where there is division, and lead with a healing heart.

Carry with you always the torch of a true MinSUan, leaving the beautiful mantra of being mahusay, mabuti, at matino.

And always driven by our shared goals, to LIFT MINSU.

DR. ENYA MARIE D. APOSTOL

University President
Mindoro State University



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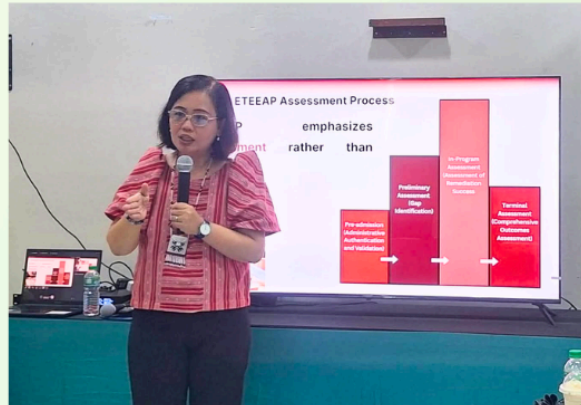
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MinSU explores ETEEAP rollout to expand flexible learning options



Ms. Jenalyn L. Baliong, Project Technical Staff, opened the session with a discussion on ETEEAP as part of lifelong learning. She presented its background, qualifications for applicants, and documentary requirements under the equivalency system.

This was followed by a technical briefing from Merigen S. Cafino, Supervising Education Program Specialist, who discussed eligibility requirements, deputation procedures for higher education institutions, evaluation areas, institutional requirements, and the assessment process.

University officials participated in an open forum where concerns and questions on implementation were raised. The College of Computer Studies (CCS) and the College of Business and Management (CBM) were identified as potential lead units should the program be formally offered by MinSU.

In her closing remarks, Dr. Lea Miciano, Director for Flexible and Distance Learning, urged the university to move forward with planning and preparation, emphasizing the program's potential to provide opportunities for individuals who have long been in the workforce but have not yet completed their degrees.

ETEEAP is a national program that allows qualified individuals with relevant work experience and competencies to earn academic degrees through a system of equivalency and accreditation. (alav)

In partnership with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) - MIMAROPA, Mindoro State University (MinSU) held an orientation on the Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program (ETEEAP) on April 20, 2026 at MinSU Calapan City Campus, signaling steps toward broadening flexible learning opportunities for non-traditional students.

The orientation brought together deans, program chairs, and officials from MinSU's Flexible and Distance Learning unit as the university assessed how the program can be implemented to better serve working professionals and individuals seeking to complete their college degrees.

GS streamlines postgraduate programs with revised curricula, reduced unit requirements

Postgraduate education at Mindoro State University is set to become more streamlined and responsive following the approval and contents-noting of revised curricula for several of its flagship postgraduate programs.

The updated curricula introduce reduced academic unit requirements while maintaining the quality and rigor of graduate instruction, reinforcing the University's commitment to delivering relevant, accessible, and outcomes-based higher education.

Among the major revisions is the Doctor of Education in Educational Management, whose total academic load has been reduced from 66 units to 42 units. Meanwhile, the Master of Arts in Education program has been revised from 42 units to 36 units across its specializations in English Language Teaching, Biological Science, Mathematics, and Educational Management.

The curriculum enhancements are designed to provide a more efficient academic pathway for graduate students, particularly working professionals, educators, and school administrators pursuing advanced studies while balancing career responsibilities. By refining course requirements and emphasizing essential competencies and research, the revised programs seek to strengthen learning outcomes and support timely program completion.

The implementation of the revised curricula reflects the University's continuing efforts to align its graduate offerings with current academic standards and the evolving needs of higher education, ensuring that graduates remain equipped to contribute to education, research, leadership, and community development.

The revised curricula will be implemented starting the First Semester of Academic Year 2026-2027 and will apply to incoming graduate students and qualified new enrollees. Students who are already enrolled in their respective programs will continue under the curriculum in effect at the time of their admission and will complete the remaining requirements of their existing program of study.

For admissions and other concerns, prospective students and interested stakeholders may contact the MinSU Graduate School through minsugraduateschool@gmail.com. (jtdtc)

CURRICULUM REVISION

APPROVED

The **MinSU Graduate School** proudly announces the **approved** and contents-noted curriculum revisions for:

Doctor of Education in Educational Management

FROM 66 UNITS → NOW 42 UNITS

Master of Arts in Education major in English Language Teaching, Biological Science, Mathematics, Educational Management

FROM 42 UNITS → NOW 36 UNITS

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Beyond the milestone

MinSU-Calapan honors those who shaped its journey

Six and a half decades of public service, academic excellence and institutional growth were celebrated not only through speeches and ceremonies but by honoring the people whose dedication helped shape one of Oriental Mindoro's leading state university campuses.

The gala night for the 65th Founding Anniversary of Mindoro State University (MinSU) Calapan City Campus, held on June 19, 2026 at the Campus' Activity Center, brought together faculty members, non-teaching personnel, university officials and guests for an evening that recognized years of commitment to higher education and community service.

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President and Prof. Edna Imelda F. Legazpi, Regional Director of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) MIMAROPA, led the celebration and joined the campus community in recognizing employees whose dedication and exemplary performance have contributed to the institution's continued development.



Among those honored was former College Administrator Mr. Emelito S. Matunan, who was conferred the Institutional Memory Award, the University's highest recognition, for his significant leadership and lasting contributions to preserving the campus' heritage and guiding its growth through the years.

