

## Minsu ranks 2nd in 2025 Agriculturist Licensure Exam

University posts 92.77% passing rate, surpasses national average; highest ALE performance in its history.



From last year's institutional passing rate of 74%, MinSU surged to an exceptional 92.77% passing rate, producing 77 newly Registered Agriculturists. According to results released by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), The University's performance far exceeded the national passing rate of 68.55 percent, reaffirming MinSU's commitment to quality agricultural education and regional development.

According to Dr. Nora C. Cabaral-Lasaca, OIC-Dean of the College of Agriculture and Allied Fields, this year's result stands as the highest ALE performance rating to date, reflecting the College's rigorous academic preparation and the dedication of its students and faculty.

The University extends its warmest congratulations to its newly Registered Agriculturists, who have brought pride to MinSU and are expected to inspire and uplift the Mindoreño farming communities they will soon serve.

Mindoro State University (MinSU) has secured the Top 2 Performing School rank in the November 2025 Agriculturist Licensure Examination (ALE) under the category of schools with 40 - 99 examinees and at least an 80 percent passing rate, marking the University's strongest ALE performance to date.

With this milestone, MinSU further strengthens its position as a leading institution in agricultural education, continuing to shape professionals who will contribute to the growth and sustainability of the agricultural sector. (jdt/dc)

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## Project HAPAG



**Born from a simple but heartbreaking MinSU Freedom Wall post, Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President, heeded the call for an initiative to act as a lifeline for students quietly battling hunger.**

The viral confession - "*Ang hirap maging mahirap... lagi kang pipili sa pagitan ng sikmura at pangarap*" - shared by an anonymous student who chose to spend their last peso on a school project instead of a meal, deeply moved President Apostol.

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## From a MinSU student's socmed story to a University Initiative





# MinSU makes strong global entry in UI GreenMetric Rankings 2025



Mindoro State University (MinSU) has made a remarkable entry in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2025, placing 706th out of 1,477 academic institutions from 95 countries.

In the Philippines, MinSU ranked 31st, and proudly secured the 1st place in the MIMAROPA Region an achievement that reflects the University's growing commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable development.

The UI GreenMetric World University Rankings assess institutions based on their environmental policies and sustainable campus initiatives. Using 39 indicators across six key criteria, Setting and Infrastructure (SI), Energy and Climate Change (EC), Waste (WS), Water (WR), Transportation (TR), and



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This has long been included in our plans even before I was running for Presidency, and now we are gradually achieving it.

Actually, these efforts are already in place and continuously being strengthened, they simply need to be properly documented and deeply embedded in our institutional culture.

**DR. ENYA MARIE D. APOSTOL**

SUC President III

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Education and Research (ED), the ranking system highlights universities actively contributing to global sustainability efforts. MinSU's performance demonstrates its dedication to creating a greener campus and integrating sustainability into its operations, culture, and academic programs.

More than just a global ranking, this achievement strengthens MinSU's international presence, enhances awareness of sustainability challenges, promotes social engagement and action, and opens new opportunities for collaboration and networking. It serves as both recognition and inspiration, as MinSU continues to build a campus that is not only academically excellent, but also environmentally responsible and globally connected.

(jsr)

## FIRST-EVER MinSU's TOPNOTCHER IN FPLE Abueva ranks 4th in 2025 Fisheries Licensure Exam nationwide



**For the first time, Mindoro State University (MinSU) has produced a topnotcher in the Fisheries Professionals Licensure Examination (FPLE).**

Kathleen Kaye E. Abueva, a proud graduate of MinSU - Bongabong Campus, secured the Top 4 spot in the October 2025 FPLE with an impressive rating of 90%.

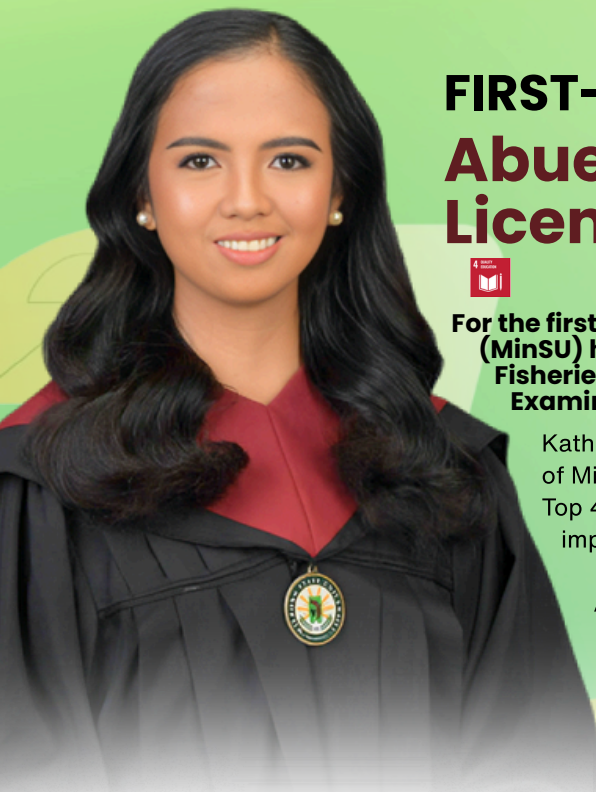
Abueva placed fourth among 1,507 successful examinees in the licensure examination administered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) on October 9 - 10, 2025. The results, released on October 15, 2025 revealed that 1,507 out of 2,165 examinees passed, posting a national passing rate of 69.61%.

Adding to this achievement, MinSU-Bongabong Campus recorded an overall passing rate of 75%, surpassing the national average, with 27 new Fisheries Professionals earning their licenses.

The University commends the faculty and staff of the Institute of Fisheries at MinSU Bongabong Campus, led by Ms. Mary Ann Royo, OIC-Institute Head, for their unwavering mentorship and dedication to academic excellence.

