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Unang Anibersaryo at Ulat sa Unibersidad

A year ago, Mindoro State University (MinSU) turned a new page in its history of leadership. On July 11, 2024, the University welcomed its second president and first woman president, Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, to take the helm of the institution.

Twelve months later, that moment of transition has blossomed into a full year of achievement, commitment, and a bold journey toward inclusive and sustainable development.

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BALIKATAN 2025



Over 700 individuals, including 365 families, affected by Typhoon Emong in Oriental Mindoro received relief assistance through Mindoro State University's (MinSU) Balikatan 2025.

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Beneficiaries receive their bangus fry, which they will grow on their own pond

Bangus fry distribution supports local fisherfolk in Bongabong



Ten (10) local fisherfolk from selected barangays in Bongabong received a significant boost to their livelihoods as the MinSU's Institute of Fisheries Student Organization (IFSO), in partnership with BFAR-MIMAROPA, successfully facilitated the distribution of bangus fry on September 17, 2025, at MinSU-Bongabong Campus.

The fry, sourced through a collaborative agreement between MinSU and BFAR MIMAROPA, were distributed to beneficiaries identified by the Local Government Unit of Bongabong. Each recipient, already operating small-scale fishponds, received the fry as part of an initiative aimed at supporting their aquaculture activities despite limited resources.

Ms. Mary Ann Royo, Officer-in-Charge of the Institute of Fisheries, emphasized the program's broader objectives. "This activity affirms MinSU's commitment to community empowerment by providing initial support to small-scale farmers."

"Through capacity-building, resource linkage, and practical interventions, we aim to strengthen local agribusinesses, improve food security, and promote inclusive growth," she said.

After this, the Institute plans to conduct follow-up visits as well as extension activities based on the needs of the beneficiaries in the succeeding years.

The bangus fry distribution not only provides immediate assistance to local fisherfolk but also highlights the potential of academic institutions to contribute to sustainable rural development, poverty alleviation, and resilient food production in the region. (jdt dc)

MinSU's BALIKATAN 2025

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The RITE (Research, Innovation, Technology and Extension) Department led the said initiative, with the support of employees, students, stakeholders, and private donors.

Typhoon Eiong struck the province on July 24, 2025, causing severe flooding and heavy silt deposits in various communities. Bound by a generous heart, the University raised a total of ₱160,767 in donations - with Calapan City Campus contributing ₱73,501, Main Campus ₱37,462, and Bongabong Campus ₱49,804.

On August 1, 2025, MinSU Bongabong Campus distributed 105 relief packs to residents of Sitio Gumayos and Sitio Panluan in Brgy. Hagan in Bongabong along with a feeding program for typhoon-hit families.

At the Calapan City Campus, 150 families from Sitio Caguisikan, Brgy. Gutad, Calapan City received relief goods, while 106 pupils from Caguisikan Elementary School were also provided with school supplies on August 4, 2025. On the same day, MinSU Main Campus extended assistance to 112 affected families in Brgy. Bagong Buhay II, Victoria.

"Sa 40 years ko dito, ngayon lang ako nakaranas na hanggang dibdib ang baha at hanggang tuhod ang banlik," said Nanay Elsie Pascual, one of the affected residents from Brgy. Bagong Buhay II, Victoria. "Nagpapasalamat kami kasi kami ay napili ninyong bigyan ng tulong sa kabila ng madaming nangangailangan," she added.



Recipients joyfully try on donated clothes from the university's community relief drive

Mr. Leonel C. Mendoza, OIC-Vice President for Research, Development and Extension who spearheaded the activities, also emphasized the University's commitment to the community, especially through MinSU's extension services.

"MinSU is not only a harbinger of quality education, but also a living bridge to the community - rooted in our shared culture, strengthened by our heritage, and driven by the enduring spirit of bayanihan," he shared. (jdt dc)

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Ang pagtulong ay wala sa
dami ng ibibigay kundi kung
ano ang naipaabot ng puso.
At gaano man kalayo,
pupuntahan namin kayo.”

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol
University President
during the relief operations.





Welcome, MinSUans!

MinSU welcomes over 10,000 students for AY 2025–2026

“You are the heart of MinSU,” Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President said as she officially addressed students at the start of the First Semester of Academic Year 2025–2026 on August 4, 2025.

More than 10,000 MinSUans across the University’s campuses in Main (Victoria), Calapan City, and Bongabong began their academic journey this semester, including over 2,600 incoming freshmen, eager to embark on their college life at MinSU.

The opening of classes was highlighted by a university-wide welcome program led by President Apostol, joined by key officials and the University Student Government to set the tone for another year of learning, service, and transformation.

Prior to the start of regular classes, the Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS) spearheaded student orientations across the campuses to help new and transferee students adapt to university life. During these sessions, President Apostol expressed her gratitude to both students and parents for choosing MinSU as their second home; and for giving their trust to the University to shape them and help them reach their dreams.

Different stories of hope emerged during the orientation as President Apostol engaged with students about their journeys before entering MinSU and their reasons for choosing the University. Their collective response: MinSU is their choice - a beacon of hope for learning.

With the start of classes, all three campuses now embark on their shared mission of molding young minds who will carry the MinSU spirit of excellence and service into the next generation. *(kpic)*

MinSU fosters Free Higher Education through UAQTEA Orientations



Mindoro State University (MinSU) continues to strengthen its commitment to free and quality education as it conducted a series of campus-based orientations on the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA). The sessions were held at MinSU Bongabong and Main Campus, on September 17, 2025, with the final leg completed at MinSU Calapan Campus (MCC) on September 18, 2025.

Facilitated by the Commission on Higher Education Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (CHED UniFAST) in collaboration with MinSU, the activity aimed to raise awareness among Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) and Tulong Dunong Program (TDP) grantees about their program benefits and responsibilities. The orientations also sought to ensure compliance, provide clarity on financial assistance coverage, and reinforce the university’s ties with CHED and UniFAST.

At the Calapan City Campus, the session was led by UniFAST MIMAROPA Lead Regional Coordinator Raniel C. Bacolor, who discussed the benefits under UAQTEA, duration of availment, and other key provisions often unfamiliar to many students.

“This orientation is a step in empowering our students and aligning our institution with national education goals,” said Jonbert M. Caoli, Director of OSAS.

Through these orientations, MinSU reaffirms its role in fostering accessible higher education and ensuring that every student maximizes the opportunities provided by UAQTEA. *(kpic)*



New campus bus blessed at MinSU Calapan to support academic mobility



Pres. Apostol with MinSU Calapan City Campus staff during the blessing of the new University bus

A newly-acquired bus worth Php 4 million was officially blessed at Mindoro State University – Calapan City Campus on August 4, 2025, shortly after the formal opening ceremony for Academic Year 2025–2026.

The blessing ceremony was officiated by Rev. Fr. Januel A. Baltazar, an alumnus of MinSU Calapan City Campus, who led the prayers for safe and purposeful use of the university’s newest transport facility. The bus is expected to provide safe, efficient, and comfortable transportation for students, faculty, and staff.

This new transport facility forms part of the university’s ongoing efforts to improve campus facilities, particularly in enhancing mobility and accessibility for academic and administrative activities such as educational tours, competitions, seminars, and extension programs, among others. The modern, air-conditioned bus features a spacious interior and is equipped with complete safety features, ensuring that it meets transportation standards both on and off campus.