The celebration also featured the Rigodon de Honor, with President Apostol and Director Legazpi joining faculty members and officials in the traditional formal dance—a fitting symbol of unity and shared pride as the campus reflected on its history and looked ahead to the future.



The occasion capped the campus' yearlong commemoration of its 65th founding anniversary, celebrating not only institutional milestones but also the people whose dedication continues to define its legacy.

Founded in June 1961 as the Calapan School of Arts and Trades (CSAT) through Republic Act No. 3397, the institution evolved into the Polytechnic College of Calapan in 1995 before becoming part of the former Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology (MinSCAT) in 2001. It now serves as the MinSU Calapan City Campus, continuing its mission of providing quality higher education and producing graduates who contribute to the development of Oriental Mindoro and the broader MIMAROPA region. (marm)



A continued push to expand access to higher education in the province was inked on June 23, 2026, following the ceremonial signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Mindoro State University and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Bulalacao for the sustained implementation of the MinSU Bongabong Campus–Bulalacao Extension Class.

The agreement formalizes the ongoing partnership supporting the offering of the Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management (BSTM) program in the municipality, allowing students from Bulalacao and nearby communities to pursue tertiary education closer to home. The initiative is seen as part of broader efforts to strengthen community-based learning opportunities and widen access to quality higher education in Oriental Mindoro.

Present during the signing ceremony were Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President, Ms. Emma Vida R. Liwanag, Dean of College of Business Management and Hon. Lumelito M. Cabagay, Municipal Mayor of LGU-Bulalacao along with key representatives from both the University and the local government. The gathering underscored continued institutional cooperation in sustaining the extension program.



President Apostol expressed the University's gratitude for the continued partnership and emphasized the importance of sustaining programs that expand educational opportunities for more Mindoreños.

For his part, Mayor Cabagay welcomed the renewed agreement, highlighting the positive impact of the extension class on the municipality's educational development. He also expressed pride in the accomplishments of program graduates, including recent awardees and academic achievers, whom he said serve as inspiration for aspiring learners in the community.

The sustained implementation of the BSTM program under the MinSU Bongabong Campus–Bulalacao Extension Class reflects the University's ongoing efforts to strengthen community-based educational initiatives and respond to the growing demand for accessible tertiary education in Oriental Mindoro. (marm)

Bridging fields and futures: MinSU, DAR forge pathways for agrarian scholars



Mindoro State University, in partnership with the Department of Agrarian Reform, took a meaningful step forward in empowering the next generation through the Orientation on the DAR Scholarship Program for Dependents of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (DSP-DARBs) and the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) held on April 30, 2026 at MinSU Calapan Campus.

This initiative opens greater opportunities for students from agrarian reform families, highlighting education as a powerful tool for community development and nation-building.

The program, led by DSP-DARBs National Coordinator Cynthia R. Bunyi, emphasized that the scholarship is more than financial support, it is an investment in future leaders of rural communities.

MinSU scholars Shania Jean D. Rojas and Mark Ernelle Danes R. Rivas likewise shared how the program has positively shaped their academic journeys, serving as living proof of its impact in the MIMAROPA region.

The MOA signing was led by Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President, and Dr. Jessie Ray B. Magundayao, Director for Admission and Scholarship, while DAR was represented by Mr. Camilo Claro M. Pacquing, PARPO II of DAR Oriental Mindoro. (marm)

120 Newly-
Licensed
Professional
Teachers

March 2026 Licensure Exam for Professional Teachers

Secondary Education

Bongabong Campus **90.70%**
MinSU's Passing Rate

Main Campus **90%**
MinSU's Passing Rate

Calapan Campus **78.26%**
MinSU's Passing Rate

VS.

73.10%
National Passing Rate

13 Newly-
Licensed
Professional
Teachers

March 2026 Licensure Exam for Professional Teachers

Elementary Education

Main Campus **100%**
MinSU's Passing Rate

Bongabong Campus **84.62%**
MinSU's Passing Rate

VS.

56.03%
National Passing Rate

MinSU produces 133 New Professional Teachers in March 2026 Board Exam

Mindoro State University (MinSU) continues to strengthen its legacy of academic excellence after producing a total of 133 newly licensed Professional Teachers in the March 2026 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT), based on the results released by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) on May 12, 2026.

For MinSU, the newly released results underscore the university's strong performance in teacher education across its campuses.

At the Secondary Education level, MinSU recorded notable passing rates across its campuses. The Bongabong Campus registered a 90.70% passing rate with 39 passers, while the Main Campus posted a 90% passing rate with 9 passers. The Calapan Campus followed with a 78.26% passing rate, producing 72 new secondary educators, all higher than the 73.10% national passing rate.

For Elementary Education, the Main Campus achieved a perfect 100% passing rate with 2 passers, while the Bongabong Campus recorded an 84.62% passing rate with 11 passers, both far above the 56.03% national passing rate.

In total, MinSU produced 13 new elementary teachers and 120 new secondary teachers, bringing the university's overall output to 133 newly licensed professional educators.

MinSU also commends the faculty and staff of the College of Teacher Education, headed by its Dean, Dr. Wilma R. Lontoc, for their dedication, guidance, and continued commitment to academic excellence and student success in licensure examinations.

The latest LEPT results further affirm MinSU's growing contribution to the development of competent and licensure-ready educators in the region and beyond, reinforcing its role as a leading institution in teacher education. (jdtcd)

MinSU's future educators step up in DSWD's Tara, Basa! Tutoring Program



To help address child illiteracy, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)-MIMAROPA trained MinSU education students as tutors under the Tara, Basa! Tutoring Program.