Recognized as the flagship program of MinSU Bongabong Campus, the Fisheries program continues to uphold the University's commitment to quality education, research, and community engagement, producing graduates who contribute meaningfully to sustainable fisheries and aquatic resource management.

This achievement not only brings pride and honor to the entire MinSU community but also reinforces the University's growing reputation for academic excellence and its mission to develop globally-competitive professionals in the field of fisheries. (jdtde)



**KATHLEEN KAYE E. ABUEVA**

**TOP 4 90%**

OCTOBER 2025 FISHERIES PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE EXAMINATION





## MinSU researchers dominate 13th STIRDC RDE Conference and Pitching Competition



Mindoro State University (MinSU) emerged as one of the most awarded institutions at the 13th Southern Tagalog Islands Research Development Consortium (STIRDC) Conference and Pitching Competition held on October 2–3, 2025, at Occidental Mindoro State College. Faculty and student researchers from College of Computer Studies (CCS) secured multiple awards across professional and student categories.

In the Extension Paper (Professional & AI Category), Dr. John Edgar S. Anthony, CCS Dean, secured both 1st Place and 2nd Place for BULIG: Empowering Mangyan Farmers with AI-Powered Banana Farming Through a Coaching Activity and AI-Driven Judging: AutoBeaut Automated System for Beauty Pageants, respectively. Also, in the Professional & Renewable Energy Category, Engr. Jennie T. Fernando obtained 1st Place with E-BISLAD: IoT-Based Fish Drying Monitoring with E-Commerce Integration, while Dr. Anthony placed 2nd with E-XSalt: IoT-Based Salt Processing Machine for Enhanced Production.

In the Professional Research (AI Category), Dr. Cirile Dominic A. Horlador won 2nd Place with CALAMANSENSE: A CNN-VGG16 Powered Mobile App for Calamansi Fruit Maturity Prediction.

Meanwhile, among student entries, Ms. K.C. L. Villanueva garnered 1st Place in the AI Category with iKamAI: A Sign Language Web Application for Text and Voice Translator Using CNNs. In the Renewable Energy Category, Mr. Arjohn Paul C. Ocampo earned 1st Place for EggCubation: IoT-Based Solar-Powered Egg Incubation with Real-Time Monitoring, while Mr. Mark Dave M. Alquiza received



3rd Place for MANGO LENS: IoT-Enabled Solar-Powered Mango Variety Recognition and Sorting.

MinSU also achieved strong results in the Pitching Competition. In the Professional (AI Category), PAMALAKAYA: The Digital Marketplace for Fresh Catch, led by Engr. Jake C. Siscar, Dr. Horlador, Dr. Anthony, and Engr. Fernando, won 1st Place. eH2O: IoT-Based Aquaculture Farm Water Quality Management System, developed by Dr. Sheryl May D. Lainez, Dr. Anthony, and Mr. Uriel M. Melendres, followed in 2nd Place. In the Student (Renewable Energy Category), Mr. Arwin R. Madeja placed 1st with SOILUTION: Portable Solar-Powered IoT Soil Analyzer with Crop Recommendation, while Mr. John Cedric M. Acapulco finished 3rd with AGRIDATE: Solar-Powered IoT Crop Planning and Planting Date Prediction.

The University's strong performance highlights its growing research culture, particularly in the fields of artificial intelligence, renewable energy, and the Internet of Things (IoT). Through these initiatives, MinSU continues to contribute to the region's innovation landscape and sustainable development efforts. (jesa)

## Project MOSES powered by GENESIS earns Bronze Innovation Award at InnoVenta 2025



Project MOSES (Monitoring and Observation of Site-specific E-Weather Stations) powered by GENESIS (Green Energy Network for Enhanced Synoptic Integrated Station) continues to make its mark in the field of innovation and research as it garnered the Bronze Innovation Award at the InnoVenta 2025 Pitching Challenge, held at Batangas State University – The National Engineering University, Alangilan Campus, on October 24, 2025.

Among 50 groundbreaking technologies presented by institutions across the country, Project MOSES emerged as one of 14 national finalists, standing out for its potential to transform local innovation into real-world impact.

A flagship initiative of Mindoro State University (MinSU), developed in collaboration with DOST-MIMAROPA and funded by the Department of Economy Planning and Development (DEPDev), the project strengthens community resilience through science and technology. It showcases how locally-driven research can address urgent concerns related to climate change, disaster preparedness, and environmental safety.

The project integrates advanced environmental monitoring systems with user-centered design, serving as a clear example of how science-driven innovation can meet the evolving needs of society. "This recognition underscores our mission to create technologies that serve people and communities," said Engr. Christian B. Hernandez, Project Team Leader.

The InnoVenta 2025 Pitching Challenge serves as a national platform for Filipino innovators, connecting them with investors, industry partners, and local government units (LGUs) to transform research outputs into viable enterprises and impact-driven solutions. (cbh)







Photo courtesy | Mindoro AdvenTours

## Dr. Escalona leads Crown-of-Thorns Starfish collection to protect Mansalay coastal reefs



In a concerted effort to protect the province's coastal ecosystems, Mindoro State University (MinSU) joined a collaborative Crown-of-Thorns Starfish (COTS) collection activity along the coastal waters of Barangay Cabalwa, Mansalay. The initiative aims to help control the population of the coral-eating species and safeguard the health of local reef systems.

The activity was spearheaded by Dr. Katherine P. Sanchez-Escalona, biologist, University Professor, and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at MinSU, in partnership with Ms. Tina Shella Jarabe, founder of Mindoro AdvenTours, and members of the Mindoro Mountaineers and Adventurers Club. Support was also extended by the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), Municipal Agriculture Office, and Municipal Tourism Office of Mansalay.

Dr. Escalona explained that while the Crown-of-Thorns Starfish plays a natural role in maintaining coral balance, its overpopulation can cause extensive reef damage. "When COTS populations exceed 30 individuals per hectare, a population outbreak occurs - rapidly destroying corals and reducing fish populations, which affects both livelihoods and tourism," she said.

