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ALAMO TOPS ABELE 2024

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The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Board of Agricultural Engineering announced the results just two days after the exam. According to them, 56.34% out of 2,625 examinees successfully passed the December 2024 ABELE..

Moreover, Mindoro State University demonstrated a strong performance with a national passing rate of 71.11%. Out of 36 first-time examinees from MinSU, 28 successfully passed, resulting in an impressive first-timer

passing rate.

Meanwhile, among the nine repeaters who took the exam, four managed to pass. These results contributed to an overall performance of 32 passers out of 45 takers from the university.

Alamo graduated with Academic Distinction in June 2024.

(FSClosa)



Engr. Lanz Louie Daniel Alamo

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Project MOSES wins two awards at 2024 Globe-DENR's KLIMA-likasan Awards

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in collaboration with Globe, successfully launched the 2024 Mga Kuwentong KLIMA-likasan Tungo sa Katatagan: A Climate and Disaster Resiliency Recognition Awards held at Park Inn by Radisson Manila, November 21, 2024. The award, initiated by DENR Climate Change Service and Gender and Development Office is in support to the Global Good Stories Movement, and seeks to recognize the stories of individuals and groups on the impacts of climate change and disasters in their communities, and on how they are addressing these through relevant programs on environmental protection and conservation, climate change and disaster risk reduction.

In said ceremony, Engr. Christian B. Hernandez, Team Leader of the Project MOSES (Monitoring and Observation of Site-specific E-Weather Stations) of the Mindoro State University won First Prize for Individual Category for his entry "Weather is Science" through Project MOSES.

Project MOSES is an IoT- based system providing near-real-time atmospheric

and soil data within a 9-25 km radius. It enhances weather monitoring in the flood-prone Mag-asawang Tubig Watershed in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro which is notorious for triggering floods in various parts of the province. The system supports the Provincial and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office in delivering more precise and real-time weather data, which in turn aids the local disaster management offices in preparing for and responding to natural hazards.

The project has proven instrumental in improving disaster preparedness and promoting climate resilience in flood-affected communities.

In addition to receiving an individual award, Project MOSES was honored with the Climate Technology for Resilience Special Award. The Project MOSES team also includes Mr. Harold Y. Bangalisan and Mr. John Edgar S. Anthony, supported by Ms. Maria Trixia G. Ballesteros (Programmer), Mr. Eric G. Buñag (Electronics Specialist),

and Engr. Maria Riverose Gasis (Research Assistant). Both awards came with plaques and cash incentives, further recognizing the team's outstanding contributions.

Project MOSES is a flagship initiative of Mindoro State University Project funded by DOST-MIMAROPA, showcasing the university's commitment in harnessing research and technology for community-driven solutions in mitigating climate change and disaster risks and sustainable development.

(CBHernandez)



DPWH, MinSU Ink MOA for Php 55 Million Worth of University Facilities



Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol (R) with DPWH Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan

The Mindoro State University (MinSU) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)-MIMAROPA inked a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the construction of university facilities worth Php 55 million. The signing ceremony was held at the DPWH Building in EDSA, Quezon City, October 2, 2024.

The MOA covers the implementation of three (3) key projects at MinSU, aimed at improving its academic and laboratory infrastructure. The projects include the Php 30 million Academic and Laboratory Building and the Php 15 million Agricultural and Biosystems Machinery and Power Engineering Academic Laboratory, Machinery Shed at the MinSU Main

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Dr. Apostol together with Ms. Rovelyn Roxas, Acting Budget Officer together with RD Pacanan and staff during the MOA signing

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MinSU, Landbank partner for enhanced digital payment

To elevate service standards and embrace modernization, Mindoro State University (MinSU) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Land Bank of the Philippines, October 30, 2024.

The MOA signing, held at MinSU Main Campus, formalized the integration of Landbank's Link.BizPortal, a streamlined ePayment platform that allows MinSU clients to conduct transactions and/or pay monetary obligations online.

