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The University Gymnasium sparked with golden yellow blazed against maroon silhouette as the Investiture Ceremony of Dr. Ali happened indoors on April 8, 2019. High ranking officials and dignitaries from government agencies, MSU campuses, faculty and staff together with resident students of the university witnessed the event.

Dr. Anshari P. Ali, a Shari'ah lawyer, is the 6th Chancellor of Mindanao State University-General Santos City. The newly sworn Chancellor envisions to produce more topnotchers in board examinations and achieve quality management system for the University.

"Let us comply with the International Standards Organization Accreditation or ISO, and the AACUP institutional accreditation with the goal of making our University as Center of Development and Center of Excellence," Chancellor Ali affirmed.

In pursuit of vital solutions to the problems in Mindanao, Dr. Ali explicated to align his peace

efforts to the agenda of the Duterte Administration. Chancellor Ali professed that "the realization of peace, reconciliation, and integration in Mindanao shall be the ultimate manifestation of the achievement of its role as a National Peace University in Southern Philippines."

He added that the university will forge partnership with the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) regional government for educational and scientific projects and activities.

Moreover, the Chancellor hopes to mainstream Muslims and other cultural communities in Mindanao into the national body of politics. "The revival of MSU Malandag and the establishment of the proposed MSU Kiamba, Sarangani province," Dr. Ali said, is attuned to this mandate.

His mission includes offering additional doctorate programs in different fields of specialization. He manifests to strengthen the educational qualifications of faculty members through capability building and pursuing doctorate degrees. Such endeavors also highlight his support for the faculty to enhance their research capabilities, create research innovations, and make technological

advances nationally and internationally.

The Chancellor will also intensify the establishment of international linkages to other universities and research agencies in Southeast Asia. An office for International Development and a Center for Islamic and ASEAN studies will be created for this purpose.

As a key to attaining the university's vision, Dr. Ali enumerated that his leadership approach is anchored on three guiding principles. The approach includes reliance to the divine guidance for his leadership, sincerity in upholding his duties, and responsibility and strong commitment in achieving his vision for the University.

Legitimizing Dr. Ali as the new chancellor, Board of Regents Secretary Usman D. Aragasi performed the Reading of Appointment. Family members of Dr. Ali gathered on stage to accompany MSU System Vice President, Atty. Jamaloden A. Basar, in donning the Academic Hood and Chancellor's Medal unto Dr. Ali.

Dr. Ali's five-year term of chancellorship took effect on the 16th of December 2018, a day after the Mindanao State University System Board of Regents (BOR) adjudicated his position.

Cover: Board of Regents—Usman Aragasi, MPA, JD; Santiago Evasco, Jr.; Jasmin Saricala; Amina Rasul Bernardo; Roberto Lim and Atty. Eduardo Valdez—pose with Dr. Ali (center).

Chancellor Ali signs international MOA



Cathy Mae Toquero, MAT

Dr. Ali signs MOA with IAIN Pekalongan, Indonesia.

With high hopes of a better development for the academe, Dr. H. Ade Dedi Rohayana, Rector of Institut Agama Islam Negeri (IAIN) from Pekalongan, Indonesia asked for partnership with Mindanao State University-General Santos City (MSU-GSC). In behalf of MSU-GSC, the Chancellor, Dr. Anshari P. Ali responded with fervor as he traveled on June 20, 2019 in Indonesia with two goals to accomplish. First and foremost, Dr. Ali entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on academic cooperation for both institutions. The two leaders discussed on establishing legal agreement in

educational matters, research interests, and training programs.

The said MOA specifically accounts for promoting cooperation of both parties in the exchange of faculty, staff, and student scholars alongside scholarly and pedagogical materials. Such partnership also endeavors to conduct joint research, facilitate student admission between countries, assist in technical training, and any other cooperation binding for the two academes. Upon date of signing, the MOA will last for five years and may be extended subject to agreement of the two leader representatives.

Aside from this international academic engagement, the Rector of IAIN also asked Dr. Ali to serve as guest speaker during IAIN's seminar with the theme: "Islamic Education in Indonesia and the Philippines: Opportunities and Challenges."

As a result of his travel to Indonesia, a partnership has been forged formally between parties. Since MSU-GSC envisions to be a globally competitive university, the international partnership can supplement for the realization of MSU-GSC's mandate to keep abreast to producing graduates who can compete in the global market.



Oath of Office-Dr. Ali with MSU System President Macaayong and CHED Chairman De Vera III.

Dr. Anshari Ali sworn in as the new chancellor

Norman Ralph Isla, MA

MSU System President Dr. Habib W. Macaayong accepted Dr. Anshari P. Ali as the sixth Chancellor of MSU General Santos. It was confirmed last December 15, 2018 at the Commission on Higher

Education (CHED) before Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III and other members of the Board of Regents.