Field observations confirmed COTS clusters in fishing areas of Barangay Cabalwa, with densities reaching up to 16 individuals per square meter. Dr. Escalona emphasized that each starfish can produce up to two million eggs per spawning, underscoring the need for early intervention through regular monitoring and removal.

Local officials expressed full support for continued reef protection efforts, committing to strengthen community-based monitoring through bantay-dagat initiatives and partnerships with local organizations.

"This activity is our shared mission of environmental stewardship and community engagement," Dr. Escalona added. "Through science-based outreach, we aim to empower communities to take an active role in conserving marine resources for sustainable development."

The COTS collection activity forms part of MinSU's ongoing environmental outreach program, which promotes sustainable resource management and ecological awareness across Oriental Mindoro. (jtdtc)

## Project MOSES rolls out in Marinduque to boost local climate resilience



**MARINDUQUE** — As part of continuing efforts to enhance climate resilience and disaster preparedness across MIMAROPA, Project MOSES, powered by Mindoro State University's (MinSU) Project GENESIS, has officially begun its expansion in Marinduque Province.

A collaborative initiative of MinSU, DOST-MIMAROPA, and the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) MIMAROPA, the project aims to deploy Filipino-made e-weather stations in strategic locations to provide real-time, localized weather monitoring and support data-driven decision-making.

The expansion was set in motion following a coordination meeting on September 8, 2025 via Zoom, between DOST-MIMAROPA, the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) Marinduque, and MinSU. Subsequently, the MOSES team, led by Engr. Christian B. Hernandez, conducted a site-suitability assessment on October 8–9, identifying seven (7) strategic sites across the province's six municipalities for installation.

Engr. Hernandez explained that the e-weather stations will provide real-time data on solar intensity, temperature, humidity, wind, soil conditions, and rainfall, crucial for detecting flooding and landslide risks. "With localized monitoring, disaster response teams can issue faster advisories and deploy resources more effectively," he said.

Following the assessment phase, Project MOSES will proceed with installation, calibration, and training for local DRRMO personnel to ensure effective use of weather data in disaster management and climate planning.

The expansion forms part of MinSU's Project GENESIS vision to build a renewable energy-powered, IoT-enabled weather monitoring network across MIMAROPA—underscoring the shared commitment of MinSU and partner agencies to advancing science-based, technology-driven solutions for resilient communities. (jtdtc)





# MinSU hailed as one of the Most Responsive Agencies for two consecutive years



For the second consecutive year, Mindoro State University (MinSU) has been recognized as one of the Most Responsive Agencies by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) MIMAROPA, in acknowledgment of its valuable contribution to the success of the agency's programs and activities across the region.

The award was conferred during the Closing Ceremony during the 36th National Statistics Month (NSM) held on October 27, 2025, at Nuciti Central, Calapan City, with the theme "Accelerating the SDG Pace of Progress: Mobilizing Data for All." The recognition underscores MinSU's steadfast support for PSA MIMAROPA's advocacy of promoting data-driven governance and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through education, research, and community engagement.

Ms. Mary Ann M. Hernandez, Director for Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation (PME) and MinSU Focal Person for PSA MIMAROPA, received the Plaque of Recognition on behalf of the University.

MinSU also celebrated the success of its students who showcased their skills and creativity in regional contests organized as part of the NSM celebration. Cristina B. Madrigal, a BS Information Technology III student, secured 3rd Place in the Digital Slogan Making Contest, while Abby Grace L. Villajuan, a BS Entrepreneurship student, earned 2nd Place in the Digital Poster Making Contest. Both were mentored by Ms. Anna Liza A. Vitto and Mr. Ross Christian C. Manuel, respectively. The contest proper was held on October 9, 2025, at the PSA RSSO MIMAROPA Training Room, Camilmil, Calapan City, with the awarding ceremony taking place during the official closing program.

This back-to-back recognition reaffirms MinSU's unwavering commitment as a partner institution in promoting statistical literacy, supporting evidence-based policymaking, and empowering the youth to champion the use of data for inclusive and sustainable development.

(jdt/dc)

# MinSU bids farewell to CHED Commissioner Valenzuela, welcomes Commissioner Aquino as New BOR Chair



Mindoro State University (MinSU) expressed its gratitude to Commissioner Ethel Agnes P. Valenzuela for her dedicated service as Chairperson of the MinSU Board of Regents (BOR) from February 26 to October 20, 2025, as the University welcomes Commissioner Ricmar P. Aquino, newly appointed CHED Commissioner and former

President of Isabela State University (ISU), as the new BOR Chairperson.

Commissioner Valenzuela is recognized for her unwavering commitment to promoting quality education and sound governance in higher education institutions across the country. During her leadership, MinSU achieved significant milestones in institutional development, academic excellence, and partnership building.

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President, expressed her appreciation for Commissioner Valenzuela's guidance and support throughout her tenure.

As MinSU turns the page to a new chapter, the University community warmly welcomes Commissioner Ricmar P. Aquino as the new Chairperson of the BOR.

Prior to joining CHED, Commissioner Aquino served as President of Isabela State University, where he was known for his visionary leadership, commitment to innovation, and strong advocacy for research, extension, and international collaboration.

With his vast experience in higher education leadership, MinSU is confident that Commissioner Aquino will guide MinSU in advancing its goals of quality assurance, sustainable growth, and transformative education. (jdt/dc)



# MinSU inaugurates Manmade Lake, Provincial Government hands over landmark project



After nearly eleven months since the groundbreaking ceremony on January 30, 2025, Mindoro State University (MinSU) formally inaugurated the MinSU Calapan Campus Manmade Lake and Development Park and received its official turnover from the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro in a ceremony held on December 12, 2025 at the MinSU Calapan Campus.

Situated in front of the campus, the existing manmade lake has long served as a familiar landmark for students and visitors. Through the generous funding and steadfast support of the Provincial Government under Governor Humerlito “Bonz” A. Dolor, this once modest body of water has been transformed into a revitalized eco-park designed to promote sustainability, learning, recreation, and community engagement.