The five-day Capacity Building Activity for Tutors and Youth Development Workers, held from April 20 to 24, 2026, is organized by the DSWD MIMAROPA Regional Office. It seeks to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively facilitate learning sessions for children and engage parents in supporting their children's reading development.

A total of 111 students from the College of Teacher Education gathered together to hone their skills and gain new knowledge on handling tutoring sessions particularly to incoming Grade 2 students identified by the Department of Education (DepEd) as "low emerging readers," or those struggling with reading.

Prior to the program, participants were assigned specific roles. Tutors are trained to directly facilitate reading sessions with learners, while Youth Development Workers (YDW) focus on guiding parents, equipping them with strategies to support their children's literacy at home.



As part of the training, participants are required to conduct a return demonstration, where they will apply what they have learned through a simulated tutoring session. This allows them to practice their skills in a structured setting before engaging in actual community-based tutoring.

Following the training, participants may take part in real tutoring sessions under Tara, Basa! program, extending their learning beyond the classroom and into communities in need. (kpic)



Balik Minsu 2026 JOY. Laughter. nostalgia.

For a day, these became the defining sounds and scenes across Mindoro State University (MinSU) Calapan City Campus as graduates from different generations returned to the institution they once called home, reconnecting with old classmates and celebrating the legacy they helped build.

On June 20, 2026, MinSU Calapan City Campus through the Office of the Alumni Relations hosted Balik MinSU 2026: Grand Alumni Homecoming, reaffirming the lasting bond between the University and its graduates through the theme, "Connecting Ties, Building Legacies."

The gathering brought together alumni from different generations of the institution whose journeys trace the University's own transformation - from its early years as the Calapan School of Arts and Trade (CSAT) in the 1970s, to its years as the Polytechnic College of Calapan (PCC) in the 1990s, to Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology in early 2000s and finally to today's Mindoro State University.

The celebration began with a festive motorcade around the major roads of Calapan City, where alumni proudly showcased their graduating batches through decorated vehicles and banners. Back on campus, the reunion continued with cultural performances, games, musical presentations, raffle draws, and fellowship activities that rekindled friendships and revived cherished memories.

Among those who joined the celebration was former College Administrator Mr. Emelito S. Matunan, whose presence reminded alumni of the University's earliest chapters and the milestones that paved the way for its present identity. Former faculty members also joined the event.

In her message, Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President recognized alumni as lifelong partners in advancing the University's mission. She emphasized that while graduates have pursued different careers and paths, they remain united by shared experiences and a common commitment to supporting future generations of MinSUans.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of the alumni constitution and by-laws, along with the unveiling of the miniature alumni emblem that will be installed at the University's inaugurated man-made lake. The landmark symbolizes the unity, generosity, and continuing support of MinSU alumni for their alma mater.

The homecoming concluded with a community potluck lunch where alumni, faculty, and university officials shared stories, exchanged updates, reminisced about student life. (jdtcd)

For many who returned, the homecoming was not simply a reunion. It was a reminder that while the University has changed names, expanded programs, and grown through the decades, the connections forged within its campus have remained remarkably enduring. Those ties - strengthened by memory, shared experience, and a commitment to give back - continue to define what it means to be part of the MinSU community.

Former DA Secretary Dar leads MinSU's EPMR, charts 2030 roadmap

Former Secretary of the Department of Agriculture Dr. William D. Dar spearheaded the External Program and Management Review (EPMR) of Mindoro State University (MinSU), with the review panel formally turning over its findings and strategic recommendations to the University on June 8, 2026 to support the formulation of its Five-Year Development Plan for 2026–2030.

The report capped the three-day institutional review conducted from April 7 to 9, 2026, at the MCC-AVR, MinSU Calapan City Campus, where a panel of distinguished experts assessed the University's performance in instruction, curricular management, research for development, extension, governance, resource utilization, and external relations.

Leading the review panel was Dr. Dar, joined by Dr. William C. Medrano, former Department of Agriculture Undersecretary for Livestock; Dr. Rosana P. Mula, former Director of the Agricultural Training Institute; Dr. Saturnina C. Halos, former DA Technical Adviser and Chief Science Research Specialist; and Dr. Dante M. Aquino, former Professor of Isabela State University.



During the review, Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President, together with the University's key officials, presented the accomplishments, milestones, and major initiatives under the University's 2021–2025 Five-Year Development Plan. The University Student Government likewise presented its priority programs, highlighting student participation in institutional development.

The review process included campus inspections, stakeholder consultations, focused group discussions, and validation activities to assess program implementation and institutional performance. The panel also visited MinSU extension sites and partner communities, including Pampamayanang Mangyan Ugnayan, Inc., and Mangyan communities in Barangay Canaan, Victoria, where they observed extension initiatives and engaged beneficiaries to evaluate the impact of the University's community development programs.

The recommendations presented in June 2026 recognize MinSU's institutional gains while identifying strategic opportunities to further strengthen academic quality, governance, research, extension, and resource

management in response to emerging trends and demands in higher education.

Serving as a key planning document, the EPMR report will guide the University in refining policies, enhancing institutional systems, and setting priority programs under its Five-Year Development Plan for 2026–2030, reinforcing Mindoro State University's commitment to quality assurance, continuous improvement, and responsive governance. (jdt/dc)



MPA students empower good governance through extension activity

Post-graduate students from the Master in Public Administration (MPA) program of Mindoro State University conducted an extension activity for LGU Bansud through a workshop orientation on PRIME-HRM (Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management) on June 19, 2026 at the Bansud Municipal Hall.

The initiative aimed to equip LGU employees with the knowledge and competencies necessary to strengthen their human resource management systems and align their practices with PRIME-HRM standards.