The chancellor-elect expressed his praises and gratitude to Allah and to all the honorable members of the

Board of Regents of the MSU System. He also specially cited President Dr. Macaayong for the support. Furthermore, he considered his chancellorship as the position of trust and greatest responsibility that he will carry with utmost sincerity.



Dr. Ali gives his speech on the importance of peace in Mindanao.

MSU-GSC signs peace covenant with GSC-LGU

Rosell Audencial, MIE

MSU-GSC Chancellor Ali signed a peace covenant together with the Indigenous people, Christian and Muslim constituents of Gensan during the “Panaghiusa sa Kalinaw: A Multi-Stakeholders Peace Forum towards Sustainable Peace in Gensan” held at Oval Plaza gymnasium, General Santos City, on February 21, 2019. The event was spearheaded by the City Mayor’s office with the Indigenous Cultural Communities Affairs Division and Civil Security Unit, in cooperation with the

Joint Task Force Gensan, Philippine National Police and Maguindanaon Development Foundation, Inc. A part of the covenant signed by the constituents is as follows:

Aware of the current peace and order situation besetting our country where threats and atrocities had been perpetrated by some individuals or groups who sow fear and disorder to advance their cause;

As peace-loving citizens, WE COMMIT ourselves to the following:

- cooperate with the authorities

in undertaking peace and security initiatives

- strengthen vigilance and report to concerned agencies any suspicious persons or groups who may pose threat to peace and order of the city

- promote understanding, harmony, tolerance, PEACE and UNITY among the diverse people of the town

We further COMMIT to support the local peace initiatives of the city government and line agencies towards the sustainable development of this town.

PEMO Holds Campus Strategic Planning Conference

Usmaima Usman, MD

The Planning Evaluation and Monitoring Office of the University held this year’s Campus Strategic Planning Conference on May 2-4, 2019. The event was a 3-day conference that paved way for the deans and heads of semi-academic and auxiliary units to raise their issues and concerns as well as their present and future plans

in their respective areas. It was also an opportunity for Chancellor Anshari P. Ali to present his 5-year plan and on how he envisions the University for the succeeding years. The event was also aimed to consolidate all strategies and future plans among the different units and colleges with the Chancellor’s plan so as to come up with a cohesive paradigm to enforce

further sustainable programs towards internationalization and academic excellence. Prof. Akima Bangcola, Chief Budget Officer of the Mindanao State University- Iligan Institute of Technology graced the program and discussed on Procurement Planning which she thinks a very essential and relevant topic.



Vice Chancellor Oconer (center) shares a pose with the speakers and faculty members of various colleges and other institutions.

MSU-GSC organizes Trainings on Technical Writing and Proposal Packaging

Monlouie Sorzano, LPT

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension (OVCRE) organized a series of Hands-on Training on Technical Writing and Proposal Packaging in three separate batches (1st batch - January 22-25, 2019; 2nd batch - February 19-22, 2019; 3rd batch - April 22-24, 2019) at the Regional Science Research Center (RSRC) of the university. The trainings were

conducted to fully capacitate the faculty members in writing and packaging their prospective research and project proposals.

The speakers that led the trainings were Dr. Glenn B. Gregorio and Dr. Allan N. Soriano from the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), Engr. Patrick E. Montero, and Ms. Carminda Tandelcarmen from the DOST-PCIEERRD for Batch

1; Dr. Maribel D. Sese and Dr. Jomar F. Rabajante from the University of the Philippines - Los Baños for Batch 2; Ms. Mayumi G. Belandres and Dr. Custer Deocariz from Commission on Higher Education, Dr. Hilda San Gabriel from Polytechnic University of the Philippines, and Dr. Feorillo Petronillo A. Demeterio III from De La Salle University for Batch 3.

GAD Committee conducts Strat Plan

Monlouie Sorzano, LPT

Gender and Development (GAD) focal persons from different colleges and offices of MSU convened in a strategic planning conference to set out its course of action in strengthening GAD in the university. The one-night activity was held on May 8, 2019 at Sarangani Highlands Garden Resort, Brgy. Tumbler, General Santos City.

The focal persons, forming the GAD committee of the university, discussed the plans for the first half of the year. The activities envisioned to initiate discourses about gender empowerment. Some of the activities planned out were conduct of institutional seminars, film-making competition, putting up of college GAD corners, and a lot more.

The strategic planning was organized by Dr. Precy M. Regalado, the university GAD focal person. Dr. Edna P. Oconer, Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, also attended and showed her full support for the GAD pursuits of the university.

CNSM hosts 1st Mindanao Lakes and Rivers Summit

Camille C. Silvosa, Ph.D.

With the theme, "Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Management of Lake and River Ecosystems in Mindanao", the 1st Mindanao Lakes and Rivers Summit was held on December 6, 2018, at Sarangani Highlands, General Santos City. The summit aimed to provide a platform to bring aquatic sciences and limnology into focus while promoting cooperation towards conservation and management of Mindanao freshwaters.