The inauguration marks the completion of a visionary project aimed at creating a dynamic green space within the university - one that blends natural beauty with functional design. The development features a refurbished lake, landscaped pathways, a scenic bridge, shaded rest areas, and designated zones for academic, cultural, and social activities. The park further strengthens MinSU's commitment to environmental stewardship while contributing to the province's growing tourism potential.

The program included a blessing led by Rev. Fr. William Abas and a ceremonial ribbon cutting spearheaded by University President Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, Gov. Dolor, and university officials. In her message, President Apostol expressed gratitude to the Provincial Government, stakeholders, and the MinSU community for their collective support.

University and provincial government officials, faculty, staff, students, and guests also joined a commemorative walk-through of the newly developed area, taking in the park's beauty and the joyful spirit of Christmas.

The MinSU Manmade Lake and Development Park is now officially open to students, faculty, alumni, and visitors, offering a harmonious blend of nature, education, and recreation. Beyond its environmental and aesthetic value, it stands as a symbol of partnership, progress, and shared vision for a greener and stronger MinSU community. (jdtcd)



University President Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol leads the inauguration together with Governor Humerlito “Bonz” A. Dolor.

# MinSU receives International Rankings Award at CHED ICONS 2025



Mindoro State University (MinSU) was honored with an International Rankings Award from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) during CHED ICONS 2025, held at the Philippine International Convention Center on December 10, 2025.

CHED recognized MinSU for achieving global placement in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings and the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI), distinctions that underscore the university's growing international presence and its commitment to sustainable and innovative academic practices. A plaque and certificate of recognition were formally presented to celebrate these milestones.

Representing University President Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, Dr. Jerrel S. Reyes, Director for External Linkages and International Affairs, received the award on behalf of the institution.

The said recognition reflects MinSU's steadfast dedication to advancing its global standing, showcasing its innovative and sustainable programs, and delivering long-term impact to the communities it serves. (jsr)



MinSU Calapan City Campus Manmade Lake and Development Park

# MinSU-STC4iD, DOST-PCAARRD, and PMUI bring holiday support to 5 Mangyan communities



In the spirit of Christmas, altruism, and inclusive community service, the Mindoro State University (MinSU), under its STC4iD Program (Science and Technology-based Community Innovation Development), conducted a meaningful Christmas Outreach Drive for the Mangyan communities of Oriental Mindoro on December 11, 2025.

Funded by DOST-PCAARRD (Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development), the STC4iD Program, and in partnership with the Pampamayanang Mangyan Ugnayan Inc. (PMUI), reflected a shared commitment to life-giving support and inclusivity through their outreach activity.

The team visited five community sites: Sitio Daya in Victoria, Sitio Bungkarot in Gloria, and Sitio Liguma, Sitio Atoy, and Sitio Bayang in Brgy. Lisap, Bongabong. They distributed seed packs, Arozcaldo (rice soup), biscuits, food packages, and preloved clothes to help meet the families' daily needs and support livelihood efforts.

The activity aimed to embody the true essence of Christmas—compassion, unity, and reaching out to underserved communities. Through this Christmas Outreach, MinSU-STC4iD, DOST-PCAARRD, and PMUI reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring that no community is left behind and that the warmth of the holiday season is shared with all. (kpic)





# STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



## Builders Pandayan shines at Word Cup PH Nat'l Journalism Conference and Contest

Builders Pandayan, the official student publication of Mindoro State University (MinSU) - Calapan City Campus, recorded an exceptional debut at the 27th Word Cup Philippines National Journalism Conference and Contest after all 14 of its delegates secured medals in their first participation in the national tilt.

Held on December 6 – 7, 2025, at the National Press Club in Intramuros, Manila, the competition tested participants through Word Cup PH's "authentic journalism" approach.

The MinSU delegation garnered 23 medals and four Special Citations, marking a strong first showing and positioning Builders Pandayan as a competitor in the national campus journalism arena.

Pres. Apostol also reaffirmed the administration's continued support for student journalists representing the University in external competitions.

List of awardees are as follows:

1. Jhon Carlo Landicho – 1st (Pagsulat ng Kolum); 3rd (Pagsulat ng Balita); Special Citation (Pagwawasto at Pag-uulo ng Balita)
2. Cameron Josh M. Anthony – 3rd (Photojournalism for Conference Event)
3. Al-Francis Eje – 1st (Feature Writing); 2nd (Pagsulat ng Balitang Agham); Special Citation (Sports Writing)
4. Glen Israel M. Gauran – 2nd (SciTech Editorial Opinion); 3rd (Column Writing)
5. Mark Alfred L. Beldia – 2nd (Mobile Journalism Filipino); 2nd (SciTech Opinion Editorial)
6. Ayessalyn S. Manalo – 2nd (Kolum Pang-Agham); 3rd (Pagsulat ng Isports)
7. Michelle R. Pagsuyuin – 1st (SciTech Feature Writing); 2nd (News Writing)
8. Angelo C. Barbacena – 3rd (Pagsulat ng Lathalain)
9. Janelle T. Balaibo – 3rd (Pagsulat ng Lathalain); 3rd (Science News Feature)
10. Alvincent N. Adora – 1st (Pagsulat ng Balita); 1st (SciTech Opinion Writing); 3rd (Pagsulat ng Kolum)
11. Queencie S. Bautista – 3rd (Kolum Pang-Agham)
12. John Nicole G. Buñag – 1st (Kolum Pang-Agham); Special Citation (Sports Writing)
13. Mary Karrel Phaye M. Dela Cruz – 1st (Mobile Journalism English); Hon. Mention (SciTech Feature Writing)
14. Trixie Lee De Leon – 2nd (Feature Writing).