Dr. Alice R. Ramos, Dean of MinSU Graduate Studies emphasized the need to create impact from our academic studies that transcends to communities, while she discussed her flagship program, Program CONNECT, which aims to create a community-focused extension system that enhances academic leadership.

The participants, who are employees of the Local Government Unit of Bansud, particularly in the HR Unit and Planning Unit attended the event.

The first speaker, Dir. Ma. Theresa R. Poblador, Director II of the Civil Service Commission Field Office - Oriental Mindoro provided a thorough orientation on the definition, objectives, processes and incentives and benefits of PRIME-HRM via recorded video presentation.

The second speaker, Mr. Jayvee G. Menguito, Head of the Human Resource Unit and Gender and Development Focal Person of the Department of Economy, Planning and Development - MIMAROPA Regional Office, shared their best practices on the preparation for PRIME-HRM and how to adapt its processes effectively into their current system.

Effective academic learning should no longer be confined within the walls of the classroom. It must extend into communities where knowledge is applied, shared, and transformed into meaningful impact. (kpic)

The Youth are the standard: CHR, MinsU push for informed civic participation



The future of democracy does not wait for young people to grow older. In many ways, it already rests in their hands.

This became the central message of the “#AkoBatayan – May Karapatan ang Kabataan sa Kanilang Kinabukasan” forum held on May 26, 2026 at the Audio-Visual Room of Mindoro State University-Calapan Campus, led by the Commission on Human Rights in partnership with the University.

The half-day event gathered students, youth leaders, and representatives from various organizations and communities across Oriental Mindoro to discuss human rights, youth participation, leadership, and the electoral process ahead of the 2026 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections.



More than a pre-election initiative, the forum served as a reminder that the strength of the country's future depends on how empowered and informed its young people are today.

During her message, Atty. Brenda E. Canapi, OIC-Regional Director of the Commission on Human Rights Region IV-B MIMAROPA, emphasized that voting is both a right and a responsibility of the youth.

“Hindi lang sapat na bumoto ang mga kabataan; dapat ay bumoto nang tama,” she said, highlighting the importance of making informed choices in shaping the nation's future.

Meanwhile, Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President, reminded the participants that the youth are more than observers of change.

“To the young people here today and across our communities, I want to look at you directly and say this: you are the standard. Never let anyone tell you that you are ‘just’ students or ‘just’ the youth,” Dr. Apostol stated.

Also present during the forum were Mr. Arnando V. Angeles, National Youth Commission Presidential Staff Officer IV, and Atty. John Mark Tambasacan, Provincial Election Supervisor of Oriental Mindoro.

As conversations on leadership and civic participation filled the room, one message stood out clearly: when the youth understand their rights, recognize their voice, and choose to participate, they become more than the future of the nation; they become a force capable of shaping it today. (marm)

DOST-PCIEERD recognizes MinSU with national award; strengthens role in driving innovation in MIMAROPA



The Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD) recognized Mindoro State University with the Kabalikat Newbie Institution Award on June 29, 2026, strengthening the University's role in driving innovation in MIMAROPA.

During the recently held DOST-PCIEERD 16th Anniversary Celebration at Fairmont Hotel, Makati City, the University exhibited its growing contribution as a new institutional partner in advancing innovation and technology-based development, as it received the award.

The distinction highlights the success of the MinSU i-BIBES (Innovative Business Incubator for Biosystems Solutions), the university's flagship technology business incubation program that helps innovators, researchers, and startup entrepreneurs turn ideas into practical enterprises that respond to local and regional needs. Through the Kabalikat Newbie Institution Award, DOST-PCIEERD acknowledged MinSU for its strong debut as a PCIEERD partner through the MinSU i-BIBES Technology Business Incubator, with its early milestones including 22 startups and engaging more than 3,600 participants and promoting grassroots entrepreneurship in the MIMAROPA region.

Presented under the theme "Emerging Technologies for a Future-Ready Philippines: Driving Innovation, Enabling Progress, and Transforming the Nation," the Kabalikat Awards honor institutions that have shown strong commitment to advancing science, technology, and innovation through meaningful partnerships with DOST-PCIEERD.

The latest recognition further positions MinSU as a key contributor to the country's innovation agenda, reinforcing its commitment to developing technology-driven solutions, empowering local entrepreneurs, and elevating MIMAROPA's innovation ecosystem on the national stage.

Receiving the award was Engr. Randy A. Joco, Director for Innovation and TBI Manager, alongside the MinSU i-BIBES team. (kpic)

AB engineering students showcase postharvest tools to curb agri waste



Aiming to bridge the gap between classroom theory and address the persistent issue of postharvest losses in the country, third-year Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering students at Mindoro State University (MinSU) presented eight homegrown agricultural innovations during the MATTECH 2026: ABP 32 Innovation Exhibit held on June 1, 2026 at the ASTEER Building, MinSU Victoria Campus.

The exhibit, themed "Harnessing the Properties of AB Materials to Develop Innovative Postharvest Technologies for Sustainable Agricultural Development," challenged student groups to design practical, low-cost machinery utilizing physical and thermal properties of agricultural materials which answers three core criteria: identifying a specific agricultural issue, proving engineering innovation, and ensuring realistic adoption potential for everyday farmers and agri-processors.

The initiative comes amid recurring market gluts across the country. Engr. Randy A. Joco, Director for Innovation and course instructor, noted that tons of vegetables are frequently left to rot in fields due to oversupply, low farmgate prices, and high transport

costs. Jefferson Velasco, one of the student innovators, emphasized that the prototypes were built specifically with smallholder farmers in mind.