Dr. Franie M. Afable, Campus Executive Director, extended his appreciation to the university administration, especially to Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President for the continued support and dedication to the needs of the Calapan Campus community. A short inaugural drive around the campus followed the ceremony, symbolizing a new chapter in the university’s service journey for all MinSUans. *(jdtcd)*

MinSU Main LHS excels at Linggo ng Kabataan 2025

MinSU Main Campus – Laboratory High School students represented the University and the Municipality of Victoria in the Provincial Linggo ng Kabataan 2025 on August 29, 2025 at the Provincial Capitol, Calapan City.

Despite being the youngest, Grade 10 student Julia Ysabel D. Lauzon bagged 1st Runner-Up in the Extemporaneous Speech competition, proving her excellence on delivering a well-rounded speech

On the other hand, the Quiz Bee team, composed of Mik Anghelo P. Ortega, Alexa Kate C. Valdez, and Kate Nicole P. Roda secured 2nd Runner-Up.

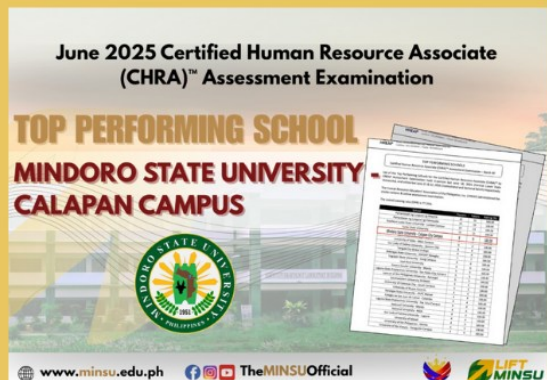
Students also served in the Junior Officials program, with Hyacinth Ashir O. Serapion serving as Municipal Mayor for a day, Alexis Rein D. Brucal as SB Member, and Mc Henry F. Caringal as MLGO Officer.

With these achievements and support from the LGU of Victoria, the municipality was hailed as overall champion of this year's Linggo ng Kabataan.

(vaa)



MinSU Main LHS team, composed of the Quiz Bee team, Lauzon and others proudly presents their achievement after competing at the Linggo ng Kabataan 2025



MinSU-Calapan achieves 100% passing rate in CHRA™ Exam

All nine AB Psychology examinees from Mindoro State University – Calapan City Campus (MinSU-Calapan) passed the June 2025 Certified Human Resource Associate (CHRA)™ Exam (Batch 60), earning the campus a 100% passing rate and recognition as one of the top-performing schools nationwide.

The CHRA™ certification serves as a national benchmark for entry-level Human Resource Management, covering areas such as recruitment, labor laws, compensation, ethics, and employee relations.

This milestone highlights MinSU-Calapan's strong academic training and commitment to professional readiness.

Faculty, officials, and students celebrated the achievement, praising the dedication of the passers and the support of the AB Psychology program. (kpic)

Añonuevo, Romasanta tops 2024 NAPOLCOM Exam



A graduate of Mindoro State University (MinSU) secured the top rank in the November 2024 National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) PNP Entrance Examination, according to official results released on January 17, 2025.

Keane Justine R. Añonuevo, an alumnus of MinSU's College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE), ranked Top 1 nationwide with a rating of 90.39%, outperforming over 37,000 examinees across the country.

Joining the roster of topnotchers is another MinSU CCJE graduate, Kristine B. Romasanta, who placed Top 18 with a rating of 88.51%.

The November 2024 PNP Entrance Exam was administered on November 24, 2024, in at least 37 testing centers nationwide. Out of 37,705 examinees, only 10,426 passed, translating to a 27.65% passing rate, based on data from NAPOLCOM.

The PNP Entrance Examination is a mandatory requirement for individuals aspiring to join the Philippine National Police (PNP) as Patrolmen and Patrolwomen.

The performance of Añonuevo and Romasanta highlights the academic quality and training provided by MinSU's CCJE, which continues to produce graduates who excel in national licensure and qualifying examinations. (jtdtc)



Rank 1



Rank 18

Keane Justine R. Añonuevo

Kristine B. Romasanta

Towards a Safer Community: MinSU launches H.E.A.L. Program as Suicide Prevention Campaign



"If you are going through a mental health crisis, do not be afraid to speak, share and report, if necessary."

To strengthen awareness on suicide prevention, Mindoro State University's Guidance Office launched the H.E.A.L. (Helping Educator Act for Life) Suicide Prevention Program on August 29, 2025 at the AVR, MinSU Main Campus, Alcate, Victoria.

The seminar, attended by faculty members, security, medical and guidance personnel from the three campuses, aimed to create a taskforce in each campus that will oversee the security, protection and promotion of mental health and suicide prevention in the community.

The first session, entitled "Suicide Prevention Awareness: Identifying Risk Factors & Warning Signs" was facilitated by Ms. Heidelita G. Bumohya, Guidance Counselor III at MinSU Main Campus. In her lecture, she discussed about the early warning signs of potential suicidal attempts in a person and how to notice the signs.

During the second session, Ms. Aleth Attila D. Abarquez, Guidance Counsellor III, Bongabong Campus' Guidance Counselor tackled about ways to respond on the signs and attempts. She led the informative discussion on "How to Race Against Suicide". A series of collaborative activities were done which gave the participants a look on the potential scenarios they might face as a taskforce battling suicidal attempts in the University.

According to them, mental health is a crucial part of a student's and even an employee's life. Thus, proper and adequate attention must be given to address any emerging signs of mental health crisis and suicidal attempts in the community. (kpic)



MinSU strengthens strategic foresight through Futures Thinking Seminar



Mindoro State University (MinSU) strengthened its strategic direction through a three-day seminar titled "MinSU Beyond Today: Capacity Building on Framing the Futures and Value Creation" held on July 21 - 23, 2025, at the Marco Vincent Dive Resort and Hotel, Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro.

The capacity-building activity aimed to equip university leaders, faculty and staff with foresight tools and innovative perspectives to position MinSU as the leading university in the MIMAROPA region and beyond. Discussions centered on envisioning future scenarios, anticipating challenges, and aligning institutional strategies with the University's long-term goals.

The seminar featured distinguished resource experts in futures thinking, including Dr. Ramces M. Dili, Assistant Professor II; Ms. Jalaine Joyce V. Malabanan, Fellow of the Philippine Futures Thinking Society and Associate Professor II at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines; Mr. Emmanuel De Guia, Director for Strategic Network and Partnerships of the Philippine Futures Thinking Society; and Dr. Ruperto S. Sangalang, Senior Fellow of the Philippine Futures Thinking Society and former CHED Commissioner.

In her message, Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President introduced the acronym FUTURE - Foresight, Understand, Transform, Unite, Reframe, and Evaluate - as a guiding framework for MinSU's pursuit of leadership in higher education and innovation.

"This training may not be enough, but it is a big leap to lift MinSU. Malayo na tayo, pero mas malayo pa ang maaabot sa future basta sama-sama," Dr. Apostol expressed.

Through the lens of futures thinking, MinSU continues to strengthen its commitment to quality education, innovation, and leadership with a lasting global impact. (kpic)

PAGTANAW: A Year of Change and Commitment for Development



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Leadership must walk where it is most needed; it must listen deeply, discern wisely, and rise above words to transform vision into action.