This digital service aims to simplify payment processes and provide MinSU's students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders with an efficient online payment option.

Representing Landbank at the MOA signing was Ms. Lizza Mae F. Camposano, Department Manager of the Landbank Calapan Branch. MinSU was represented by Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President. Also witnessing the signing were Ms. Joelene C. Leynes, MinSU Vice President for Administration and Finance and Ms. Dorina T. Empleo, Director for Finance Services. This collaboration aligns with MinSU's commitment to leveraging technology to improve accessibility and service efficiency for its community and clientele. With the Link.BizPortal, clients can now securely and conveniently settle fees and complete transactions from anywhere with internet access, using Landbank's ePayment solutions.

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(L-R) Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, Ms. Lizza Mae F. Camposano, Ms. Joelene C. Leynes and Ms. Dorina T. Empleo during the MOA signing



Project PRACTICE Launches to Strengthen MinSU's Data Privacy Compliance



Atty. Layesa discusses the importance of Data Privacy Act during the orientation

To reinforce its commitment to protecting personal data and upholding the principles of the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (RA 10173), Mindoro State University (MinSU) launched Project PRACTICE (Promoting Responsible Action for Compliance and Transparency in Information and Commitment to Education) on December 20, 2024.

Spearheaded by Atty. Sherlyn A. Layesa, Attorney IV and MinSU's Data Privacy Officer, Project PRACTICE is designed to integrate responsible data practices into the university's daily operations. It highlights MinSU's commitment to balancing academic excellence with the protection of personal data, ensuring legal compliance while fostering accountability and transparency across its operations.

As part of Project PRACTICE, an orientation for faculty and staff was held at the University Auditorium, Main Campus, Alcate, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro on the same day. The orientation aimed to raise awareness among faculty and staff about responsible data management practices and how to

safeguard personal and sensitive information.

Atty. Layesa highlighted the importance of the Data Privacy Act in safeguarding personal information and maintaining stakeholder trust. "The Act serves as the foundation for safeguarding personal information, ensuring legal compliance, and maintaining the trust of our stakeholders," she stated. To make the session more engaging, she incorporated videos and real-life examples of situations where personal information was at risk. She also stressed the critical role MinSU employees play in protecting sensitive data, noting that their efforts contribute significantly to the institution's credibility and growth.

(ACBLegaspi)

SING 2: A CHRISTMAS SPECTACLE



MinSU's Sing 2: A Christmas Spectacle Hails as Champion at Salong Dagitab 2024

Mindoro State University (MinSU) has once again proven its flair for creativity and storytelling as it emerged as the Champion in the highly anticipated Salong Dagitab Christmas Festival 2024. Held at the Provincial Capitol Grounds in Barangay Camilmil, Calapan City, the festival celebrates the season with vibrant displays inspired by beloved animated films.

MinSU's entry, titled Sing 2: A Christmas Spectacle, captured the essence of the holiday spirit through its stunning visual presentation. Inspired by the animated blockbuster Sing 2, the display featured dazzling lights, intricate decorations, and life-like representations of the film's iconic characters, led by the ever-determined Buster Moon. Beyond its breathtaking aesthetics, MinSU's masterpiece told a story of resilience and dreams—a fitting tribute to the university's own journey of growth and innovation.

The competition was fierce, with 10 other participants showcasing remarkable and equally

creative entries inspired by popular animated films. However, MinSU stood out not only for its artistic execution but also for the depth of its narrative and the emotional connection it created with the audience.

During the awarding ceremony, MinSU was hailed as the Champion of Salong Dagitab 2024. The second and third places were awarded to Encanto and Despicable Me, respectively. Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President, proudly received the award presented by Gov. Humerlito "Bonz" A. Dolor.