Senior Science Research Specialist, Eduardo V. Manalili presented a talk while Dr. Dalisay Fernandez delivered the keynote message, both under the supervision of the Executive Director of DOST-PCAARRD, Dr. Reynaldo Ebor. They shared their successes, challenges and learnings from work in Laguna de Bay, Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, Buayan-Malungon River Basin, Lake Mainit, and Lake Sebu.

The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (CNSM) hosted the said summit. It connected 70 participants from the DENR, EMB, BFAR, DOST specifically DOST-PCAARRD, LGUs, in-line agencies and academic institutions from Luzon and Mindanao. The DOST-PCAARRD sponsored the event as part of the project entitled, "Trophic Status and Aquatic Biodiversity Assessment for Sustainable Upland



Dr. Jaime Namocatcat, Summit Chair gives a talk about environmental sustainability.

Freshwater Ecosystems in the Municipality of Lake Sebu, South Cotabato."

Based on the sharing of scientific information, there is an urgency to establish partnership and to collaborate through a research consortium so as to amass quality information that could be transformed into tangible and measurable outputs. As a result of the summit, Dr. Jaime A. Namocatcat, Summit Chair,

spearheaded the signing of the contract together with DOST-PCAARRD Officials. It was a declaration of involvement of those in attendance to endeavor partnership and support each other's work to further the field. The event also espoused for the launching activity of the Environmental and Sustainability Science Research Center (ESSRC). ESSRC is the first research center approved through a BOR resolution in 2018.



Faculty-Extensionists pose with Impact Evaluation Resource Speaker, Mr. Demecais, President and CEO of YGoal, Inc.

CoEd organizes CHED grant

Cathy Mae Toquero, MAT

The College of Education spearheaded a Seminar-Workshop on Project Management held last February 27-March 1, 2019 at Sydney Hotel, General Santos City. This is the 2nd wave of the activity-series sponsored under the Commission on Higher Education-Institutional Development and Innovation

Grant (CHED-IDIG) Project that earned 4.7 million pesos funding given to Prof. Jovar G. Pantao (Project Leader), Dr. Edna P. Oconer and Dr. Ma. Theresa P. Pelones (Study Leaders).

The seminar-workshop aimed to enhance the theoretical knowledge and practical skills of the 30 faculty-participants from the different colleges of the university in applying relevant principles and standard processes in a project management environment.

The said activity was followed by an

Impact Evaluation Seminar-Workshop held at Microtel, General Santos City last May 8-10, 2019 to share to the faculty-extensionists an overview of impact evaluation. It also aimed to deliver them with the process of crafting designs on their respective projects based on the parameters of impact evaluation towards their extension framework.

As a result, the participants gained insights on how the university can create an impact to the community. Other related research and extension

seminar-workshops will be initiated for the faculty members of the university such as monitoring and evaluation, syllabi integration, strategic planning, technical writing workshops and all related to strengthening the research and extension programs and projects of the university.

After all the trainings, a full-blown implementation of the extension projects will be carried out in a chosen community and the research proposals will be submitted to recognized funding entities.

CoEd partners with Review Centers for In-House Review

Cathy Mae Toquero, MAT

Representatives from various review centers met with Dr. Ma. Theresa P. Pelones, Dean of the College of Education, last April 25, 2019 at H-building, MSU-GSC to forge partnership and discuss concerted efforts for the college's In-house Review for the incoming Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET).

The review centers that responded to the call were namely: Carl Balita Review Center (CBRC), MET Review Center, Good Shepherd Review Center, and

Falculan Twins Review Center.

The meeting was held as part of the commitment of the College of Education to have an excellent passing performance with at least 2% increase and to produce at least one board toptnotcher every year.

CoEd LET Review Coordinators Prof. Paul Olvis and Prof. Diane Mae P. Ulanday prepared the proposals for this partnership. Each review centers were given a professional education subject

to be handled by one of their lecturers. The lecturers are expected to provide orientation, diagnostic and content knowledge on assigned professional education subjects.

The In-House review officially started last May 6, 2019 and was graced by the Chancellor, Dr. Anshari P. Ali. Both Bachelor of Elementary Education and Secondary Education graduating students participated in this review as part of their mission to become professional licensed teachers after conferment of their degrees.

Students and faculty listen to the speaker discussing literary appreciation in Film-making.

CSSH holds Literature to Film-making Seminar-Workshop

Rossel Audencial, MIE

The College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH), in partnership with the Cultural Affairs Office (CAO), the Mindanao Creative Writers Group, Inc. (MCWG) and the National Commission of Culture and Arts (NCCA), conducted the first Literature to Film Seminar-Workshop on January 24, 2019, at the Audio-Visual Room of the MSU-GSC University Library. The workshop aimed to upgrade the skills of the faculty and to help improve the students' understanding of literary appreciation, film-making, and literature transformed into film



especially in the context of Mindanao.