DR. ENYA MARIE D. APOSTOL
University President
during Unang Ulat sa Unibersidad

The celebration also featured two major launches: the official Facebook page of the University President dubbed as “Pres. Enj – Your President, Your Apostle”, and a beautifully curated Coffee Table Book capturing the highlights of Pres. Apostol’s first year accomplishments.

The event gathered university officials, faculty, staff, and students, alongside special guests including Ms. Maria Nenita Dalupan, Chief of Staff of the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro, and members of the MinSU Board of Regents.

Supporting Pres. Apostol was her husband, Mr. Teody Apostol, whose presence reflected the family’s shared support in this historic milestone.

As the President concluded her first Ulat sa Unibersidad, one message stood out: MinSU is not only rising — it is lifting higher. Guided by LIFTMINSU and strengthened by the unwavering support of the MinSU community, the University continues its bold journey toward inclusive, sustainable, and impactful growth. At the center of this journey are the MinSUans — *mahuhusay, matitino, at mabubuti* — who embody resilience, integrity, commitment and excellence in all they do. (jdt dc)

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To celebrate this milestone, the University held “Pagtanaw: Unang Anibersaryo at Ulat sa Unibersidad”, an anniversary celebration and Pres. Apostol’s first State of the University Address at the MinSU Main Campus Auditorium. The day began with a solemn Thanksgiving Mass officiated by Rev. Fr. Matthew M. Marasigan, followed by a short audio-visual presentation that revisited Pres. Apostol’s first year of leadership.

In her keynote, Pres. Apostol expressed her gratitude for the support she has received in her first year. Highlights of her message were the accomplishments and milestones achieved by the University under her first year of leadership, all anchored on the developmental agenda LIFTMINSU — Leadership Excellence, Inclusivity, Fiscal Prudence, Technological Advancement, Management of Resources, Innovation, Network of Partnerships, Sustainability, and Upward Mobility.

Legacy Highlight



LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

- 114 strategic engagements
- 16 executive committee meetings 40 weekly flag ceremonies held
- Global Voice: AAACU Conference (Japan) & Incubator Consortium (South Africa)
- Over 88 student leaders capacitated through Strategic Leadership Bootcamp



INCLUSIVITY

- 8,087 Scholars supported (incl. IPs, PWDs, TES)
- Mangyan Enrollment: 100 → 185
- Graduate Curricula enriched with Mangyan culture
- New Awards: Unsung Hero, Serbisong Maasahan, Malasakit
- Academic Health Breaks + “Kapehan sa Guidance” for mental wellness



FISCAL PRUDENCE

- Budget Utilization Rate: 86.98%
- 7 Audit Findings Resolved



TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT

- Digital Platforms: LinkBiz Portal, Project DATA
- AI Tools: DORA Chatbot, i-BIBES Portal



MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES

- ₱ 23.24M External R&D Grants (Project Genesis, MinSU Business Incubator)
- Infrastructure: Calapan Lake (₱20M) & Footbridge (₱25M)
- “Kam-Pay” ceremonial bell
- 43 New Plantilla Items created



INNOVATION

- Project MOSES: KlimaKalikasan Award Winner
- 171 Research Outputs; 28 Industry-Adopted
- 17 Intellectual Property (IP) Outputs Produced (7 Utility Models, 8 Copyrighted Systems)



NETWORK OF PARTNERSHIP

- Over 221+ Local & International Partnerships (CHED, DOST, DA, DPWH, etc.)
- 27 Active Collaborations → 9,037 Trainees empowered
- 79 Hanunuo women trained (weaving & farming)



SUSTAINABILITY

- Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024 (1001+, Rank 1 in MIMAROPA)
- Webometrics Ranking (Jan 2025)
- Inclusion in WURI rankings (328)
- Project ECODROP, rainwater harvesting, vertical gardens, and waste reduction.



UPWARD MOBILITY

- 100% Passing Rate in the CHRA Exam
- Criminology Licensure Exam: 93.65% Passing Rate (Rank 5 Nationwide)
- Agriculturists Licensure Exam: MinSU’s highest-ever passing rate (74%)
- 9th Placer in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Licensure Exam
- EQUATE Award for Teacher Education Excellence
- 1st Grand Champion – The Communications Olympiad



*Tumutugon sa Bayan,
Tumatatak sa Mundo*

MMC celebrates 74th Founding Anniversary

The Mindoro State University (MinSU) – Main Campus commemorated its 74th Founding Anniversary with a vibrant two-day celebration held on August 22 and 26, 2025, showcasing the University's enduring spirit of tradition, unity, and purpose.

The celebration kicked off with a Color Bubble Fun Run and a grand parade, followed by the symbolic ringing of the "Kam-Pay," which signaled the official start of the celebration. The opening day also featured a series of fun games and the launching of Project PUNLA, a tree-planting initiative that embodies MinSU's commitment to growth, care for the environment, and sustainability.

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President led the activity alongside Ms. Juvelyn V. Gumal-in, member of the MinSU Board of Regents, and international guests from Sweden – Mr. Jean Fredriksson, Mission Council Chairman of Tenhult Pentecostal Church; Ms. Filippa Hoog, PMUI Volunteer; and Ms. Åsa Fredriksson, Mission Council Member.



Meanwhile, the evening's Gala Night brought the MinSU community together in a night of glamour and appreciation, celebrating the people and partnerships that continue to shape the University's legacy.

Day 2 paid tribute to MinSU's rich history with a ceremonial flower offering at the Symbolic Pyramid, followed by a commemorative program and AVP presentation highlighting the University's journey through the decades. The day concluded with a community lunch, symbolizing the strong sense of solidarity and togetherness that defines the MinSU family.

As MinSU celebrates 74 years of service and excellence, it looks ahead with pride and determination - committed to nurturing future generations and leading the way in education, innovation, and development across the MIMAROPA region and beyond. (kpic)

MBC commemorates 61 years of excellence and service

Mindoro State University-Bongabong Campus (MBC) celebrated its 61st Founding Anniversary with two days of festivities on September 19 and 24, 2025, carrying the theme "Serbisyo't Karangalan: Puso, Dangal, Galing ng MinSU-Bongabong para sa Komunidad."

The celebration opened with a Holy Mass officiated by Rev. Fr. Ariz Raymund Olan and messages from university leaders, including Dr. Dionisio Briñosa, MBC Student Affairs and Services Coordinator, who inspired students to value teamwork, reminding them that collaboration makes the university stronger together. Competitions in digital art, singing, spelling, and quiz bee showcased student talent, while alumni, faculty, LGUs, and PNP partners were honored for their contributions.

Highlights of the second day included the silent drill of Batch SINAGTALA, where 68 Criminology Interns impressed the crowd with precision and discipline; a friendly basketball game between MBC faculty-student players and the Bongabong Municipal Police Station, which fostered camaraderie despite the competitive spirit; and a lively variety show where faculty and staff entertained the

community with song, dance, and other talents. (kpic)

United in pride, faith, and service, the MBC community proved once more that at 61, MinSU-Bongabong continues its enduring legacy of honor, excellence, and commitment to the community and the nation.



MinSU joins the World Innovative Universities



RANK 328 2025 Global Top 400 Innovative Universities

RANK 10 University Brand and Reputation WURI 2025 Top 80

RANK 12 Industrial Application WURI 2025 Top 100

RANK 22 Student Support & Engagement WURI 2025 Top 100

Mindoro State University (MinSU) continues to gain international recognition as it joins the 2025 World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) - for the very first time!