(marm)

## TANGLAW 2025: The True Light of MinSU is its People



Imbibing the spirit of Christmas, the opening of TANGLAW 2025 at Mindoro State University–Calapan City Campus became a tribute to the people who give life to the University, as the newly inaugurated MinSU Man-made Lake transformed into a radiant gathering space for the MinSU community on December 12, 2025. The event also marked the official opening of Paskong Pamilya sa MinSU.

Organized by the Future Farmers of the Philippines Collegiate Chapter (FFPCC) of the Calapan City Campus, in partnership with the MinSU administration and various campus colleges, the lakeside was adorned with colorful decorations and handcrafted parols from different colleges – showcasing the creativity, collaboration, and shared spirit behind the celebration.

The evening was further enlivened by intermission performances from MinSU employees and the BAANAW dancers, adding warmth and vibrancy to the program. Meanwhile, the simple act of hanging Christmas balls on the giant Christmas tree became a quiet yet meaningful symbol of unity and togetherness.

More than a display of lights, TANGLAW 2025 carried a clear message: the true light of MinSU comes from its people—the students who dream, the faculty who guide, and the employees who serve the University every day. As the lights shimmered across the water, the celebration served as a reminder that MinSU shines brightest because of the people behind its success. (marm)



MinSU Calapan City Campus takes pride in their Tanglaw 2025 Christmas Display

## MinSU Student Clinches 1st Runner-Up in 5th International Research Competition 2025

Mindoro State University (MinSU) continues to reinforce its growing reputation in global research excellence as Romel Billones Sena, a student from the MinSU Bongabong Campus, secured 1st Runner-Up under Category 2 – Undergraduate in the 5th International Research Competition (IRC) 2025 held on November 28, 2025, organized by the Institute of Industry and Academic Research Incorporated (IIARI).

Sena's research entry, "Mangrove Forest Assessment in Sta. Theresa, Gloria, Oriental Mindoro," co-authored by John Hubert C. Manalili, emerged as one of the competition's top-performing studies. The paper provides a comprehensive evaluation of the mangrove ecosystem in Sta. Theresa, highlighting its ecological significance and the urgent need for sustained conservation measures. This year's IRC drew 77 international extended abstracts, from which the strongest submissions were shortlisted to the Top 33 full papers.

Sena's work successfully advanced to the Top 10



Grand Finalists, where it was presented during the Panel Interview and 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) segment of the competition. His outstanding performance secured the 1st Runner-Up award, along with a cash prize, plaque and certificate. Sena's success was guided by his advisers, Ms. Algeline S. Herrera and Dr. Randy A. Quitain, whose mentorship was key to this achievement.

The International Research Competition (IRC) is an annual global event organized by IIARI to foster and strengthen research culture among students across various academic institutions worldwide. (jdtcd)





## MinSU Strengthens Global Ties at UNIIC Demo Day 2025 in Cambodia

Mindoro State University (MinSU) reaffirmed its commitment to international collaboration and innovation as it joined the University Incubators Consortium (UNIIC) Demo Day 2025 and participated in a multilateral Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing held on December 1–3, 2025, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Through its active involvement in UNIIC, MinSU continues to advance knowledge and technology exchange, promote student and personnel mobility, strengthen research productivity, and expand entrepreneurial development across partner universities in Asia and Africa.

Led by SUC President III Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, the MinSU delegation included Dr. Jerrel S. Reyes, Director for External Linkages and International Affairs; Engr. Randy A. Joco, Director for Innovation; Ms. Roxanne M. Fabrique, Faculty Researcher; and BSIT incubatees Daryl J. Bacongco, Rijan R. Palomera, and Faye Chaleigh Anne M. Anonuevo of MinSU-IBIBES.

The delegation actively participated in the consortium's Demo Day, co-hosted by the Cambodian University of Technology and Science (CamTech) and the National University of Cheasim Kamchaymear (NUCK). Student innovators from 16 participating universities showcased socially impactful ventures, with MinSU earning recognition for its student-led pitch presented on the international stage.

Highlight of the three-day event was the signing of a multilateral MOA among member universities and partner organizations. Signatories included Asia Pacific University; Mindoro State University; Adamson University; Western Philippines University; Occidental Mindoro State College; Universitas Trisakti; Universitas Multimedia Nusantara; Tra Vinh University; Hung Vuong University of Ho Chi Minh City; NUCK; CamTech; Coimbatore Institute of Technology; University of Mpumalanga; Sefako Makgatho Health Science University; Millat Umdiri University; and the Asian Society for Innovation and Policy (ASIP).



The event also featured the presentation of outcomes from the UNIIC Africa–Asia Roundtable, the launch of the prototype UNIIC Research Collaboration Platform, and a campus tour of NUCK. Delegates likewise engaged in networking sessions that strengthened intercultural collaboration among participating students.

MinSU's participation in UNIIC Demo Day 2025 highlights the University's steadfast commitment to global engagement and innovation. By nurturing international partnerships, MinSU continues to position itself as a catalyst for transformative education, research excellence, and sustainable development.

(jsr)

## MinSU joins 14th P2A Partners' Meeting, Strengthens ASEAN Academic Collaboration



Mindoro State University (MinSU) continued to expand its international engagement as it participated in the 9th Annual General Meeting and International Conference of the 14th Passage to ASEAN (P2A) Partners' Meeting held on November 19–23, 2025, at Universitas Islam Indonesia in Yogyakarta.

Representing the University was Dr. Ciedelle P. Salazar, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, who took part in discussions and collaborative exchanges with leaders and representatives of ASEAN higher education institutions. She was joined by former CHED Commissioner Ethel Agnes P. Valenzuela, who served as Keynote Plenary Speaker and presented insights on ASEAN Trends on AI Education and the introduction of the ASEAN AI Council, highlighting the region's collective push toward digital transformation.

The conference gathered academic leaders, educators, and researchers across Southeast Asia for a series of plenary and panel sessions. Key discussions focused on emerging themes such as the ASEAN Guide on AI Governance and Ethics, Strategic Leadership in the AI Era, Empowering ASEAN Students with AI, and Advancing AI Research and Pedagogy in Regional Universities. These exchanges provided valuable perspectives on institutional readiness amid rapid technological shifts.