Dr. Christine F. Godinez Ortega, President of MCWG and Director of Iligan National Writers Workshop served as one of the resource speakers and discussed 'Mindanao Literature for Classroom Use.' Historian Karlo Antonio Galay David, MA in Creative Writing also talked about the 'Literatures of Mindanao Settlers.' Likewise, a writer, filmmaker, and director also graced the event in the person of Ferdinand Santiago S. Diokno, MCWG Chairman of the Board who presented 'From Literature to Film: Production Process

and Techniques' and, Director of Salamindanaw Asian Film Festival, Gutierrez "Teng" Mangansakan, Editor, New Durian Cinema shared his 'Insights on Production of Films in and about Mindanao.' The workshop is an initiative of MCWG and NCCA to conduct a series of forums in different institutions in Mindanao.

Prof. Maulawi Calimba, Dean of CSSH, in coordination with the College English Club of the English Department, spearheaded the event attended by the students and faculty from CSSH and the College of Education.



BA Square landmark at MSU Fatima campus.

Accounting teachers attend 27th Teachers Conference

Michael Auditor, CPA

The National Association of Certified Public Accountants in Education (NACPAE), led by Mr. Edwin Delos Santos, held its 27th Annual Teachers Conference (ATC) last April 29 to May 1, 2019 in Cagayan de Oro City. Three faculty members from the Department of Accountancy of Mindanao State University - General Santos City namely Maria Cristina Obeso, Alma Lyn Miase, and Michael Auditor were sent to attend the annual conference.

The said conference was guided by the theme "Thinking and Preparing Ahead with Integrity and Excellence: Accounting Teachers responding to the Challenge of Industry 4.0 & Beyond (I TEACH Accounting!). The conference was participated by accounting teachers and administrators of various schools from different regions across the nation.

Various technical sessions were conducted focusing on relevant issues and developments pressing the Accountancy Profession in this digital era. Technical speakers spoke about the utilization of

computer technologies that should be integrated in the teaching strategies and methodologies. Around research, the role of technology was articulated as a way to speed up the documentation and data processing through the use of a voice-recognition-automatic-transcription application and data processing software. Also, the review and collaboration are easier to achieve with the aid of messaging apps, search engines, and internet technologies.

Delegates were updated about some of the accounting promulgationssuchasthePhilippine Financial Reporting Standards 16, the accounting standard for leases, which superseded the old provisions contained in Philippine Accounting Standards 17, Leases. Furthermore, a brief on the five tranches of the tax reform laws were discussed, reiterating the key points of Tax Reform Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law. The speaker expressed his thoughts about the deferment of the second tranche, the TRABAHO Law, which could possibly be "politically-driven".

The annual conference has constantly provided a platform for accounting teachers who were into research to present their output before the panel of evaluators and assembly of CPAs. A call for papers was disseminated early before the conference. These papers were in the fields of financial accounting and reporting; management accounting; accountancy education; auditing, assurance, and information technology; and business regulations.

A team-building activity was also designed for everyone to have a taste of the picturesque view of The Seven Seas Water Park and Resort, right at the heart of the city. CPAs in the academe were able to get along with colleagues in the association during the fellowship night. Delegates of the recently concluded conference were granted 20 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units. The new Chairman of the Board of Accountancy, Mr. Noe Quindiñilla, along with the representatives of the Philippine accounting standard-setting body were also present during the ATC.



"We are the champion" – MSU-GSC Team strikes a pose for a selfie.

ECE team grabs Quiz Show Champ

Cristina Dadula

The MSU-GSC team of Electronics and Communications Engineering (ECE) students was hailed Champion of the 39th Annual Electronics Engineering Interscholastic Quiz Show held at Bahay ng Alumni-

UP Diliman on November 10, 2018. The MSU-GSC team was composed of the Team Captain, Hashim Monir Ambia, (5th year), Janus Rau Cunanan (5th year), Jovie Ruth Mendoza (4th year), and Edgardo Gepiala (4th year), with their coach, Engr. Julius Olandria

Jr. The quiz show was part of the Institute of Electronics Engineers of the Philippines (IECEP) National Student Summit 2018 with its theme "Shaping the Future with the advancements in Electronics Engineering."