On July 10, 2025, WURI announced that MinSU secured the 328th spot in the WURI Global Top 400 Innovative Universities, a proud milestone for the university and a sign of its growing influence in global higher education.

The World University Rankings for Innovation or WURI, measures universities based on real-world contributions, creative approaches, and entrepreneurial drive, moving beyond the usual academic metrics. This aligns with MinSU's ongoing efforts to develop programs that make a difference not only inside the classroom but in the broader community.

Among many universities worldwide, MinSU stood out in several areas of

innovation. It ranked 10th in University Brand and Reputation (B8) for its strong and trusted image, showing the impact of its effective branding and communication. In Industrial Application (A3), MinSU placed 12th globally, reflecting its success in linking education and research with industry to address real-world challenges.

The university also ranked 22nd in Student Support and Engagement (A1), recognizing its programs that promote student welfare, inclusivity, scholarships, and career development opportunities.

MinSU's inclusion in the WURI rankings follows its earlier debut in the 2025 Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings underscoring the university's

rising international presence.

"This recognition proves that innovation is alive and thriving in MinSU," said Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President, during her Unang Ulat sa Universidad on July 11, 2025. "MinSU is not just rising - we are ascending," she added.

As the university continues to grow, it remains committed to creating impact, not just within classrooms but in the lives of students, industries, and communities it serves.

With these global milestones, MinSU proudly carries the banner of innovation from the heart of Mindoro to the world.

(jdt/dc)

USBONG Workshop: MIMAROPA HEIs Unite for Growth and Internationalization



CHED MIMAROPA, in partnership with MinSU, Marinduque State University, Romblon State University (RSU) and One Mindoro Association of Higher Education Institution (OMAHEI), successfully hosted the three-day USBONG (Uplifting Service through Borderless Opportunities and Network Growth) Orientation Workshop on September 16–18, 2025 at the University Auditorium, MinSU Main Campus.

The event gathered delegates from State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), local Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and CHED representatives to strengthen collaboration and explore opportunities for academic growth and expansion.

Throughout the sessions, participating HEIs tackled internationalization, quality assurance, sustainability, and SDG-aligned policies. The following day, representatives from RSU led by their University President Dr. Merian P. Catajay-Mani, facilitated the optics about sustainability and aligning University programs with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).



Challenges are the driving force in crafting new policies.

President Merian P. Catajay-Mani
Romblon State University

Moreover, Mr. Dave D. Lota, RSU's SDG Center Head, highlighted that sustainability is no longer optional, but now a shared responsibility. Their team later had a collaborative discussion on the importance of governance and leadership in university attaining SDGs. They outlined how policies act as the most stable mechanism in advancing the SDGs, and how they can be created to fit into the University.

The final day focused on enhancing research, developing international partnerships, and creating strategic internationalization plans. The workshop also highlighted the power of collaboration in transforming education.

By working together, MIMAROPA HEIs move closer to building a more innovative, sustainable, and globally competitive higher education system. (kpic)



Passing the Torch:

Bangon Elders teach the art of Kwako making



The age-old tradition of crafting *kwako*, the traditional cigar pipe of the Mangyan Bangon Tribe found new life as Bangon elders passed on their skills to the younger generation in a two-day hands-on training on August 14–15, 2025 at Sitio Bayang, Lisap, Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro.

The activity, led by MinSU through its DOST-PCAARRD-funded STC4ID Project, was part of the Handicraft Making component, along with agriculture and literacy programs. Supported by various partners, the training sought to preserve an indigenous art while creating opportunities for livelihood and cultural branding for the Bangon community.

Elders as Mentors, Clay as Heritage

Two respected elders volunteered to guide the process, even helping to gather clay from Barangay Batangan, an authentic and sacred source of *kwako* materials.

Though one trainer, Tatay Balunan, was unable to attend, fellow craftsman Kondeman Mawwinan recruited Nagi-oy Inyaay, another skilled artisan, ensuring that tradition would still be passed on. Together, they supervised the 14 participants - youth, women, and fellow elders, teaching them step by step the delicate and patient art of shaping a *kwako*. For many, it was their first time shaping clay into a pipe, long associated with the Bangon tribe's traditions.

Crafting with Patience and Skill

The crafting of *kwako* unfolded slowly, guided by the steady hands of the Bangon elders. With clay gathered from Barangay Batangan, participants began by kneading and wedging it, pressing out air pockets and impurities while adding just enough water to achieve the right texture and consistency.

“Ang pagmamasa ng luwad ang pinakapuso ng paggawa ng kwako” (The wedging of clay is the heart of making a *kwako*), explained Kondeman Mawwinan. *“Kapag hindi maayos ang pagkakahanda ng luwad, mabibitak ang kwako bago pa man ito maapuyan”* (If the clay is not well-prepared, the *kwako* will crack before it ever holds fire), he said

Armed with simple tools - two handmade rattans shaped like knives and bent sticks; the participants took their first lumps of clay and began shaping. Gentle taps of bolo blades compacted the clay, which was then scraped and refined little by little with the rattan sticks.



For many, this was the most challenging part. On average, it took about three hours to form just one small pipe. Initially, most of the first molds came out larger than usual, but the elders patiently reminded the group that only two sizes of *kwako* are traditionally

made: small for women and medium for men. The elders also explained that larger molds are impractical for smoking, as they become too heavy for regular use.

By the end of the first day, each participant was able shape at least one mold, since the process demanded hours of patience and precision.

On the second day, the air-dried molds were placed directly into the fire or ember for two to three hours hardening them into usable pipes. Finally, a small bamboo pipe is inserted into the hardened mold, completing the *kwako*, a piece ready for use.

When the last pipe was lifted from the fire, the participants gathered proudly, holding their creations in their hands.



By teaching the youth, the elders made sure this tradition will not be forgotten.

Dr. Mary Jeane S. Lubos
Project Team Leader



Beyond Craft: Toward Identity and Livelihood

According to Dr. Mary Jeane S. Lubos, Project Team Leader, the activity was not just merely about pipe-making. It was also about keeping the Bangon culture alive.

In the closing program, the facilitators shared plans to improve and innovate the craft so it can be registered as a trademark product of the Bangon Tribe. This will not only serve as a cultural identity but also as a source of income for the community.

Through this training, the torch has been passed. As the Bangon youth learn to shape clay into *kwako*, they are also shaping the future of their heritage ensuring that every puff of smoke carries with it the breath of their ancestors. (jdt/dc)



NAP turns over approved RDS to MinSU



The National Archives of the Philippines (NAP) formally turned over the approved Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) to Mindoro State University (MinSU) in a ceremony held on September 9, 2025 at the MinSU Main Campus, Alcate, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro.

On behalf of MinSU, the RDS was received by university officials including Ms. Joelene C. Leynes, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Dr. Ciedelle P. Salazar, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Genelita E. Hernandez, Board Secretary V, Ms. Filomena P. Reyes, Chief Administrative Officer and Presidential Management Chief of Staff Dr. Jerrel S. Reyes, who represented University President Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol.

Meanwhile, Ms. Elizabeth B. Eje, NAP Chief Records Management Analyst, emphasized the shared responsibility that comes with the turnover. "This event marks not just the handover of records but the continuation of our collective duty to ensure that every process undertaken is transparent, accountable, and aligned with our mandate. These RDS, which have undergone thorough review and approval, represent your dedication and cooperation," she said.

