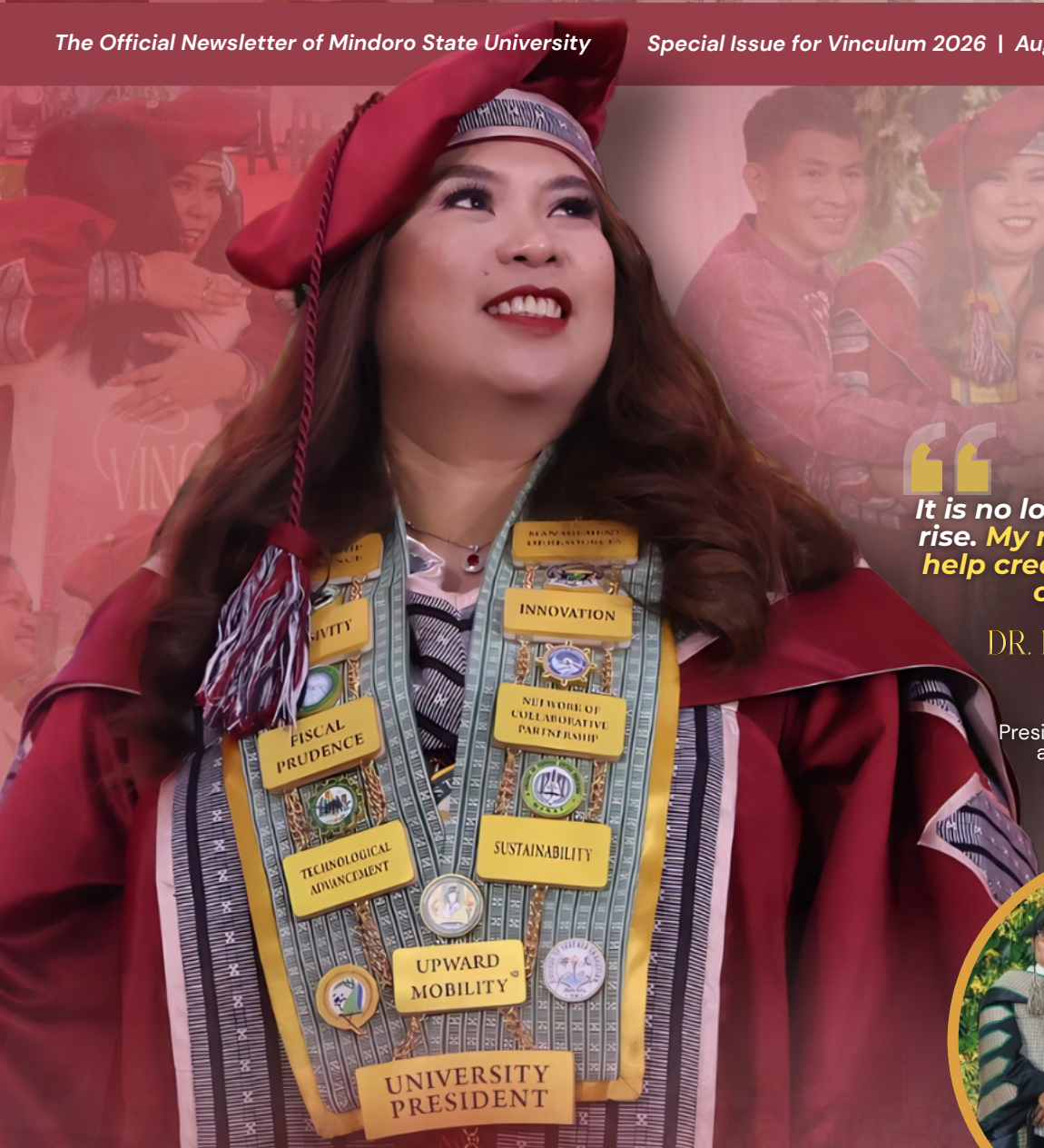
MinSU LEGACY

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> ***It is no longer enough for me to rise. My responsibility now is to help create a University where others can rise.***

DR. ENYA MARIE D. APOSTOL
University President

during the Vinculum 2026:
Presidential Investiture, Reaffirmation and Leadership Convergence
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VINCULUM 2026

Presidential Investiture, Reaffirmation and Leadership Convergence



VINCULUM 2026 brings SUC Leaders together to strengthen collaboration, leadership at MinSU

Leaders from State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) across the country, institutional heads, education advocates, government officials, and industry partners converged at Mindoro State University (MinSU) on August 26, 2026, in a shared dialogue on leadership, collaboration, and the continuing advancement of higher education.

The gathering, held at the University Auditorium of the MinSU Main Campus in Alcate, Victoria, formed part of Vinculum 2026: Presidential Investiture, Reaffirmation and Leadership Convergence.