BOARD TOPNOTCHERS



JOHN FRANCIS V. PEDROSO
2nd Place in Civil Engineering Licensure Exam
May 2019



RAU LANCE B. CUNANAN
2nd Place in Mechanical Engineering Licensure Exam
February 2019



GILBERT JOHN B. MORENO
3rd Place in Mechanical Engineering Licensure Exam
February 2019



JOSHUA M. ALARIN
10th Place in Electrical Engineering Licensure Exam
April 2019

2019 Top Performing School Nationwide

MSU-GSC Ranked No. 2 in Mechanical Engineering (30 passers | 31 takers)

MSU-GSC Ranked No. 3 in Electronics Engineering (86.96%)

MSU-GSC Ranked No. 3 in Electrical Engineering (27 passers | 28 takers)

MSU-GSC Ranked No. 2 in Registered Master Electrician (93.10%)



EIRNEST DAVE SON R. ELIVER
7th Place in Fisheries Technologist Licensure Exam
October 2018



FREDERICK JOHN C. BERNARDO
8th Place in Fisheries Technologist Licensure Exam
October 2018



KERROLD C. SOGUILON
7th Place in Licensure Exam for Teachers
September 2018



CARL JAY O. GOKOTANO
7th Place in Electrical Engineering Licensure Exam
April 2018



RICHIE D. MIGUEL
2nd Place in Agriculturist Licensure Exam
April 2017



KRINGLE MARIE P. MERCADO
7th Place in Agriculturist Licensure Exam
November 2017



RONREEVE JAMES G. ROQUE
9th Place in Agriculturist Licensure Exam
November 2017



DARLENE ZAFRA MULA
4th Place in Licensure Exam for Teachers (BSED)
September 2017



ANIELYN D. LADICA
10th Place in Licensure Exam for Teachers (BEED)
September 2017



Engr. Paisar Gadiaware shares a light moment with the participants (left); while a participant demonstrates her exhibit to a boy (right).

CoA holds 5th MSU-GSC ABE Exposition 2019

Engr. Guillermo P. Pantuhan

The ABE Department of the College of Agriculture successfully held its 5th MSU-GSC Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Exposition (ABE Expo 2019) at Veranza Mall Activity Center last May 14-15, 2019. The objective of the two-day event is to showcase the knowledge and outputs of students in various areas of studies, as well as update them on the latest trends in research and development relevant to the practice of agricultural engineering.

The ABE Expo 2019 was officially opened on May 14, 2019. The ABE faculty members and alumni gave a series of seminars. Engr. Guillermo P. Pantuhan and Engr. Michell O. Serviñas presented two studies under the CHED-NAFES-funded project entitled "Community-Level Capacity Building for the Utilization of Renewable Energy in General Santos City." Updates on recent developments of the biogas facilities in San Jose and Sinawal, the two barangay beneficiaries of the said project.

Engr. Jane S. Malasador and Engr. Amie Grace S. Villamonte discussed the results of their internally funded project called "Spatial Analysis of Crop Suitability and Water Potability in Different Barangays of General Santos City."

Engr. Cresinte M. Gumilao Jr., Business Counselor from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Region XII, delivered his topic on "Opportunities for ABE in the MSME Sector." On the other hand, Engr. Lilian L. Dela Cruz, Agrarian Reform Program Officer II of the Department of Agrarian Reform Sarangani, tackled "Agriculture 4.0: The DAR Initiatives" and talked about the recent programs of her office. Both speakers are both university alumni.

Dr. Edward R. Lapong, the College Dean, led the ribbon-cutting during the opening ceremony and officially opened the exhibits. ABE Expo 2019 was participated by different courses in the BSABE program and was composed of different contests including photojournalism and video-making. In the AE 128:

Agricultural Structural Engineering II, participating teams put up scaled miniatures of various farmstead designs. The "Agriventure" Team won the top prize with their breathtaking livestock and corn farmstead miniature. For AE 132: Forest Products Engineering, students also laid out processing plant designs for different forest products of which the "Haribon" Team emerged as champions. Meanwhile, innovative food products were displayed for free-tasting in the AE 138: Postharvest Technology for Non-Grains exhibits. The "Soyami Balls," meat substitute product from soybean curd residue, was declared as the Best Product. Interactive displays from AE 123: Hydraulics for Agricultural Engineering were also exhibited.

The ABE Expo 2019 was sponsored by Bounty Fresh Food, Inc., Dolefil Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative (DARBC), Century Pacific Agricultural Ventures Inc. (CPAVI), Suki Trading Corp., Agri Component Corporation, and several private individuals.

MSU-GSC sends Bayer Safe Use Student Ambassador

Donna Ria Canacan, Ph.D.

The College of Agriculture of the MSU-GSC with Bayer Crop Science, Inc., in line with the Safe Use Ambassador Program, sent the representative of MSU-GSC, Ms. Jane Mae R. Navasquez to the training as Bayer Safe Use Ambassador of the Philippines.

The College in collaboration with Bayer Crop Science, Inc. signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the implementation of the Safe Use Ambassador Program. This program aims to train Agriculture students to become ambassadors on the safe use of pesticides and other crop protection products. The MOU

was signed by the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Dr. Edward R. Lapong, and the Product Stewardship Specialist and Head of Product Development and Regulatory Services of Bayer Crop Science, Mr. David B. Cristobal and Mr. Octavius Caesar P. Ebron, respectively.