Ms. Eje further explained that the RDS plays a vital role in public records management as it determines the appropriate actions to be taken for future records.

"The RDS is not only for disposing valueless records but, more importantly, for identifying and preserving permanent records," she added.

Following the turnover, NAP representatives conducted an orientation and workshop on Records Management and Disposition Schedule to provide technical guidance and further strengthen the University's compliance and best practices.

(jdt/dc)



When we manage our records responsibly, we honor our legacy and ensure that future generations will inherit a University that is transparent, accountable, and strong.

DR. ENYA MARIE D. APOSTOL

University President

delivered by Dr. Jerrel S. Reyes during the turnover ceremony

Hanunuo farmers brew stronger future with Minsu, DOST- MIMAROPA, LGU Mansalay



Brewing a stronger future for the Hanunuo Farmers, MinSU, DOST-MIMAROPA, and LGU Mansalay formalized a partnership to strengthen the coffee livelihood of the Hanunuo community through the Smart Tech

Intervention for Resilient Coffee Food System (STIR-CoFS) project.



MinSU Pres. Apostol and Mr. Jesse M. Pine, DOST Prov'l Director during the MOA signing for STIR-CoFS

The initiative supports MinSU-Bongabong's "Awati TI-KAPE" program, which promotes unity, culture, and inclusive growth. Indigenous farmers under SAMAKA Farmer's Organization will receive modern technologies, equipment, and training to improve coffee quality and processing.

This collaboration not only boosts local production but also empowers Hanunuo farmers to bring their community-branded coffee to a wider market. Together, the partners reaffirm their commitment to sustainable and community-driven development in Oriental Mindoro. (kpic)

PROJECT MOSES showcased in National S&T events



Project MOSES (Monitoring and Observation of Site-specific E-weather Stations), Mindoro State University's (MinSU) flagship research initiative, continues to earn national and international recognition after being showcased at two prestigious science and technology gatherings this year.

On July 9–10, 2025, Project MOSES was featured at the 47th Annual Scientific Meeting of the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) held at The Manila Hotel. Among nearly 300 research entries nationwide, MinSU's study on the design and development of localized synoptic weather stations in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro, was highlighted during the Scientific Poster Session. Led by Engr. Christian B. Hernandez, Project Team Leader, with a dedicated team of MinSU researchers, the project uses Internet of Things (IoT) technology for localized weather monitoring and disaster resilience.



Engr. Christian B. Hernandez at the NAST 2025

A month later, from August 7–9, 2025, the innovation was again showcased at the 2025 Handa Pilipinas para sa Bagong Pilipinas – Luzon Leg, organized by the Department of Science and Technology – Cordillera Administrative Region (DOST-CAR) in Baguio City. The exposition, themed “Handa Pilipinas sa Bagong Pilipinas: Innovations in Climate and Disaster Resilience Nationwide Exposition 2025,” drew strong interest from local government units and private organizations seeking reliable, site-specific weather monitoring tools.

Developed in partnership with DOST-MIMAROPA, Project MOSES addresses long-standing challenges of high costs, sustainability issues, and reliance on imported systems. Currently, two MOSES stations are fully operational in Oriental Mindoro, (in MinSU Main Campus and San Andres, Naujan) with another under construction in Calapan City. Its expansion, dubbed Project GENESIS (Green Energy Network for Enhanced Synoptic Integrated Station), is now underway with support from the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev). (cbh)



MinSU i-BIBES Demo Day 2025



Mindoro State University (MinSU) successfully staged the i-BIBES Demo Day 2025 at the MinSU Main Campus Auditorium, Alcate, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro on August 29, 2025.

This brought together students, faculty researchers, entrepreneurs, and industry leaders to present breakthrough solutions addressing key community challenges.

This year's competition focused on four banner programs: Food Innovation, Biowaste Conversion, IoT for Sustainable Communities, and Smart Agriculture and Fisheries. The event also served as a culmination of months of mentorship under MinSU's i-BIBES program, providing participants with the opportunity to pitch their ventures before potential investors, partners, and evaluators.

Distinguished panel members included Jesse M. Pine, DOST-Oriental Mindoro Provincial Director; Mr. Nelson B. Gabutero Sr., owner of Gabutero Organic Farm and member of the MinSU Board of Regents, Engr. Rogelio D. Madarcos, PARPO II of DAR MIMAROPA; Mr. Keenan Comia, Managing Director of plip.ph; Engr. Delfin Cuevas, CEO of Palatak Seeder; and Engr. Joseph Amiel Camingal, President of Hive Energy PH. Ms. Rachel B. Montero of DOST-PSTO Oriental Mindoro also shared insights on the DOST iHUBS initiative.

Demo Day 2025 Winners

- **Champion | Alapaw (₱25,000)** – A real-time bus tracking system for safer and smarter commuting.
- **1st Runner-Up | Vanamei Food Products (₱15,000)** – Turmeric-flavored smoked fish in oil, merging tradition with health benefits and gourmet appeal.
- **2nd Runner-Up | DoroShop (₱10,000)** – A local e-commerce platform empowering rural artisans through digital access and secure transactions.

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President underscored the event's importance, noting that i-BIBES Demo Day is more than a competition — it is a platform to catalyze innovation, connect communities, and drive regional progress. (kpic)



MinSU, DA-MIMAROPA tie up for Project MAUYA to advance smart urban farming



Mindoro State University (MinSU), in partnership with the Department of Agriculture–MIMAROPA (DA-MIMAROPA), has initiated the Modern Agricultural Urban and Peri-Urban Yield Advancement (Project MAUYA), a pioneering initiative aimed at promoting sustainable and smart farming practices in urban and peri-urban communities. The project is currently in its initial phase, with benchmarking activities and design discussions already conducted to finalize the layout and systems of the demonstration site.

Deriving its name from the Hanunuo Mangyan word “*mauya*” meaning “bountiful harvest,” the project seeks to address the challenges of rapid urbanization, shrinking farmlands, and increasing food demand by introducing cutting-edge agricultural technologies such as automated vertical gardens, aquaponics, hydroponics, and drip fertigation systems.

With a combined funding support amounting to ₱5.6 million, consisting of ₱4 million from the Department of Agriculture MIMAROPA and ₱1.62 million from MinSU, the project will establish a demonstration farm and training facility at MinSU Main Campus at Alcate, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro. The site will not only showcase advanced farming systems but also serve as a hub for hands-on training, research, and technology transfer for farmers, students, agricultural practitioners, and local government units.

Among the project’s components include the development of smart vertical farming systems for high-value crops such as lettuce, strawberries, bell peppers, and cherry tomatoes; IoT-based aquaponics systems that integrate fish and vegetable production; crop health and biosecurity programs to ensure safe and sustainable farming in controlled environments; agri-enterprise development and value chain integration to strengthen local agribusiness opportunities; and an agri-ecotourism and experiential learning hub that will foster community engagement and knowledge-sharing.

“As our communities continue to urbanize, embracing smart and sustainable farming systems like Project MAUYA becomes essential. This initiative is not only about showcasing modern agricultural technologies, it’s about empowering our farmers, researchers, and aspiring agri-entrepreneurs to innovate, adapt, and thrive in a rapidly changing food production landscape,” said Engr. Randy A. Joco, Project Leader.