The Sing 2: A Christmas Spectacle display continues to bring joy to the community, as it remains open for public viewing throughout the festive season. Visitors are encouraged to experience the magic, lights, and inspiring story of all the Salong Dagitab Christmas displays. (JtdelaCruz)



Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol receives the award from Gov. Bonz Dolor during the awarding ceremony





MinSU holds blessing and ribbon cutting of new facilities and vehicles

Mindoro State University (MinSU) continues to expand its services and infrastructure with the blessing of three major additions at the MinSU Main Campus—a newly constructed dormitory, the President's Cottage, and newly acquired service vehicles, December 13, 2024.



Rev. Fr. Matthew M. Marasigan blesses the newly-acquired vehicle

These developments are part of the University's ongoing efforts to improve its facilities and enhance the experience for students, staff, and stakeholders.

The blessing ceremony, officiated by Rev. Fr. Matthew M. Marasigan, was graced by University President Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, along with administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

The newly constructed dormitory is designed to provide safe and accessible housing for students from distant areas, addressing the growing demand for accommodations and enhancing the overall student experience at MinSU.

The President's Cottage, conceived as a functional and professional space, will host official meetings and accommodate guests, visitors, collaborators, and dignitaries.

Meanwhile, the three newly acquired service vehicles are expected to enhance the University's mobility and operational efficiency, effectively addressing logistical needs.

Adding to the momentous occasion was the blessing of a symbolic ring called Kam-Pay (Kampana ng Tagumpay), initiated by Dr. Apostol. The bell will be rung to commemorate

FishNet App Makes Waves in DICT's PSC Final Competition

The College of Computer Studies (CCS) of Mindoro State University (MinSU) Bongabong Campus has made waves on the national stage as its innovative project, FishNet: A Marketplace Application for Boat Owners and Fish Dealers with GPS Integration, emerged as one of the Top 10 finalists standing among 783 participating startup teams nationwide in the Department of Information and Communications Technology's (DICT) Philippine Startup Challenge (PSC).

This innovative project, FishNet: A Marketplace Application for Boat Owners and Fish Dealers with GPS Integration, bridges a critical gap in the fishing industry by serving as a digital marketplace for boat owners and fish dealers, integrating GPS technology to optimize operations, enhance productivity, and foster transparency.

FishNet was conceptualized by CCS students Patricia Eunice Guerra, Sunshine Bersoto, and Shaine Paul Calzo, guided by their mentor Mr. Cirile Dominic A. Horlador, as a response to the pressing needs of the fishing sector, particularly in resource-dependent coastal communities like Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro.

The FishNet team competed on the national stage, joining other groundbreaking projects from across the country at the PSC Final Challenge on December 3, 2024, in Tagaytay City.

every milestone and achievement, whether big or small, a tradition that celebrates the University's collective victories.

(JdttdelaCruz)



Pres. Apostol, Dr. Reyes Participate in the 24th AAACU Conference at Nagoya, Japan

Mindoro State University (MinSU) participated in the 24th Biennial Conference and General Assembly of the Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities (AAACU) held from December 2 to 6, 2024, at Nagoya University, Japan.

Representing MinSU were Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President, and Dr. Jerrel S. Reyes, Chairperson of External Linkages and International Affairs. The event brought together institutions and leaders across Asia to discuss innovations and best practices in agricultural science and technology while fostering cultural exchanges and collaborations.

The conference emphasized the sustainable and ethical use of bioresources, aligned with the principles of the Nagoya Protocol. During the conference, Dr. Apostol presented MinSU's best practices, showcasing the university's contributions to agricultural development. Both Dr. Apostol and Dr. Reyes also engaged in discussions and networked with international researchers and institutional leaders, paving way for potential partnerships and collaborative research projects.

This milestone marks another step in MinSU's journey towards internationalization, reinforcing its dedication to aligning its efforts with global standards and addressing critical issues in agriculture and sustainability. (JSReyes)



Graduates Set High Marks in LEPT 2024

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Similarly, in the Elementary Level, MinSU's performance was equally impressive: MinSU Bongabong Campus with a passing rate of 76.92% and MinSU Main Campus at 75%. Both are well above the national passing rate of 45.51%.