MinSU's participation underscores its efforts to globalize its educational and institutional standards by engaging with regional partners and aligning with international higher education practices. By taking part in platforms such as P2A, the University strengthens its cross-border partnerships and further enhances its capability to deliver globally informed, future-ready services to its students and communities.

As MinSU deepens its global linkages, it affirms its commitment to becoming a competitive, internationally connected institution dedicated to excellence, innovation, and inclusive development.

(kpic)



## Community Spotlight

# MinSU cultivates growth: “Veggies for Kids” Program empowers Villa Cerveza ES



As part of its ongoing effort to strengthen community development and promote sustainable food production in local schools, the Mindoro State University (MinSU), through its Extension Unit, successfully launched and conducted the “Veggies for Kids: Growing Nutritional Food for Elementary Learners” program in Villa Cerveza Elementary School. The initiative was implemented in response to the school’s request for technical assistance in establishing an urban gardening project, as part of its preparation for the Department of Education’s Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP).

MinSU conducted two key training activities—vegetable production and postharvest handling on September 23–24, 2025, and mushroom culture and maintenance on October 2, 2025.

The sessions, facilitated by experts from the College of Agriculture and Allied Fields (CAAF), trained Grades 4–6 learners, teachers, and parents on sustainable gardening, proper planting

methods, and mushroom cultivation. Participants also engaged in hands-on gardening activities to develop practical agricultural skills.

To strengthen the school’s urban gardening efforts, MinSU provided recycled plastic bottles from its Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for container gardening and turned over 300 mushroom fruiting bags to support immediate production. MinSU likewise committed to providing vegetable seeds, fertilizers, and seedlings to ensure the continuity of the school’s gardening

“As a university, it is also our duty to help our partners in education and the community, especially the children, learn about agriculture from the very beginning. When we teach them early on, we help them develop a mindset of care, productivity, and responsibility, values they will carry into adulthood.”

**MS. ELISA M. AGONCILLO**  
Director for Extension Services



initiatives and the full implementation of the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program.

According to Ms. Elisa M. Agoncillo, Director for Extension Services, MinSU embraces its role in supporting partner schools and communities by cultivating awareness and appreciation for agriculture among children.

She added that Veggies for Kids is designed

as a 12-month initiative with continuous monitoring and follow-up activities to ensure the long-term success of the program.

The principal, faculty, and staff of Villa Cerveza Elementary School expressed their deep appreciation to MinSU for the technical support, training, and material assistance extended to the school community. (jdtcdc)



## Project HAPAG

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Upon reading the post, President Apostol immediately committed to addressing the issue. She announced the establishment of a community food pantry, personally funded and not sourced from any government or university budget. On the same day, she acted on this pledge, launching the first HAPAG (Hatid Alaga, Pagkain at Ginhawa) pantry at the MinSU Calapan Campus, located outside the Office of the President.



Now expanded in the three campuses - Project HAPAG provides accessible food items such as rice, noodles, biscuits, coffee, and water, etc. for students in need. The system is simple: students may take what they need, and those with the capacity to contribute may donate supplies.

University officials as well as members of Board of Regents also expressed support for the initiative, affirming its role in assisting students experiencing food insecurity.

More than a food pantry, Project HAPAG serves as a community effort that encourages responsibility, generosity, and solidarity within MinSU. It stands as a practical response to a real student concern, ensuring that no MinSUan has to compromise nutrition just to continue learning.

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MinSU congratulates its 12 new AB engineers, as well as the Institute of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, and reaffirms its commitment to producing professionals who will help advance agricultural modernization and sustainable rural development. (jdtcd)

## Planting the Seeds of Innovation: MinSU i-BIBES hosts 2nd InnoBIDation Festival



Mindoro State University's flagship project, MinSU i-BIBES (Innovative Business Incubator for Biosystems Solutions) successfully hosted the 2nd InnoBIDation Festival held on December 10, 2025 at the MinSU Main Campus Auditorium.

With the theme, "Bridging Ideas, Driving Advancement: Transcending Towards Sustainable Innovation," 17 incubatees geared up for their five-minute pitch presentations that introduce their innovative projects that answer real-world problems.

Evaluating and scrutinizing each presentation were the panel of judges, coming from their respectable fields: Mr. Armand Mañibo, CEO and Founder of Armful OPC; Engr. Joseph Amiel A. Camingal, ECE, CEO of Hive Energy PH; and Ar. Francis Neil B. Quijano, Lead Agritek, AGRITEKTURA Enterprises.

Together with Engr. Randy A. Joco, the University's Director for Innovation, the judges also gathered for a collaborative discussion and forum, "From Idea to MVP: The 5 Essential Truths of Launching and Validating Your Startup Without Angel Money," wherein participants were allowed to ask questions from the experts and ask for tips and advices on how to properly manage their businesses and startup projects.

After the 5-minute pitch presentations, the judges picked seven (7) incubatees to undergo the Pag-Ukob Program - a mentorship program of MinSU i-BIBES that provides full-scale mentorship, access to facilities, product development support and funding linking, among others.

The seven (7) remarkable incubatees that proved their worth were **Egginear Poultry Solutions; Team DOCS; Pangs Chocolate Mango; Jemell's Gourmet Catfish; AsiatGuard; PaMalakaya; and Tracesmart Rabbit Jerky.**

Mr. Leonel C. Mendoza, OIC-Vice President for Research, Innovation, Technology and Extension (RITE) also shared stories of successful innovations that came from small ideas, and encouraged the incubatees on their startup projects.

"There will be many ways to support you; you are not alone. MinSU and i-BIBES are here to help you with your brilliant ideas to be converted into something useful, and can be converted into a product that could be of help to our community," he said.