Once fully operational, Project MAUYA is expected to train at least 150 farmers, students, and practitioners, capacitate 50 agricultural extension workers, and generate significant research outputs that will shape the future of smart urban farming in the region.

The initiative is in line with the National Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP) of the Department of Agriculture, which promotes food security, reduced logistics costs, and healthier lifestyles in highly urbanized areas.

(jdt/dc)



MinSU Launches Daluyang Dunong: A Hub for Research and Innovation



Mindoro State University (MinSU) has launched the Daluyang Dunong: Multidisciplinary Research Journal (DDMRJ) — an open-access, peer-reviewed online platform that promotes the publication and dissemination of scholarly works across various disciplines.

Rebranded from the former MinSCAT Research Journal, Daluyang Dunong aligns with MinSU's identity and commitment to advancing locally-grounded research. The journal highlights studies on biodiversity, indigenous knowledge, technology, and community development, anchored on the University's MAHALTANA Research Agenda.

According to Ms. Charmaine Samala-Guno, Managing Editor, Daluyang Dunong offers a cost-free and credible venue for researchers. "All manuscripts undergo double-blind peer review, and publication expenses are fully supported by the University," she said.

The journal welcomes submissions from MinSU faculty and external contributors, with interest already received from partner institutions. MinSU is also set to launch college-based journals for students to encourage early research publication.

Mr. Leonel C. Mendoza, OIC-Vice President for Research, Innovation, Technology, and Extension, described the initiative as "a bridge that allows academic knowledge to flow freely and purposefully toward the community and the world."

The Daluyang Dunong: Multidisciplinary Research Journal is now open for submissions at daluyangdunong.minsu.edu.ph.

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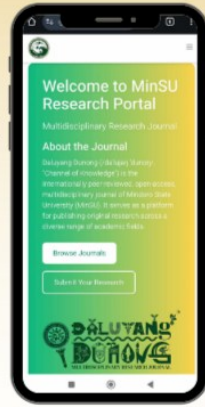


More than being a harbinger of quality education, our University envisions a deeper and more meaningful connection with the communities we serve.

Asst. Prof Leonel C. Mendoza
OIC-VP RITE

MinSU's MAHAL TANA Research Agenda

- Mangyan and Multidisciplinary Indigenous Studies
- Agriculture, Aquaculture, and Agri-Innovation
- Halcon and Highlands Biodiversity Conservation
- AI, Automation, and Advanced Technologies
- Livelihood, Local Economy, and Sustainable Enterprises
- Tamaraw and Terrestrial Wildlife Protection
- Arts, Education, Humanities, and Anthropological Studies
- Naujan Lake and National Resources Management
- Advancement in Health, Human Security, and Holistic Well-Being



Art, advocacy and action highlight MinSU's SDG commemoration



A stronger commitment to global sustainability was on full display as the university community came together to commemorate the adoption of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on September 25, 2025. The activity, spearheaded by the Research, Innovation, Technology and Extension (RITE) Department and supported by all three campuses, underscored the institution's dedication to creating a sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous future for all.

Highlights of the commemoration included the SDG Corners, set up in various areas across the three campuses as part of a friendly contest that encouraged creativity and advocacy for sustainability. Alongside these were the SDG Wear, which showcased sustainability as a lifestyle that never goes out of style, and the Creative Shots, which captured bold and artistic expressions of advocacy for the Global Goals.

"As we work toward the 2030 Agenda, we are reminded that even the smallest contributions can create meaningful change," said Asst. Prof. Leonel C. Mendoza, OIC-Vice President for RITE. He stressed that every step, no matter how simple, helps bring communities closer to achieving the SDGs.

Through initiatives like these, the university reinforces that the SDGs are not merely aspirations but a living mission - to innovate, transform communities, and ensure that no one is left behind.

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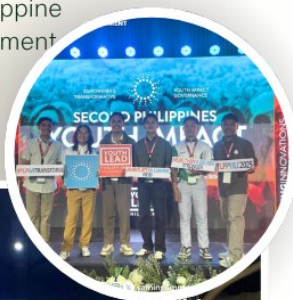


MinSU student leaders join National Youth Impact Conference; University recognized with Magnus Award



Student leaders from the MinSU Federation of Student Councils (MFSC) and the Future Farmers of the Philippines Collegiate Chapters (FFPCC) represented Mindoro State University at the Second Philippines Youth Impact Leaders Conference (PYILC) held from September 5–9, 2025, at Bohol Tropics Resort, Tagbilaran City.

With the theme “Driving Innovations, Creating Youth Impacts,” the national gathering brought together youth leaders, educators, and development advocates to promote collaboration and highlight innovative practices in youth empowerment. Organized by the Youth Leadership Program (YLP), the event focused on advancing initiatives under the Philippine Youth Development Plan’s Centers of Youth Participation (COYP) and



MinSU delegation at PYILC

coincided with the Sandugo sa Bohol celebration.

The MinSU delegation was led by Mr. Jonbert M. Caoli, Director for Student Affairs and Services, and Mr. Kaide F. Fuentes, MFSC President-elect, along with SAS coordinators, advisers, and medical staff.

MinSU was also recognized with the Magnus Award for Biggest Delegation (HEI Category)—a testament to the university’s strong student engagement and commitment to youth leadership development.

(jmc/pkff)



CCAA Season 20 blazes open, MinSU clinches Best Muse and Escort



Cheers filled the Calapan City Convention Center as the 20th season of the Calapan City Athletic Association (CCAA) officially opened on September 17, 2025, with the theme “Legacy in Motion: The Power Returns.”

Organized by the City Youth and Sports Development Department (CYSDD), the event gathered six higher education institutions — Mindoro State University (MinSU), St. Mark Arts and Training Institute Inc. (SMART II), Southwestern College of Maritime, Business and Technology, Divine Word College of Calapan, City College of Calapan, and Luna Goco College — for another year of friendly competition and sportsmanship.

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President led the MinSU delegation, joined by Dr. Franie M. Afable, Campus Executive Director; Ms. Roselie T. Gonzales, Director for Sports; Ms. Emma Vida R. Liwanag, OIC-Dean of the College of Business and Management; Dr. Salcedo R. Tanguid, Jr., Dean of the College of Criminal Justice Education; and the University’s coaching staff.

The opening day also brought an early win for MinSU as it clinched the Best Muse and Escort award. Representing the University with elegance and confidence were John Paul M. Binay (BSEd) and Maricon P. Panaligan (BSCrim).

During the ceremony, it was announced that MinSU will host the 21st season of the CCAA, taking the torch from this year’s host, SMART II, continuing the tradition of sportsmanship and unity among Calapan colleges.

With the torch lit and the games underway, MinSUans are set to showcase their strength, skill, and unity in the arena, truly making Season 20 a thrilling tagislakan of champions.

(jdtcd)



(L-R) Maricon P. Panaligan, Pres. Enya Marie D. Apostol and John Paul M. Binay

AAACU SEP 2025: MinSU youth embraces innovative agriculture



Cultivating the seedlings of agriculture for the future generation starts at the hearts and minds of the youth.

Anchored on this principle, Mindoro State University (MinSU) continues to strengthen its commitment to agricultural education and innovation as it proudly participated in the Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities (AAACU) Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) 2025, held from July 20 to August 2, 2025 at the University of Eastern Philippines, Catarman, Northern Samar.