The convergence was attended by presidents and representatives of various SUCs, led by Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, President of the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) and President of Batangas State University–The National Engineering University.

Joining him were Dr. Silverio Ramon D. Salunson, President of Tarlac Agricultural University; Atty. Ryan L. Estevez, DPA, President of the University of Camarines Norte; Dr. Elbert C. Edaniol, President of Occidental Mindoro State University; Dr. Jameson H. Tan, President of Bulacan Agricultural State College; Dr. Frederick T. Villa, President of Southern Luzon State University; Dr. Mario R. Briones, President of Laguna State Polytechnic University; Dr. Amabel S. Liao, President of Western Philippines University; Dr. Venzon L. Limpiada, President of Palawan State University; Dr. Gemma G. Acedo, President of Catanduanes State University; and Dr. Merian P. Catajay-Mani, *CESE,* President of Romblon State University.

Also present were representatives from Samar State University, Palawan State University, Marinduque State University, Western Philippines University, and Catanduanes State University, as well as Dr. Napoleon B. Imperial, *CESO III,* former Deputy Executive Director IV of the Commission on Higher Education.

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, MinSU President welcomed the distinguished guests and thanked the participating SUC presidents and representatives for joining the event.



















> ***When we transform higher education, we will not simply transform institutions. We transform people. We transform communities, and ultimately, we transform the nation.***
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> DR. RICMAR P. AQUINO
> CHED Commissioner
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In her message, she emphasized the importance of working together and reaffirmed MinSU's commitment to strengthening partnerships with other state universities and colleges (SUCs) to advance research, knowledge exchange, and higher education.

A highlight of the gathering was the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among participating SUCs for the reciprocal exchange of qualified external peer reviewers for manuscripts submitted to university and other recognized scholarly journals.

The agreement also covers cooperation in research, innovation, capacity-building, and knowledge sharing, providing faculty members and researchers opportunities to collaborate and access expertise across institutions.

Dr. Ricmar P. Aquino, CHED Commissioner and Chair of the MinSU Board of Regents who graced the event, emphasized the role of leadership and collaboration in strengthening higher education institutions.

The leadership convergence also featured an open forum on institutional development and emerging challenges in higher education, including opportunities for MinSU to expand its partnerships and support its continuing growth.





Pres. Apostol reaffirms leadership, calls for collective rise at VINCULUM 2026











With a renewed commitment to listen, learn and lead with humility, Dr. Enya Marie Dinglasan Apostol formally reaffirmed her presidency of Mindoro State University (MinSU) during VINCULUM 2026: Presidential Investiture, Reaffirmation and Leadership Convergence on August 26, 2026.

The ceremony held at the University Auditorium, MinSU Victoria (Main) Campus brought together state university and college (SUC) presidents and representatives, government officials, members of the MinSU Board of Regents, faculty and staff, students, alumni, partners and other stakeholders.

Two years after assuming the presidency in July 2024, Apostol looked back on the experiences that shaped her leadership—from her early years as a teacher to the challenges that tested her resilience.

She described the journey as discovering "the Phoenix in me," drawing from the image of rising after adversity.

"*Ang tunay na pagpapakita na kaya mo ay 'yung marunong kang bumangon, matuto, at magsimulang muli*," she said.

For Apostol, however, rising from adversity also meant learning how to lead, and more importantly, how to listen.

When she took office, she spent her first days listening to members of the University community, asking questions and identifying areas that needed attention.

"Hindi kabawasan sa isang lider ang magsabing, 'Hindi ko pa po alam. Tulungan ninyo po akong maintindihan,'" she said.

Under her first two years of leadership, MinSU pursued programs in student welfare, institutional development, research, community engagement and internationalization.

Among these were Project HAPAG (Hatid Alaga, Pagkain at Ginhawa), Project ARAWATAN and Project SAGIP (Survival Agriculture through Green Innovation Practices), initiatives aimed at addressing the needs of students and communities.

The University also expanded its participation in international platforms, including the World University Rankings for Innovation, Times Higher Education Impact Ratings, UI GreenMetric and Webometrics.

"Mula sa Mindoro, unti-unti nating ipinapakita sa mundo kung ano ang kaya ng isang pamantasang naglilingkod sa isang lalawigan," Dr. Apostol said.

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She stressed, however, that the gains belong not to one leader or office but to the collective efforts of MinSU's faculty, employees, students, alumni, partners and stakeholders.

That collective responsibility is reflected in the word "Vinculum," which means a bond or connection.

Dr. Apostol acknowledged that much remains to be done: more students need to be heard, employees supported, communities reached, and partnerships and opportunities pursued beyond the country.

She vowed to continue listening and learning, make difficult decisions, when necessary, protect what has been built and improve what needs to change - all toward making MinSU a university of choice.

She also reaffirmed the University's guiding values: Mahusay, Matino, at Mabuti.