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Spreading Love, Sharing Joy

MinSU shares the spirit of Christmas with Mangyan communities

Christmas at Mindoro State University (MinSU) is a season of love, unity, and giving. With inclusivity at its core, MinSU's colleges and departments came together last December to share the joy of the holidays with the underserved Mangyan communities, ensuring that no one is left behind in the season of giving.

Leading this meaningful endeavor, MinSU President Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol spearheaded a special balik-pasalamat initiative in Baco, Oriental Mindoro through her Project CARD (Caring and Reaching Out this December), an initiative that not only extended aid but also fostered deeper connections with indigenous communities.



Meanwhile, the MinSU Extension Office, through the STC4iD Project, Medical Unit, and faculty members from the College of Agriculture and Allied Fields (CAAF), College of Business Management (CBM), College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), and College of Computer Studies (CCS), organized outreach programs in collaboration with Pampamayanang Mangyan Ugnayan Inc. (PMUI). These were held on December 18, 2024, in Canaan, Victoria, and on December 20, 2024, in Sitio Sigkuran, Villa Cerveza, Victoria. The programs featured a basic health seminar, which educated participants on essential health practices and disease prevention, followed by individual health consultations conducted by the MinSU Medical Unit. Beneficiaries received free medications as needed. To uplift spirits, various activities and fun games were also organized, fostering social bonding within the community. The initiative concluded with the distribution of relief goods, including food, personal care items, clothes, and toys for children.



photo courtesy: FB/MinSU STC4iD Project



photo courtesy: FB/MinSU NSTP

Additionally, on December 21, 2024, at Hidden Paradise, Sitio Sulong, Dulangan III, Baco, Oriental Mindoro, the MinSU National Training Service Program Unit continued its cherished tradition with "Nasa Serbisyo ang Tunay na Pasko 2.0" with the theme "Enkindling Joy, Nurturing Love, Yuletide Aspirations." Faculty, staff and NSTP students spread festive cheer through gift-giving, shared meals, and moments of genuine connection with the Mangyan community. The laughter of children and the gratitude of families made the celebration even more meaningful.

The Mangyan communities expressed heartfelt appreciation for the generosity and kindness extended to them. For them, these initiatives were a reminder that they are valued and embraced as part of the larger MinSU family. More than just gift-giving, these efforts embodied the true spirit of Christmas—sharing love, kindness, and inclusivity. Through these acts of compassion, MinSU made this holiday season truly special for the IP communities.

(JdtdelaCruz)



RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS

MinSU, PNVSCA Unite to Celebrate International Volunteer's Day

Volunteering is more than an act of service—it reflects kindness, compassion, and the commitment to making a difference. On International Volunteer Day, people worldwide recognize those who dedicate their time and effort to helping communities. As Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President of Mindoro State University, stated, “Volunteering is not merely an act of service. It is a testament to the inherent goodness of the human spirit.”

Mindoro State University (MinSU) celebrated International Volunteer Day at the University Auditorium on December 10, 2024, in partnership with the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA). The event began with a special message from the United Nations Secretary-General, thanking volunteers worldwide.

Distinguished speakers, including Dr. Agustin C. Mendoza, Regional Director of NEDA MIMAROPA, and PNVSCA Executive Director Donald James D. Gawe, highlighted the importance of volunteerism in sustainable development.

Their inspiring messages encouraged everyone to continue their service.

“Volunteers are the heart and soul of our communities.”

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol
University President, MinSU



photo courtesy: The Tumbler

International volunteers from the US Peace Corps—Ms. Ella Marie Castleman, Ms. Hayley Rose Flanagan, Ms. Katarina Umi Rothhorn, Mr. Nicholas John Meconiates, and Ms. Melissa Akin—shared their experiences in the Philippines, especially in Oriental Mindoro. Ms. Delma Buhat, a returned Filipino volunteer from Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), also spoke about her volunteer work in Indonesia.