"From classroom theory and literature, the prototyped technology we developed is user-friendly and can be used by our farmers to protect their hard-earned yields, prolong the shelf life of their perishable produce, and ultimately prevent the heartbreaking wastage we see during market gluts," Velasco said.

Instead of operating as a mere classroom requirement, MATTECH 2026 concluded as a direct display of how state university research can deliver tangible, field-ready engineering solutions to bolster countryside food security. (jdttdc)

MinSU strengthens institutional identity with IPOPHL trademark registrations



Mindoro State University has secured trademark registrations from the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) for three of its key institutional identities—the official University logo, the LIFTMINSU logo, and the MinSU i-BIBES (Innovative Business Incubator for Biosystems Solutions) logo—strengthening legal protection over its brands and reinforcing its commitment to innovation, excellence, and institutional integrity.

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President, pushed for the registration of the University logo as a significant step toward safeguarding the institution's identity, reputation, and intellectual property rights amid the evolving landscape of higher education and institutional branding.

According to Pres. Apostol, the trademark registration formally recognizes the institution's ownership of its official seal and visual identity, preventing unauthorized reproduction, misuse, and commercial exploitation of the University's branding.

She further emphasized that protecting the official logo is part of the University's broader commitment to institutional integrity, excellence, and sustainability.

With the trademark registrations, the University now reserves the absolute right to prohibit the use and association of its name, symbols, and logos to any person, group, corporate entity, or activity whose values, actions, and products are inconsistent with the vision, mission, and mandate of the University.

The trademark registrations were facilitated by MinSU i-BIBES through the Office of Innovation under the Office of the Vice President for Research, Innovation, Technology, and Extension (OVPRITE), with technical assistance from the Department of Science and Technology-Oriental Mindoro through Project ISIP.

The achievement strengthens MinSU's intellectual property portfolio and institutional branding, ensuring that the University's official identities are legally protected as it continues to expand its impact in higher education, research, innovation, and public service. (jdttdc / raj / jcg / kpic)

MinSU Board commends University's Q1 2026 Accomplishments

The Mindoro State University (MinSU) Board of Regents commended the University's first quarter accomplishments for FY 2026 following the presentation of the Q1 Accomplishments Report by Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President.

Anchored on the A.C.H.I.E.V.E. to LIFT MinSU agenda and aligned with the strategic directions of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the report highlighted the University's milestones in instruction, research, extension, innovation, governance, internationalization, and student services during the first three months of the year.

The Board recognized the collective efforts of the MinSU community in translating the University's vision into concrete results, underscoring the institution's commitment to excellence, responsive governance, and sustainable development.

The full Q1 2026 Accomplishments Report is available through the University's official digital flipbook for stakeholders and the public. (jdttdc)



Read the full report here: <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/9b331f581d.html>



Through the Global Islands Conference, MinSU gives voice to island realities, resilience, and innovations on a global stage.



Mr. Leonel C. Mendoza

OIC-VP for Research, Innovation, Technology and Extension



MinSU leads Global Islands Conference, advances international collaboration for climate-resilient island development

Seeking to bridge the gap between local vulnerabilities and global solutions, Mindoro State University (MinSU) has advanced its efforts toward positioning the Philippines as a regional hub for climate resilience by convening an international network of scientists, engineers, researchers, and policymakers focused on addressing the unique environmental and economic challenges faced by island communities.

Through its Research, Innovation, Technology, and Extension (RITE) Office, MinSU officially launched the Global Islands Conference (GIC) 2026 held virtually on June 5, 2026, bringing together experts and institutions from across Asia in a virtual summit.

With the theme, “Innovative Pathways to Island Sustainability: Advancing Knowledge, Practice, and Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals,” the conference served as a platform for collaborative research, knowledge exchange, and innovative solutions aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

OIC-Vice President for RITE Prof. Leonel C. Mendoza said the conference aims to bridge global expertise with local realities by promoting research-based solutions for climate adaptation, environmental protection, and sustainable economic development, particularly for vulnerable island communities such as Oriental Mindoro.

International experts Prof. Dr. Atif Hassan of the University of Management and Technology (Pakistan), Dr. Hồ Thị Thanh Nhân of Van Lang University (Vietnam), Dr. Doris Ifeoma Ogueri of Shinawatra University (Thailand), and Dr. Arlan P. Beltran, a Chartered Professional Engineer based in Doha, Qatar, shared best practices on sustainable hospitality, eco-friendly design, environmental governance, and resilient infrastructure, highlighting practical approaches that can be adapted by island communities facing the impacts of climate change.

The University also reinforced its internationalization efforts through partnerships with the University of Management and Technology (Pakistan), Van Lang University (Vietnam), and Shinawatra University (Thailand), alongside local collaborations with City College of Calapan and Divine Word College of Calapan to strengthen regional cooperation on sustainability initiatives.

Mendoza emphasized that the conference goes beyond academic discussions, noting that the knowledge and partnerships established through GIC 2026 will support future research, extension programs, technology transfer, and policy recommendations benefiting island communities in Oriental Mindoro, the MIMAROPA Region, and beyond.

The conference is expected to generate collaborative research outputs and evidence-based recommendations that will help local government units craft data-driven strategies for environmental protection, climate resilience, and inclusive socio-economic development (jdtcdc).



MinSU strengthens Izn efforts at CHED MIMAROPA's 32nd Anniversary Celebration and ATLAS Forum 2026

Mindoro State University (MinSU) strengthened its commitment to internationalization and academic excellence as it participated in the MIMAROPA Regional Celebration of the 32nd Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Anniversary, the UniFAST Gawad Ka-MIMAROPA, and the ASEAN and Transnational Higher Education (TNHE) Linkages, Applications, and Strategies (ATLAS) Forum 2026 on June 1, 2026 at Romblon State University–Main Campus.