For Dr. Apostol, the next chapter of her presidency is no longer just about whether she can rise from challenges. It is about how many others the University can help rise with her.

"*Dati, ang tanong ko ay kung kaya ko pa bang bumangon. Ngayon, ang tanong ko ay ilan pa ang kaya nating ibangon at isama sa pag-angat?*" she said.

And that, she added, cannot be done alone.

"Hindi na lamang ito 'Kinakaya ni Pres Enya.' Sigurado ako, kakayanin natin ito nang sama-sama."

The Phoenix, in Dr. Apostol's story, represents resilience. Vinculum represents connection.

Together, they frame the leadership she hopes to continue building at MinSU: a University that listens, cares, creates opportunities, remains rooted in Mindoro and reaches confidently beyond it.

"This is our bond. This is our responsibility. This is our VINCULUM," she said. (jdtdc)









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Dr. Apostol formally invested as second MinSU President in VINCULUM 2026

Clad in the university's presidential regalia and formally entrusted with its symbols of authority, Dr. Enya Marie Dinglasan Apostol was invested as the second president of Mindoro State University (MinSU) during VINCULUM 2026: Presidential Investiture, Reaffirmation and Leadership Convergence on August 26, 2026.

She was joined at the milestone by her family - her mother, Mrs. Germana Dinglasan; her husband, Mr. Teody Apostol; and their daughter, Naia—who stood with her during the occasion at the University Auditorium, MinSU Victoria Campus.

The ceremonial investiture marked a defining moment in Dr. Apostol's presidency, as the presidential regalia, cap and hood, medallion and ring, and University Mace were formally presented as symbols of the dignity, authority, and responsibility entrusted to the University president.

The ceremony was witnessed by presidents and representatives of state universities and colleges (SUCs), education officials, government leaders, members of the MinSU Board of Regents led by its Chair, Dr. Ricmar P. Aquino, faculty and administrative personnel, students, alumni, and institutional partners.

Dr. Apostol was elected MinSU's second president on July 11, 2024, making her the first woman to lead the institution.



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The ceremonial oath-taking preceded the investiture rites, underscoring Apostol's renewed commitment to the responsibilities entrusted to the University presidency.

In his message delivered during the occasion, Dr. Aquino, CHED Commissioner and Chair-Designate of the MinSU Board of Regents, expressed support for Dr. Apostol's leadership and underscored the importance of collective effort in advancing the University's mission.

"Ang tunay na sukatan ng pamumuno ay hindi lamang sa kung ano ang ating nakamit, kundi kung ano ang ating naiiwan para sa susunod na henerasyon," Comm. Aquino emphasized in his statement.

Messages from Gov. Humerlito "Bonz" A. Dolor, 2nd District Rep. Alfonso V. Umali Jr., members of the Board of Regents, and student leaders likewise conveyed support for Dr. Apostol and the University's continuing development.

For Dr. Apostol, the investiture was not simply a reaffirmation of a title but of a responsibility.

During her investiture address, she acknowledged that MinSU's journey remains unfinished, with more students to serve, communities to reach, and opportunities to pursue. She pledged to continue leading with humility and to work toward a University of Choice anchored on being Mahusay, Matino, at Mabuti.

Her words also gave meaning to the ceremony's theme, VINCULUM, referring to a bond or connection.

"Hindi na lamang ito 'Kinakaya ni Pres Enya.' Sigurado ako, kakayanin natin ito nang sama-sama," she said.

With the symbols of the presidency formally entrusted to her, Apostol now leads MinSU into its next chapter - grounded in its gains, mindful of its unfinished work, and moving forward together.(jdtdc)











Oriental Mindoro Gov't extends ₱1-M aid, ERV commitment to MinSU

The Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro reaffirmed its support for Mindoro State University (MinSU), extending a ₱1-million financial assistance and committing an emergency response vehicle (ERV) for the University during VINCULUM 2026: Presidential Investiture, Reaffirmation and Leadership Convergence on August 26, 2026.

The ₱1-million assistance was formally received by Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President during the investiture ceremony. The amount was handed over by Gov. Humerlito "Bonz" Dolor, together with his wife, Hiyas Dolor, and Vice Gov. Antonio "CA Jojo" Perez Jr.

The assistance forms part of the provincial government's continuing partnership with MinSU in supporting the University's programs and initiatives and advancing services for the people of Oriental Mindoro.

During the same occasion, Gov. Dolor also announced the provincial government's commitment to provide an ERV for MinSU, which is set to be turned over to the MinSU Victoria Campus soon.

The forthcoming ERV is expected to strengthen the University's capacity to respond to medical emergencies and provide timely assistance to students, faculty, employees, and other members of the University community.

The support came as MinSU marked the formal investiture of Dr. Apostol, who was elected as the University's second president on July 11, 2024, becoming the institution's first woman president.



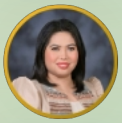
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