With the right support and linking strategies, we shall see these innovations bloom and act as game-changers in their respective fields and industries. The MinSU i-BIBES continues to hone potentials and mold ideas to actualize into community solutions. (kpic)



## Project MOSES honored at Philippine Resilience Awards 2025



Project MOSES (Monitoring and Observation of Site-specific E-weather Station), a flagship innovation of Mindoro State University (MinSU), earned national distinction at the Philippine Resilience Awards (PRA) 2025 under the Youth Category, held on November 24, 2025 at the Philippine Normal University. The award recognizes outstanding efforts in climate adaptation, disaster preparedness, and evidence-based community resilience.

Organized by the Climate



Change Commission, the Office of Senator Loren Legarda, and partner institutions, the PRA annually celebrates initiatives that demonstrate science-driven and inclusive approaches to safeguarding communities. This year's theme, "Kababataan at Kababaihan: Katuwang sa Paghahabi ng Isang Matatag na Bayan," emphasizes the crucial roles of women and youth in strengthening resilience across the country.

Led by Engr. Christian B. Hernandez and funded by DOST-MIMAROPA, Project MOSES stood out for its fully Filipino-developed weather monitoring system and its comprehensive framework for risk and

resilience governance. The project integrates data-driven technology, local innovation, and the active engagement of women and youth mirroring the PRA's advocacy for inclusive leadership.

"Project MOSES is a Filipino-made solution, every component developed locally to ensure sustainability and lessen dependence on imported systems."

Acknowledging the collaborative effort behind the project, Engr. Hernandez thanked the PRA convenors, MinSU leadership, and partners from DOST and DEPDev for their support.

"In the face of storms, floods, and other threats, we remain steadfast because we believe our communities deserve technologies that protect and empower them," Engr. Hernandez added.

This PRA recognition reinforces MinSU's commitment to producing research-based, community-responsive innovations that address urgent environmental challenges. The success of Project MOSES affirms the University's growing leadership in fostering resilience, sustainability, and inclusive development, empowering communities through research, technology, and the active involvement of women and youth. (jdtcd)



## MinSU renews commitment to HEIRIT TBI Network at 9th TBI Summit

Mindoro State University (MinSU), led by University President Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, reaffirmed its commitment as an active member of the Higher Education Institution Readiness for Innovation and Technopreneurship (HEIRIT) Network of Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) during the 9th TBI Summit held at Citadines Hotel, Bacolod City, on November 7, 2025.

The MinSU delegation included Engr. Randy A. Joco, TBI Manager; Dr. Jerrel S. Reyes, KTTO Lead; and Mr. Julius A. Aala, Junior TBI Manager of MinSU i-BIBES (Innovative Business Incubator for Biosystems Solutions).

With the theme “The Innovation Archipelago: Connecting Ecosystems, Expanding Horizons,” the summit gathered technology business incubators, accelerators, innovators, startups, and key partners from across the country.

MinSU’s continued participation in the HEIRIT program underscores its unwavering commitment to fostering innovation-driven entrepreneurship and supporting the development of technology-based startups in the MIMAROPA region through the Innovative Business Incubator for Biosystems Solutions (MinSU iBIBES).

Through initiatives like this, MinSU continues to contribute to the national innovation ecosystem, empowering local communities, nurturing emerging innovators, and advancing sustainable, inclusive development. (raj)



## MinSU i-BIBES Honored at the Gabi ng Pagpupugay



The MinSU i-BIBES uplifts the University’s pride once again on its recognition as one of the awardees under the distinguished “Mangyan Category” during the “Gabi ng Pagpupugay: Pagkilala sa 75 Simbolo ng Natatanging Oriental Mindoro,” held on November 12, 2025 at the Balai Mindoro Event Center in Calapan City.

The award was received by Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol, University President of Mindoro State University, together with representatives of MinSU i-BIBES, in recognition of the University’s sustained initiatives in advancing innovation, development, and livelihood opportunities for the people of Mindoro.

This recognition serves as a strong affirmation of the long-term contributions of MinSU i-BIBES in promoting agricultural innovation, fostering entrepreneurship, and advancing inclusive development across the province. (kpic)



## Over 200 bags of blood collected in MinSU’s annual bloodletting drive



Over 200 bags of blood were collected during the Mindoro State University’s (MinSU) annual bloodletting activity, held from October 28–30, 2025, across its campuses. The initiative, organized through the Medical Services Unit and the Women, Gender, and Development (WGD) Office, in partnership with the Oriental Mindoro Blood Council, stands as a continuing commitment to saving lives and promoting community health throughout the province.

According to Ms. Marianne B. Garcia, Nurse at MinSU Main Campus, the initiative is part of the University’s sustained effort to support the province’s blood supply needs. “This program is our way of helping the Oriental Mindoro Blood Council gather blood for our fellow citizens in need,” said Ms. Garcia. “We hold this every year not only to extend help to others but also because donating blood is beneficial to our health.”

Among the many donors was Mr. Edgar Viernes, a MinSU employee for 24 years, who has been a consistent participant in the University’s bloodletting drives.

“Gusto talaga nating makatulong sa mga nangangailangan. Kahit sa ganitong simpleng paraan, nakakatulong tayo sa iba at nakapagliliigtas pa ng buhay,” he shared. “Iba rin ang pakiramdam at may benepisyo ito sa kalusugan kapag nagdo-donate ka ng dugo,” Mr. Viernes added, noting that he sometimes



even travels to other areas just to donate blood.

The activity drew enthusiastic participation not only from MinSU faculty, staff, and students, but also from residents of nearby barangays and communities, reflecting the strong sense of solidarity and volunteerism that defines the University community. To show appreciation for the donors’ generosity, the University prepared lugaw, balut, and bottled water, simple tokens for a truly meaningful act of kindness.

In total, MinSU collected 204 bags of blood, broken down as follows:


- 46 bags from Bongabong Campus (October 28, 2025)
- 70 bags from Calapan Campus (October 29, 2025)
- 88 bags from Main Campus (October 30, 2025)

These life-saving donations will go a long way in supporting patients and hospitals across Oriental Mindoro, further strengthening the province’s blood supply network.