Representing MinSU was Vesnerjch C. Dela Torre, a fourth-year BS Agriculture student, who joined youth delegates in learning about sustainable agriculture, agribusiness, and cultural exchange.

The two-week program included hands-on activities such as vermicomposting, oyster mushroom production, *polvoron* making, and paper charcoal briquette production, along with site visits highlighting Northern Samar’s agricultural innovations.

Dela Torre brought home new ideas and experiences that will help enrich MinSU’s efforts in advancing sustainable agriculture and student leadership. (vcdt)





MinSU Showcases Innovation at 2025 WURI Global Conference in South Korea



Busan, South Korea — Demonstrating its growing global presence, the Mindoro State University (MinSU) joined the 2025 World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) Global Conference held at Tongmyong University, South Korea on September 24 - 26, 2025.

Representing MinSU in the said conference were Dr. Jerrel S. Reyes, Chairperson for External Linkages and International Affairs, and Engr. Christian B. Hernandez, faculty member of the Institute of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering. Together, they presented the University's globally recognized initiatives in academic innovation, community engagement, and sustainability.

Dr. Reyes who represented Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President showcased MinSU's innovative case under the Brand and Reputation category, where the University placed 10th worldwide. The presentation emphasized MinSU's strategic branding and institutional commitment to academic excellence and social impact.

He also shared the University's project on student support and engagement, focusing on initiatives that empower indigenous students and promote environmental stewardship. Complementing this, Engr. Hernandez presented research outputs under Project MOSES in the Community Innovation, Culture, and Regional Collaboration category, showcasing MinSU's contributions to smart and sustainable agriculture.

Highlight of the conference was MinSU's participation in the ceremonial signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tongmyong University, strengthening international academic collaboration and research linkages.

MinSU was also awarded a Plaque of Recognition for its inclusion in the 2025 WURI Global Top 400 Innovative Universities, ranking 328th overall. The University earned distinctions as 10th globally in University Brand and Reputation and 12th in Industrial Application, reaffirming its position among the world's leading innovative institutions.

The WURI Global Conference gathered universities and innovation leaders worldwide to exchange ideas, showcase research breakthroughs, and build partnerships. (jsr)

MinSU joins HEPCON 2025 in Indonesia



Atty. Ariezza Lynne F. Maramot, Executive Assistant III to the Office of the President of Mindoro State University (MinSU), represented the University at the Higher Education Partnership Conference (HEPCON) 2025 held on September 26-27, 2025, at Balai Kartini, Jakarta, Indonesia. Her participation underscored MinSU's growing engagement in international dialogues on education and its dedication to fostering meaningful academic partnerships beyond national borders.

The conference, which brought together higher education leaders, policymakers, and international partners, focused on advancing global collaboration and institutional linkages among universities. With the theme "Expanding Global Partnerships for Sustainable Higher Education," HEPCON 2025 emphasized the importance of fostering international academic exchanges and building resilient, future-ready institutions in an interconnected world.

Through its participation, MinSU reaffirmed its commitment to broadening international engagements and pursuing meaningful collaborations that provide faculty, staff, and students with expanded opportunities for research, learning, and cultural exchange. These efforts align with the university's vision of becoming a globally competitive institution while remaining true to its mandate of providing accessible and quality education to the people of Mindoro and beyond.

(alfm)



BLEPT PASSERS HONORED: MinSU Champions of Excellence and Service



Honoring the unwavering dedication and passion for education of the Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (BLEPT) passers, Mindoro State University held a recognition program on September 19, 2025 at the University Auditorium, MinSU Main Campus.

Themed "Legacy of Excellence: Tribute 2025," 26 BLEPT passers graced the event, along with Laboratory High School students, faculty, staff, and key campus officials. After being on hold for four years because of shifting priorities and the pandemic, this year's celebration felt especially momentous, treated as a joyful return to tradition and

the first time since 2021 that the recognition was held on campus.

"This is not just another morning; it is a day to celebrate the fulfillment of a promise - a promise of hard work, sleepless nights, and a commitment to excellence," Dr. Wilma R. Lontoc, Dean of the CTE said during her opening remarks.

The atmosphere became even more inspired as Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, SUC III President, shared: "Marami ang hindi naniniwala, pero kung naniniwala ka na kakayanin mo, kakayanin mo. After an uplifting message from University Professor and former faculty regent, Dr. Jesse T. Zamora, a photo opportunity was held.

The highlight of the program came when the passers were finally awarded with their certificates and medals, marking their remarkable achievement. Heartfelt testimonies from chosen BLEPT passers representing each major followed, culminating in a pledge of commitment.

As the event drew to a close, the pride of the university was summed up in the words of Ms. Sharon M. Gardoce, Program Chair stating "Ang Unibersidad ay buong puso kayong ipinagmamalaki!"

The celebration filled the MinSU community with joy and inspiration, leaving a lasting sense of pride and belonging to their beloved Alma Mater. (ibn / jt)

Fuentes retains seat as MinSU Student Regent

Prince Kaide F. Fuentes reaffirmed his position as Student Regent of Mindoro State University (MinSU) as he was elected anew to chair the MinSU Federation of Student Councils (MFSC) during the election held on September 5, 2025 at MinSU-Main Campus.

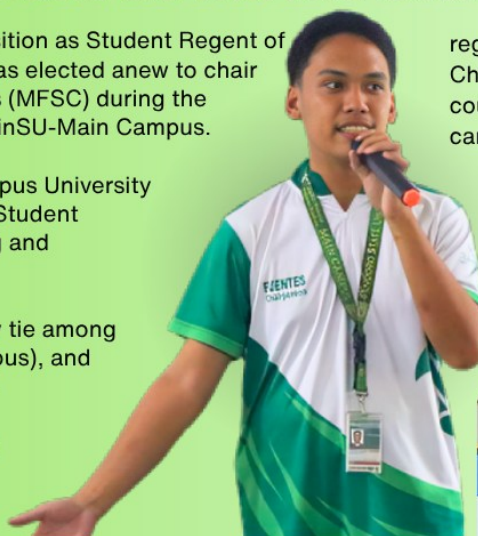
Fuentes, the concurrent MinSU Main Campus University Student Government ran against the two Student Government Presidents of the Bongabong and Calapan City Campus.

The election process followed a three-way tie among Fuentes, Ela Martinez (Calapan City Campus), and Almond Sarmiento (Bongabong Campus).

After a 40-minute dialogue, the nominees agreed that Fuentes would retain the

regency, while Sarmiento would serve as Vice Chairperson and Martinez as Treasurer. Remaining council posts were equally distributed among the three campuses.

Meanwhile, Fuentes shared also his vision through Project HAKBANG, a continuation plan he proposed to strengthen transparency, teamwork, and partnerships for the MinSU student body. (kpic)



MinSU excels at 2025 CBMS Convention and Data Festival

More than just participating, Mindoro State University truly excelled at the 2025 Regional Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Convention and Data Festival held on September 24–25 in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. With the theme "Ready, Stat, Go! Building Agile, Resilient, and Future-Ready Filipino Communities through Data-Driven Systems," the event highlighted the vital role of quality statistics in building stronger communities.

MinSU delegates brought home top awards, with BSEd Mathematics III student Arian C. Argona clinching first place in both the Report It Right: Data Reporting Contest and the VizWiz: Turning Data into Visual Representations. Fellow BSEd Mathematics IV student Diosdado T. Almeniana III also earned two third-place finishes in the same categories.