Representing the University were Engr. Dr. Jerrel S. Reyes, Director for External Linkages and International Affairs; Dr. Jessie Rey B. Mangundayao, Director for Admission and Scholarship; Liezel M. Romantic, Head of the Home-based Internationalization Unit; and Antonette H. Dudas, Head of the Global and Local Partnerships Unit.

Anchored on the CHED ACHIEVE Agenda and the UniFAST ASSIST Agenda, the event highlighted accessible and quality higher education, internationalization, research and innovation, and strengthened institutional collaboration. A key feature of the celebration was the ATLAS Forum 2026, which provided a venue for higher education institutions to exchange best practices and explore strategies for advancing Transnational Higher Education (TNHE). (jsr)

PROJECT S.A.G.I.P.



Small Space, Big Harvest: MinSU's Project S.A.G.I.P. cultivates hope and food security



In a space no larger than a doorway, a quiet revolution in food security has begun.

Within a 2-meter by 3-meter model garden at Mindoro State University (MinSU), rows of vibrant greens such as lettuce, mustard, pechay, and kangkong and other crops have reached their first harvest, marking a significant milestone for Project S.A.G.I.P. (Survival Agriculture through Green Innovative Practices). More than just produce, the harvest stands as living proof that sustainable food systems can thrive even in the most limited spaces.

Spearheaded by Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President, along with the Office of the Vice President for Research, Innovation, Technology and Extension, Project S.A.G.I.P. is MinSU's flagship initiative that bridges innovation and necessity. It is designed to equip families and communities with practical, low-cost, and crisis-responsive food production methods.

At its core is a compact yet highly efficient backyard garden model that merges horizontal and vertical growing techniques. What appears simple at first glance is, in truth, a carefully designed system that maximizes every inch of space, transforming it into a reliable source of nourishment.

What began as a University-based demonstration is now steadily extending its roots beyond campus grounds. Inspired by its early success, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Gloria has adopted the model as part of its local food security and community livelihood initiatives, bringing the promise of self-sustaining food systems closer to the grassroots.

Aside from LGU Gloria, the LGUs of Victoria and Bongabong responded positively and conveyed their support for the implementation of the initiative in their municipalities, following the successful presentation of the project to their respective municipal chief executives. The presentations highlighted the project's objectives, anticipated community impact, and the importance of collaborative efforts between the University and local government partners.

To date, the project has benefited 877 households and individuals and expanded through partnerships with 3 LGUs—Gloria, Victoria and Bongabong.

Through strengthened partnerships with LGU, MinSU continues to scale up Project S.A.G.I.P., envisioning communities where backyards become sources of resilience and where innovation meets everyday survival.

Sometimes, all it takes is a small space, a shared vision, and the will to grow. (marm)

Florachella: The Chandelier that steals the spotlight

While P-Pop sensation BINI brings Pantropiko vibes to California, Mindoro State University (MinSU) has its own early summer spectacle—Florachella.



A walk around the University, particularly near the old girls' dormitory and the Pyramid, reveals one of the country's most remarkable natural treasures quietly taking center stage—the Jade Vine (*Strongylodon macrobotrys*), locally known as Tayabak.

What is Jade Vine?

The Jade Vine, or Tayabak, is a rare woody climbing vine endemic to the Philippines. Found only in the country's tropical rainforests, it is considered one of the nation's remarkable endemic plant species. At MinSU, it drapes gracefully across the campus like a living emerald chandelier, reflecting the University's rich natural heritage and biodiversity.

What does it look like?

The Jade Vine is best known for its spectacular cascading clusters of claw-shaped flowers in a striking turquoise to sea-foam green color. Its flower clusters can grow up to 1.5 meters long, making it one of the most visually distinctive plants in the country. Many Filipinos recognize it from the reverse side of the new five-peso coin, while its vibrant color is specially adapted to attract its primary pollinators—bats.

How can we protect them?

Protecting the Jade Vine begins with responsible stewardship. Admire its blooms without touching or picking them, help keep its surroundings clean, report any signs of damage, and promote awareness through responsible sharing of information. By respecting environmental laws, including the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, every MinSUan helps preserve this national treasure for future generations.



via The Tumbler/Januel Jose
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Why is it important?

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Jade Vine is classified as Vulnerable (VU), underscoring the need for its continued protection. Its presence at MinSU transforms the campus into a living laboratory, allowing students and visitors to appreciate one of the Philippines' threatened endemic species firsthand. More importantly, it symbolizes the University's commitment to biodiversity conservation and environmental stewardship.

Coachella may have its lineup of artists, but MinSU has its own lineup of biodiversity, with the Jade Vine taking center stage. As it is expected to bloom more abundantly in the coming summer, let us ensure that it continues to thrive—not because of a grand stage, but because of a healthy environment nurtured by a community committed to protecting nature.

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MinSU posts stronger global standing, rises to 274th in WURI 2026

For the second consecutive year, Mindoro State University (MinSU) has strengthened its position on the global stage after ranking 274th in the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) 2026, improving by 54 places from 328th in 2025.