This program commenced with the training on Safe and Responsible Use of Crop Protection Products held at the AVR of MSU-GSC Library on October 18, 2018. The training was participated by all Agronomy Major students of the College of Agriculture with Mr. Cristobal of Bayer Crop Science, Inc. as the resource speaker. Representative from the Fertilizer and Pesticide

Authority was also in attendance to answer pesticide-related inquiries.

Mr. Cristobal also officially opened the Bayer Safe Use Ambassador Competition to all participants during the training. Students from various universities in Mindanao including eleven students from MSU-GSC joined the said competition. Ms. Jane Mae Navasquez was consequently hailed as the Bayer Safe Use Ambassador Competition winner and was delegated to join the Safe Use Ambassador Educational Trip and Training in Monheim, Germany sponsored by Bayer on May 13 to 17, 2019. She served as the official Bayer Safe Use Ambassador of the Philippines and a representative of the University.

Animal Science Department conducts Campus-wide Anti-Rabies Vaccination

Alexis Miolo, DVM

As part of their requirements in Agricultural Extension course, some Animal Science students conducted a free campus-wide anti-rabies vaccination on companion animals, specifically dogs and cats last May 15, 2019. The students went house-to-house administering the vaccine. Vaccination cards and tags were also distributed as proofs. Information drive was reinforced through leaflets regarding the dreaded rabies virus.

Dr. Alexis Miolo spearheaded the event in partnership with the City Veterinary Office of General Santos. To ensure safety, Dr. Miolo supervised the students on how to properly restrain aggressive animals.



A student prepares to administer the vaccine.
Photo by Lucky Gem Ilaya

The City Veterinary Office confirmed that from January to April of this year, ten dogs were positive with

rabies. This data reaffirms the need to strengthen policies and activities to ensure rabies prevention.



Naira Langco (center) poses with the Chair of Board of Judges, PSA-Sultan Kudarat Chief Statistical Analysis Herlita G. Caraan with members OIC-CSS Ismael B. Ramos, Jr. of PSA Sarangani and Osop A. Panglaman, Statistician of DepEd XII.

SHS bags gold at PSA Stat Quiz

Rachelle Ang

Naira Langco, a Grade 11 STEM student, won a back-to-back championship in both the division and regional levels of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) 12 Statistics Quiz on October 2018.

The Division PSA 12 Statistics Quiz was held on the 12th of October last year in General Santos City, gathering a participation count of more than 20 competitors from different schools vying for the first place.

Upon being declared as the division

level champion, Langco qualified for the Regional PSA 12 Statistics Quiz which was held on October 30 in Koronadal City. There, she also won first prize.

Langco was coached by Ms. Julimer Absalon.

Senior High dominates PopCom events

Rachelle Ang

Mindanao State University-SHS took the lead in the Division Pop Quiz and On-the-Spot Skills Exhibition on September 2018, garnering one silver and two gold medals.

Virnarose Barsanalina, a Grade 12-STEM student, won first place in the Pop Quiz event. She was coached by

Ms. Juliemer Absalon.

Chelsea Demalata from the Grade 12-ABM strand finished at first place in the Jingle Making contest, and was coached by Ms. Junalyn Gale Tapaya.

Lastly, Bobie Camille Atendido, who is also a Grade 12-STEM student, received the second place

award in Debate. She was trained by Mr. Monlouie Sorzano.

Barsanalina and Demalata both qualified for the regional level of their respective events.

The Commission on Population (PopCom) hosted the event, which also included Poster Making and History Quiz.



Pride of MSU-CETD for seizing the acme in Mathematics competitions.

CETD captures wins in Math contests

Myrlen Ng

CETD continues to dominate Math competitions for five years in a row. Students compete against private and public high schools in individual and team categories.

All efforts paid off as the quizzers won in the GenSan Secondary Statistics Challenge (champion from 2014-2018); Division Mathematics Olympics (first runner up in 2014 and 2016; champion in 2015 and 2017); and, Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd Math Challenge (champion in 2015 and 2016; overall first runner up in 2017 and 2018; champion in 2019).

The coaches and simultaneously the Math teachers, Renante Magoncia, Rhumer Lanojan, Tessie Colipano, Esmaida H. Andang, Sweetzyl Pebuth Jamil, and Jessica Belandre guided the quizzers for long hours of practice to get the participants ready to battle with the numbers.

"We were proud of the kids for their persistence and dedication to review and proud to be their coach. Our efforts to research and prepare the review materials were not put to waste," said Belandres.

CETD launches Adopt-a-school program

Myrlen Ng

In service of the community, the College of Education Training Department (CETD) immersed to Blala Elementary School. CETD formalized its launching of adopt-a-school program anchored on the framework of Global Citizenship Education (GCED).