Attendees participated in an open forum with the international volunteers and took part in a symbolic Pledge of Commitment

Tree, placing their handprints as a sign of dedication to volunteerism and Sustainable Development Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals.

MinSU's celebration of International Volunteer Day highlights its commitment to fostering a culture of service and collaboration. As Dr. Apostol said, “By volunteering, we not only help others but also enrich our own lives.” Through these efforts, MinSU continues to inspire individuals to contribute to positive change. (JdtdelaCruz)

MinSU Retains ISO 9001:2015 Certification



Photo courtesy | IFB/GRACE Management and Training Consultancy Services

Mindoro State University (MinSU) Main Campus has successfully renewed its ISO 9001:2015 certification, affirming its commitment to high-quality education and services. The surveillance audit, conducted by APEXCert International Inc. on October 18 and 21, 2024 evaluated MinSU's adherence to international quality standards across three

academic programs, namely, College of Computer Studies, College of Teacher Education and College of Agriculture and Allied Fields as well as its administrative, research and extension functions.

This achievement was made possible with the cooperation of all MinSU personnel spearheaded by MinSU



Process owners gather during the opening meeting for audit outlines

University President Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol and the support of Grace Management and Training Consultancy Services, who guided MinSU in preparing for the audit. Their expertise helped MinSU refine its processes and strengthen its quality management practices.

With this renewed certification, MinSU is set to continue improving its systems and enhancing its services for the benefit of students, faculty and staff, MinSU community and other stakeholders. (JdtdelaCruz)



IT'S A WRAP!

MinSU Wraps Up its 2024 with Year-End Performance and Management Review

In pursuit of continuous improvement, transparency, and accountability, Mindoro State University (MinSU) conducted its Year-End Performance Management Review at MinSU Calapan Campus, Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, December 26 – 27, 2024.

The two-day event served as an opportunity to assess the accomplishments as well as challenges of the University's various departments and campuses while evaluating the overall performance of the institution in line with its Strategic Plan.

The review's primary focus was the presentation of Year-End Accomplishments for Calendar Year (CY) 2024. Deans, department heads, and campus executive directors outlined their respective units' achievements

against the Strategic Plan. These presentations highlighted progress in

academic excellence, research and innovation, community extension services, and administrative efficiency.

Aside from the accomplishment, there were discussions on addressing challenges such as resource limitations and operational constraints, among others. The presentations emphasized a solutions-oriented approach, with recommendations designed to enhance performance and address gaps effectively.

On the second day, Ms. Anna Liza A. Vitto, in charge of monitoring at MinSU Main Campus, presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Targets as aligned with the University's Strategic Plan. Her discussion outlined goals, initiatives, and performance indicators for the upcoming year, providing a roadmap to guide the institution's continuous improvement efforts.

The review also encouraged discussions and forum among participants, fostering

collaboration and the sharing of best practices across the University's campuses and colleges.

University President Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol lauded the efforts of the MinSU community during her message, emphasizing the collective dedication to achieving institutional goals.

The Year-End Performance Management Review not only emphasized the accomplishments of CY 2024 but also identified areas for growth and improvement. With the roadmap for FY 2025 laid out, the University is ready to face the opportunities and challenges ahead, ensuring that it remains a pillar of academic and institutional excellence in the region.

(JdtdelaCruz)

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Vision

The Mindoro State University is a center of excellence in agriculture and fishery, science, technology, culture and education of globally competitive lifelong learners in a diverse yet cohesive society.

Mission

The University commits to produce 21st century skilled lifelong learners and generates and commercializes innovative technologies by providing excellent and relevant services in instruction, research, extension and production through industry-driven curricula, collaboration, internationalization, and continual organizational growth for sustainable development.



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