Among its most notable achievements, MinSU ranked among the Top 100 innovative universities worldwide in the following categories:

- 15th globally in Interdisciplinary, Convergent, and Integrated Research (C2)
- 22nd globally in Industrial Application (A3)
- 87th in University-Based Entrepreneurial Projects (C7)
- 88th in Future-Oriented Responses to Global Uncertainty and Geopolitical Risk (A7)
- 92nd in Student Support and Engagement (A1)
- 95th in Crisis Management (A5)
- 100th in AI-Based Teaching and Learning Transformation (C4)

With its continued upward trajectory for the second straight year, MinSU reaffirms its commitment to producing future-ready graduates and strengthening its contribution to global innovation and sustainable development. (jtdtc)

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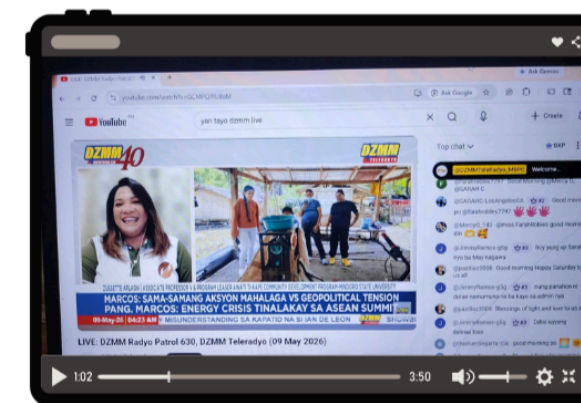
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INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITIES

+54 leap from 2025 rank

Kapeng Mangyan of MinSU's Awati Ti-Kape Program featured on DZMM Teleradyo after global coffee showcase



Kapeng Mangyan, the locally grown coffee championed through Mindoro State University's (MinSU) Awati Ti-Kape Community Development Program, was featured on DZMM Teleradyo, bringing the inspiring story of the Hanunuo Mangyan coffee farmers of Mansalay to a national audience.

The feature highlighted how MinSU's extension initiative has helped improve the livelihood of Indigenous coffee farmers by providing technical training, quality processing, market linkages, and modern equipment. Once sold as green coffee beans for only ₱20 to ₱30 per kilogram, Kapeng Mangyan now commands ₱80 to ₱100 per kilogram, increasing the income of farming families.

During the interview, Prof. Zusette Aplao, Associate Professor IV and Project Leader of the Awati Ti-Kape Community Development Program, shared that Kapeng Mangyan's journey to the global stage began through partnerships formed during a Department of Agriculture coffee expo. These collaborations led to its participation in the World of Coffee in San Diego, California, where the product showcased not only the quality of Mindoro coffee but also the rich culture and craftsmanship of the Hanunuo Mangyan community.

Beyond economic gains, the program has created meaningful change in the lives of Indigenous families.

"May nakapanayam po kaming katutubo tungkol sa impact ng project. Hindi na po sila mamomroblema sa pagpapaaral sa anak. Meron na po kaming katutubo doon, nakabili na po sila ng tricycle," Aplao shared during the interview.

To sustain the initiative, MinSU continues to work with the Local Government Unit of Mansalay and partner agencies in rehabilitating aging coffee trees and expanding coffee production through tree-planting and livelihood programs.

The story of Kapeng Mangyan reflects how a local agricultural product can become a source of economic opportunity while helping preserve Indigenous heritage. Through sustained extension work and partnerships, MinSU's Awati Ti-Kape program continues to help coffee-growing communities turn their local resources and knowledge into more sustainable livelihoods. (afe/jtdtc)



Times Higher Education
**Sustainability
Impact Ratings 2026**

OVERALL RANK

801 - 1000

OUT OF 1,603 INSTITUTIONS GLOBALLY



MinSU climbs in global sustainability rankings, tops HEIs in MIMAROPA

A stronger commitment to sustainability initiatives has propelled the Mindoro State University (MinSU) to a higher standing in the global academic arena, following the latest Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ratings 2026.

MinSU secured a place in the 801-1000 band out of 1,603 universities globally under the Overall Sustainability Impact Rankings, marking a notable rise from its previous position in the 1001-1500 bracket. The latest results reflect the university's growing commitment to embedding the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into its teaching, research, and community engagement efforts.

The improved standing reflects broader gains across multiple SDG indicators, where the university demonstrated varying but expanding strengths. These include a relatively strong performance in Zero Hunger (201-300) and Life Below Water (301-400), alongside consistent placements in the 401-600 range for Gender Equality, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Climate Action, and Life on Land.

Other indicators show the university's continuing development in key areas of public service and academic impact, including No Poverty (401-600), Good Health and Well-being (801-1000), and Quality Education (601-800). It likewise posted comparable results in Decent Work and Economic Growth (601-800) and Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (601-800), while participation in Reduced Inequalities, Responsible Consumption and Production, and Partnerships for the Goals placed within broader global ranges, reflecting areas for further strengthening.

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President has previously underscored sustainability as a central thrust of academic programs, research initiatives, and community extension work—efforts that appear to be gaining international recognition through the ranking system.

With its performance in the 2026 THE Impact Ratings, MinSU also emerged as the top-ranked higher education institution in the MIMAROPA region, based on data from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) MIMAROPA.

The THE Impact Ratings evaluate universities worldwide based on their contributions to the achievement of the SDGs, assessing institutions not only on academic excellence but also on their social impact, environmental responsibility, governance practices, and community engagement.

As universities around the world increasingly embrace sustainability as a measure of institutional success, MinSU's latest achievement highlights its growing role in advancing development goals while expanding its presence in the global higher education landscape. (jtdtc)



Ms. Mary Antonette H. Dudas, Head of the Global and Local Partnerships Unit of the External Linkages and International Affairs (ELIA), personally receives the plaque of recognition during the Times Higher Education Global Sustainable Development Congress held in Tangerang, Indonesia, from June 22 to 25. She was joined by Dr. Ricmar P. Aquino, Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Chair of the Mindoro State University Board of Regents, who headed the Philippine delegation at the international gathering.