Four CETD faculty teachers and the school nurse accompanied 15 students in behalf of the Supreme

Students' Government (SSG), Red Cross Youth (RCY), and Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP). They traversed the mountainous Sitio Blala, Barangay San Jose last February 16, 2019 to distribute the gifts to 100 plus households with 80 pupils

"Our goal is to help nurture these children to assume active roles in building inclusive and peaceful communities," CETD School Director Ms. Esmaida H. Andang explained.

Former CETD students—MSU SASE Topnotchers

Myrlen Ng

Eight students who were a product of the College of Education-Training Department (CETD) reigned dominance, as they landed as topnotchers of Mindanao State University—System and Admission Scholarship Examination (MSU-SASE).

In the recently concluded MSU-SASE, Virnarose Stephanie Barsanalina, Joao Pacardo, Eugene Jayoma, Leanne Ramos, Michael Joy Rodriguez, Julius Carlo Franco, Shar Jathiya Sheik, and Cyrus Ty were among the examinees who did not only successfully passed but also made it in the top 20 of the said exam. The first five named students got the 4th, 5th, 12th, 13th, and 16th spots respectively while Franco, Sheik, and Ty shared the 20th spot in the said system-wide examination conducted last November 11, 2018.

"Review ahead of time...of course, pray more," 2017 junior high class valedictorian, Barsanalina said. She added that she would like to pursue BS Biology as pre-medical course.

MSU-CETD is a consistent producer of topnotchers in the said entrance test.

The outreach program consisted of adopt-a-tree, parenting and guidance and counseling, general health and sanitation awareness, and distribution of blessings to the families.

This tremendous effort in partnership with the Blala Elementary School teachers led by Mr. Aurelio C. Cortel Jr., Principal I, will continue to address the need for social transformation and sustainable development of the sitio.



MSU-GSC KE holds Theater for Peace Tour, showcases "Dula Ta"

Alma Celesthia Aguja, MBM

MSU Kabpapagariya Ensemble casts of Dula Ta headed by Alma Celesthia D. Aguja, Cultural Manager and Romeo Narvaez, Artistic Director, had an audience with Dipolog City Mayor Hon. Darel Dexter T. Uy at the city hall.

The MSU-GSC Kabpapagariya Ensemble (KE) of the Cultural Affairs Office conducted a Theater for Peace Tour with its performance series of "Dula Ta" in three different venues from February 24 and 27, to March 12 and March 14, 2019.

KE performances in February 24 and 27, 2019 was held in the Audio-visual Room of MSU-GSC Graduate School in celebration of the Arts Month. Two (2) performances of "Dula Ta" were showcased for each day of the two-day schedule. The audience were selected students from colleges with Peace Education subjects of MSU Gensan, from

Magsaysay Memorial Colleges and some DepEd teachers. The event was led by KE's Dula Ta was also among the featured performances in the 2nd TAMPOK Mindanao Theater Convergence on March 11-13, 2019 at La Salle University, Ozamiz City, sponsored by the NCAA-National Committee on Dramatic Arts. There were other performing groups in this event coming from colleges and universities in Mindanao. Another performance of the play was in DMC College Foundation, Dipolog City, on March 14, 2019. Prof. Romeo Narvaez, artistic director, and Alma Celesthia D. Aguja, production manager, spearheaded the performance series.

Mindanao State University as an institution, advocates peace in Mindanao. The play "Dula Ta" is inspired by this advocacy conveying a message of understanding peace among the people of Mindanao.

The play "Dula Ta" (Let's Play) of MSU Kabpapagariya Ensemble is an Aliw Awardee for Best Non-Musical Production. It has been staged in various places in the country since 2009 and has been performed in Cyrus and Israel in 2010. Written and directed by Prof. Romeo F. Narvaez, the play is designed to have an element of discussion between the audience, actors and directors after its performance.





MSU-GSC delegates took a photo-ops at the MSUSAA Unity Games in Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao.

Generals defends MSUSAA overall championship

Norman Ralph Isla, MA

The MSU-General Santos "Generals" defended its overall champion title in the 6th Mindanao State University System Athletic Association (MSUSAA) Unity Games last April 23-30, 2019 at Mindanao State University - Dalican, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao.

The Generals swooped the overall championship with 437 total points leading the tally board. MSU Marawi (Main) placed 1st runner-up with 273 points followed by MSU-Maguindanao with 202 points as 2nd Runner-up and MSU - IIT with 132 points as 3rd runner-up. Other competing campuses such as Naawan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Maigo and Buug also participated.

The MSU-GSC delegation was represented by 230 officials, coaches and athletes who were dedicated and passionate to bring home the golden trophy again. This year, Generals dominated almost all of the events

by being Champion in Athletics (Men and Women), Badminton (Women), Basketball (Women), Chess (Men and Women), Dancesports (Standard), Lawn Tennis (Men), Soccer, Swimming (Men and Women), Table Tennis (Men), Taekwondo (Men and Women) and Volleyball (Women); 1st Runner-up in Baseball, Basketball (Men), Dancesports (Latin) and Sepak Takraw; and 2nd Runner-up in Volleyball (Men), Softball and Table Tennis (Men).