Their outstanding performances were guided by coaches Assistant Professor Mary Ann M. Hernandez and Assistant Professor Anna Liza A. Vitto. These victories prove that MinSUans do not only take part in regional competitions - they stand out and set the bar for excellence. (alav)



326 MinSU employees benefit from Free Annual Check-Up under PhilHealth Konsulta



MinSU employees avail of free medical consultations and health services through the Konsulta's Mobile Clinic

A total of 326 employees of Mindoro State University (MinSU) availed of free medical services through the "Free Annual Medical Check-Up of MinSU Personnel under the PhilHealth Konsulta Benefit Package" held across the University this September 2025.

The activity was conducted in partnership with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and facilitated by the Medical Mission Group Hospital and Health Services Cooperative

of Oriental Mindoro (MMG) through its mobile clinic, which brought essential health services closer to faculty and staff.

The series of mobile clinic check-ups kicked off at MinSU Calapan Campus on September 2, with 74 beneficiaries, followed by MinSU Bongabong Campus on September 9, with 114 beneficiaries, and culminated at the Main Campus in Victoria on September 16, with 138 beneficiaries.

Employees received free medical consultations, diagnostic tests, and preventive healthcare services under the PhilHealth Konsulta Program, which aims to promote wellness, detect potential health concerns early, and encourage regular medical check-ups.

The program forms part of the government's initiative to make primary healthcare services more accessible nationwide, particularly to government workers and PhilHealth members.



Many employees expressed appreciation for the convenience of the mobile clinic setup, which allowed them to receive much-needed health services within the University premises.

This initiative which will be implemented until December 2025, is part of MinSU's broader wellness and preventive healthcare program for employees, ensuring that its personnel remain physically and mentally fit to perform their roles as public servants. (jdtcd)

MinSU earns 'Very Satisfactory' rating in DBM's Budget ng Bayan Monitor



Mindoro State University (MinSU) has earned a "Very Satisfactory" rating in the 2024 Agency Performance Review conducted by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), also known as the Budget ng Bayan Monitor.

In the assessment, MinSU received a rating of 4.09 percent, marking one of the commendable results among 308 national government agencies and state universities and colleges (SUCs) evaluated for Fiscal Year 2024.

According to DBM's official report, only 4.6 percent of agencies achieved an Outstanding rating. The largest share, 59.3 percent or 181 offices, obtained a Very Satisfactory rating—including MinSU, while 94 agencies (30.8 percent) were rated Satisfactory. About five percent of the total received lower ratings, with 15 agencies categorized as Unsatisfactory and one agency rated Poor Performance.

The evaluation criteria included efficient fund utilization, target accomplishment, quality and timeliness of report submission, and other key performance indicators reflecting sound fiscal management and institutional accountability.



For MinSU, this recognition reflects the University's continued dedication to transparency, accountability, and excellence in managing public resources and implementing institutional programs. The administration remains steadfast in ensuring that every peso of public fund is used responsibly for the benefit of students, employees, and stakeholders.

(jdtcd)

SUCs/HEIs push for stronger budget support in Congress and Senate



Mindoro State University (MinSU), led by University President Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, actively participated in the deliberations on the proposed 2025 General



Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol together with other SUC leaders during pre-preliminary budget hearing in Congress

Appropriations Bill for State Universities and Colleges (SUCs).

The House Committee on Appropriations held its pre-plenary and plenary sessions on September 25–26, 2025 where CHED, PASUC, and SUC leaders, including MinSU, worked together to secure additional funding for higher education.

In a Facebook statement, CHED Chair Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis confirmed that the House committed an extra ₱9.97 billion for the Tertiary Education Subsidy, ICT, and

infrastructure, alongside ₱7.8 billion from the Higher Education Development Fund and ₱4.49 billion to address Free Higher Education gaps.

Ahead of the Senate Budget Briefing for SUCs, Senator Loren Legarda, Senate Committee Chair on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education also convened a meeting with SUC leaders at the Manila Polo Club on September 26, joined by Senators, CHED officials, and PASUC. MinSU reaffirmed its commitment to advocate for greater opportunities and resources for its community, ensuring that quality higher education remains accessible and sustainable.

(kpic/jdtcd)



Pres. Apostol showcases collaborative projects at RDC MIMAROPA “Kapihan at Kamustahan”



MinSU forges partnerships for gender empowerment and environmental sustainability



In a continued pursuit of sustainable and inclusive development, new partnerships were forged on August 8, 2025, at the Mindoro State University (MinSU) Calapan City Campus, reinforcing the institution's commitment to research, empowerment, and environmental stewardship.

MinSU and Laguna State Polytechnic University (LSPU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to advance Gender and Development (GAD) initiatives over a three-year collaboration.

The agreement focused on capacity-building programs, research-based projects, and extension services designed to empower women farmers and promote inclusive rural livelihoods.

On the same day, MinSU formalized a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Center for Conservation Innovations PH, Inc. (CCIPH), a non-profit organization devoted to biodiversity conservation. The partnership aims to strengthen research and community-driven initiatives that protect natural resources while fostering sustainable local development.

These partnerships show MinSU's commitment to gender equality, environmental care, and community growth—working together for a better future for people and nature. (*jdt/dc*)



Mindoro State University (MinSU) President Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol highlights the University's flagship collaborative projects as she served as one of the resource speakers during the “Kapihan at Kamustahan sa MIMAROPA,” held on September 23, 2025, at Sinag Coffee Roastery, Brgy. Masipit, Calapan City.

The forum was part of the 2025 Regional Development Council (RDC) Week Celebration organized by the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development MIMAROPA.

With the theme “9th RDC MIMAROPA: Championing Inclusive and Sustainable Growth through Stakeholder Engagement,” the event served as an open platform to discuss how stakeholder participation shapes government policies, project design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

During the discussion, Pres. Apostol underscored how MinSU ensures that stakeholders are actively consulted and engaged across its four core mandates: instruction, research, extension, and resource generation. She emphasized that collaboration and consultation are embedded in every stage of the University's initiatives - from planning to execution and monitoring.

Pres. Apostol shared several flagship projects as concrete examples of MinSU's commitment to innovation and partnership. Among these is Project MOSES, funded by DOST-MIMAROPA, which deploys IoT-based weather and soil monitoring systems in the Mag-asawang Tubig Watershed to strengthen disaster preparedness and environmental management.

She also highlighted Project GENESIS, supported by NEDA's (now DEPDev) Innovation Grants, which builds upon MOSES by establishing a renewable-energy-powered operations center and a mobile application that delivers real-time weather and water-level updates to local government units and communities.

Completing the lineup is Project MAUYA, implemented in partnership with DA-MIMAROPA, a modern agriculture hub featuring greenhouses, hydroponics, aquaponics, and aeroponics that functions as a demonstration farm, research hub, and training ground for farmers, extension workers, and students.

She stressed that these projects were made possible through the collective efforts of partner agencies such as DOST, DA, DEPDev, and DENR, alongside LGUs, people's organizations, farmers and fisherfolk groups, extension workers, technologists, students, and community stakeholders.

“Their insights and collaboration ensure that MinSU's programs are responsive, sustainable, and impactful,” Pres. Apostol said.

The Kapihan at Kamustahan was among the highlights of RDC MIMAROPA's annual week-long celebration, which brings together regional leaders and stakeholders to discuss inclusive and participatory approaches to socioeconomic development.

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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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