FROM PAPERWORK TO DIGITAL WORKFLOWS:

MinSU pilots two digital systems ahead of July launch



Administrative transactions at Mindoro State University (MinSU) are taking a digital turn with the pilot testing of two web-based platforms—the Employee Self-Service (ESS) Portal and the Document Tracking System (DTS)—web-based platforms designed to centralize and streamline administrative operations and services.

The two systems are designed to modernize the University's internal operations by digitizing personnel transactions and document management, reducing dependence on paper-based processes while improving the efficiency, accessibility, and transparency of administrative services.



The Employee Self-Service Portal is designed to simplify employee-related transactions by providing faculty members and non-teaching personnel with online access to essential administrative services. Through the platform, employees can electronically submit leave applications, locator forms, and travel orders, monitor their Daily Time Record (DTR), and securely access and download their payslips.

Complementing the ESS Portal is the Document Tracking System, a centralized platform that enables offices to monitor, route, and manage official documents throughout the University. The system provides real-time tracking of document status and location, facilitates the processing and approval of proposals, Purchase Orders (PO), and Job Orders (JO), and maintains a digital record of document history and transactions.

Both systems are currently undergoing pilot testing to evaluate their functionality, usability, and overall performance ahead of their official launching and rollout this July 2026.

Once operational, the ESS Portal is expected to streamline personnel-related transactions by accelerating approval workflows, improving record tracking, and enhancing coordination among offices through a centralized digital platform.

Meanwhile, the Document Tracking System is expected to reduce processing delays, minimize the risk of misplaced documents, and provide greater transparency by allowing users to monitor the progress of official documents from submission to approval and completion.

The implementation of the two digital platforms forms part of MinSU's continuing efforts to strengthen institutional governance through technology-driven solutions, supporting more efficient, transparent, and responsive public service delivery within the University. (jtdtc)



MinSU sends 1,902 young professionals into workforce to drive Mindoro, nation's development

Mindoro State University has added another generation of professionals to the country's workforce as 1,902 undergraduate graduates and 72 graduate school completers crossed the stage during the University's 2026 commencement exercises across its three campuses.

Held from June 15 to 18, 2026, the ceremonies celebrated **495** graduates from Victoria (Main) Campus, **505** from Bongabong Campus, and **902** from Calapan City Campus, all carrying the theme, "*2026 Graduates: Proud, Principled, and Poised to Serve the Filipino Community.*"

The commencement exercises underscored MinSU's growing role in producing skilled, values-driven professionals who will help address the country's need for competent educators, innovators, engineers, entrepreneurs, fisheries experts, tourism practitioners, public servants, and other leaders capable of driving sustainable development in Mindoro and beyond.

The Class of 2026 likewise demonstrated remarkable academic excellence, producing 267 Latin honor recipients—89 from Calapan City Campus, 98 from Bongabong Campus, and 80 from Victoria (Main) Campus, reflecting the University's continuing commitment to quality education and student success.

Throughout the ceremonies, university officials and distinguished speakers challenged graduates to transform their education into meaningful action. They urged the Class of 2026 to embrace resilience, reject self-imposed limitations, pursue their passions with purpose, and use their knowledge to create positive change in their communities.

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President reminded graduates to become catalysts for progress wherever they go.

"Go where there is stagnation, and bring innovation. Go where there is division, and lead with a healing heart," she said, calling on every MinSuan to live out the University's ideals of being **mahusay, mabuti, and matino.**

As they formally join the ranks of MinSU alumni, the University's newest graduates leave not only with degrees, but with the responsibility to serve, lead, and innovate. Their entry into the workforce reinforces MinSU's mission of developing competent professionals whose knowledge, character, and commitment will help shape stronger communities and a more sustainable future for the Philippines. (kpic)



The world you are entering is vast and beautiful. But, it is also deeply broken, fragile, and hurting. It is filled with ordinary people fighting quiet battles we know absolutely nothing about, facing economic hardships and deep social divides. Do not wait for someone to step up and forward to solve these problems. **The very fact that you are standing here means that you are meant to be an answer to someone else's prayers.**

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol

University President
Mindoro State University
during the 49th Commencement Exercises of
MinSU Victoria (Main) Campus



You do not need to go outside MIMAROPA to become successful. Many young people think that success can only be found in Mega Manila, in highly urbanized cities, or in foreign shores, but success is not limited by geography. **Success can be felt wherever there is purpose, passion, integrity and service. Right here in MIMAROPA, there are opportunities waiting to be developed, enhanced and strengthened.**

Dir. Roberto R. Abrera

Commencement Speaker
Regional Director, BFAR MIMAROPA
during the 48th Commencement Exercises of
MinSU Bongabong Campus



Many people will tell you to stay in your lane. They will tell you that if you are an athlete, you cannot be an artist. If you are a performer, you cannot be an honor student. **To the class of 2026, do not let anyone put your potential in a box. Your diverse passions are not distractions. They are your superpowers.**

Atty. Christopher R. Bañas

Commencement Speaker
Regional Director, DA-MIMAROPA
during the 49th Commencement Exercises of
MinSU Victoria (Main) Campus



Though the diploma may bear only your name, today's celebration belongs to your parents, families, and everyone who helped you along the way. They may not be written on the diploma, but they are part of the journey that made it possible.

Prof. Edna Imelda F. Legazpi

Commencement Speaker
Regional Director, CHED MIMAROPA
during the 52nd Commencement Exercises of
MinSU Calapan City Campus