Through this annual endeavor, MinSU continues to live out its commitment to public service, compassion, and community care, which indeed proves once again that the gift of life is the greatest act of love. (jdtcd)



# De Claro ranks Top 9 in LET 2025; Strengthens teacher education legacy

 **Joena Mae P. De Claro**, a Bachelor of Secondary Education graduate from Mindoro State University (MinSU) Main Campus, brought pride to the University after securing Top 9 in the September and November 2025 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (BLEPT), posting an outstanding 93.20% rating as announced by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

This marks the very first topnotcher from the College of Teacher Education (CTE) Main Campus, strengthening MinSU's growing reputation in teacher education. To date, the CTE now has a total of three (3) topnotchers across the three campuses of MinSU.

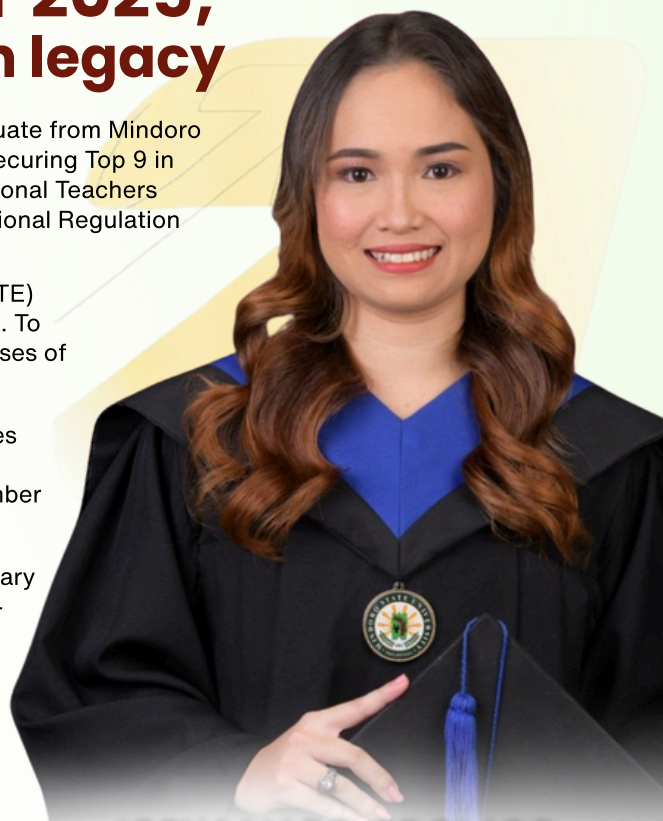
The PRC announced that 21,967 elementary teachers out of 43,035 examinees (51.04%) and 57,729 secondary teachers out of 79,493 examinees (72.62%) passed this year's examination conducted on September 21, 2025, and November 30, 2025.

Across campuses, MinSU registered commendable results in both the elementary and secondary LET categories. Among Bachelor of Secondary Education first-time takers, MinSU Main Campus performed highest at 95.74%, followed by Calapan City Campus at 91.50 percent, and Bongabong Campus at 66.6%. In overall performance, Main Campus posted 91.84%, Calapan City Campus 91.47%, and Bongabong Campus 41.94%.

For the Bachelor of Elementary Education, first-time takers from MinSU Main Campus achieved 92.86%, while Bongabong Campus posted 83.33%, with overall ratings of 92.86 percent and 54.55%, respectively.

University officials commended the performance of its graduates, noting that the results reflect MinSU's ongoing efforts to enhance academic quality, professional training, and teacher readiness.

MinSU's consistently high licensure performance, coupled with a Top 10 national placement, reinforces the University's commitment to producing competent educators who will serve both the region and the nation. (jdtcd)

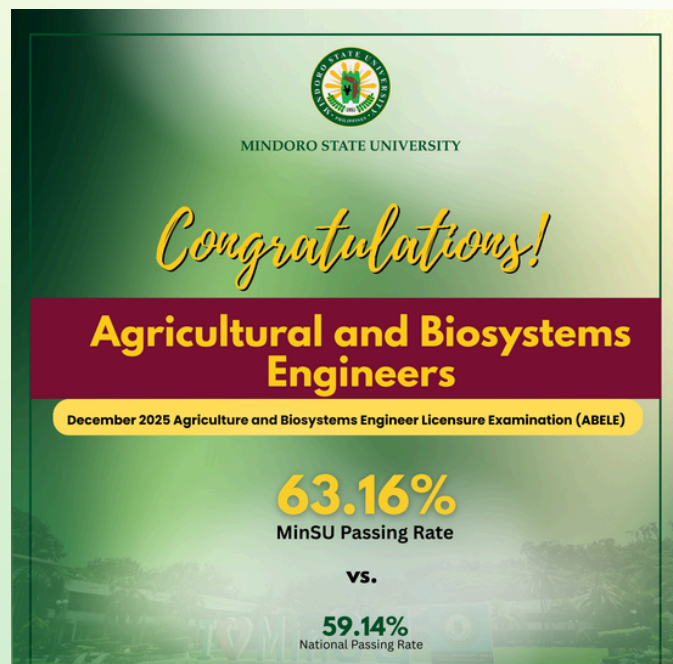


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Of MinSU's 19 examinees, 8 out of 12 first-time takers passed, posting a 66.67% passing rate, while 4 out of 7 repeaters made it through the examination, recording a 57.14% passing rate.

The University attributes this achievement to the dedication of its faculty, the rigorous preparation of its examinees, and the strengthened academic and support systems of the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering program.

MinSU extends its warmest congratulations to its 12 new engineers and their proud families, as well as to the Institute of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering for their unwavering guidance and mentorship.

The University reaffirms its commitment to contributing to the country's pool of professionals who will advance agricultural modernization, sustainability, and rural development. (jdtcd)

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