The delegation this year doubled up its performance compared to its previous records. The vibe for championship was already heating in the first two days as the Generals made it to semis and the crowning of their pageant candidates as Mr. MSUSAA 2019 and Miss MSUSAA - 1st Runner-up.

According to Prof. Danilo Bogador, the University Sports Director, the committed coaches and athletes plus the inspiring support of Chancellor

Ali made this year's delegation excel and ooze with pride to bring home the championships.

This is the fourth time that MSU-Gensan won the overall championship but the first time in the history of MSUSAA for it to have a back-to-back win. The delegation indeed showed amazing performance in the games starting from the parade and opening program till the awarding ceremony noted by the host campus.

Chancellor Anshari Ali celebrated with the delegation in their Victory Party last May 6, 2019 and congratulated everyone for a great job. In his speech, he said "even though I was not in the field during your events, my heart and prayers are for all of you. All I can do is to support you and give all the things needed by the team, with the athletes' outstanding performance, with your inspiring coaches and officials (and that) I think made us all champions."



Dr. Usmaima Usman delivers her lecture on cervical cancer.

lecture which was followed by an open forum. Dr. Usman said that women empowerment must also come with proper education on reproductive health. Visual inspection with Acetic Acid (VIAA),

a screening test for possible cervical cancer, was also given for free to all interested faculty and staff. The test was done in the university infirmary which was facilitated by the FPOP and

Infirmary Staff. The department is set to conduct similar activities in the future to further establish linkages with some medical/health agencies.

MSU-GSC holds Cervical Cancer Symposium for Women's Month

Sheila Marie Madriaga, RN

A Symposium on Cervical Cancer was held at the AVR of the University Library last March 25, 2019. This is initiated by the Medical Services Department, in coordination with the Gender and Development Program of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension and the Family Planning of the Philippines (FPOP), in celebration of the National Women's Month. The Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, Dr. Edna P. Oconer, welcomed the participants. Dr. Usmaima F. Usman, the Medical Services Designate Director, gave the

MSD, HRMO initiate First Aid Training

Usmaima Usman, MD



First Aid Training participants actively demonstrate the various techniques on bandaging.

A Standard First Aid Training was conducted last March 6-8, 2019 through the initiative of the Medical Services Department and the Human Resource Management Office. The City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Center provided the 3-day training which included series of lectures, demonstration and simulation. The training was participated by the Medical Services Department staff and by some selected participants from different colleges and units of the University.

ASPEN commits to maintain linkage with MSU-GSC

Usmaima Usman, MD



Mr. Adrian Fajardo, Jr., the account executive of ASPEN, turns over their donation to the MSD with Dr. Usman signing the acknowledgement receipts.

ASPEN Multi-system Corporation, a distributor of laboratory equipment and manufacturer of laboratory furniture whose main clientele is the educational sector like the Mindanao State University, has conveyed its commitment to maintain linkage and support to the University. Last April 8, 2019, Mr. Adrian



MSU Main Officials grace the ASPEN visit at the MDS, MSU Fatima campus.

Fajardo, Jr., the Account Executive of ASPEN, visited the Medical Services Department (MSD) to turn over the Corporation's donations to the department. BOR Secretary Usman D. Aragasi, along with some MSU Main officials, was also present to express their support to the University and to extend their thanks to the ASPEN Corporation. ASPEN is also the leading provider of high technology simulators for Healthcare Training.

Medical Services Department creates MRRT

Gracie Mae Olorosisimo, RN

The Medical Services Department initiated the formation of the MSU-Medical Response and Rescue Team (MRRT). The team was created to promote the culture of volunteerism especially during disasters and calamities

and to further extend the health services including provision of first aid to the MSU constituents. The members of the team are composed of those participants of the recently concluded Standard First Aid Training. The team is led by Jesse Marion Go and Maychelou

Castillo with Dr. Usmaima Usman as the chairperson. The MRRT is also set to be activated during major activities in the University such as the Intramurals and Commencement Exercises.

Dr. Lawas, newly-designated VCAA



Due to the retirement of the incumbent, Dr. Peelbar F. Salarda as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (VCAA), Dr. Mishell D. Lawas officially started on July 1, 2019 as the newly-appointed VCAA.

Dr. Mishell D. Lawas has been serving Mindanao State University-General Santos City for 15 years as an accomplished academician, accreditor and administrator. She earned her

Doctor of Engineering at MSU-IIT, Iligan City. She is a Professional Electronics Engineer, a consultant and a contractor of Electronics Design and Installation Projects and an expert in Electronics Engineering Design for Auxiliary Equipment. As a researcher, she received the Best Paper Award for her research entitled “Microcontroller Based Stewart Motion Simulator with PID Tuning” in Phuket, Thailand. Her research papers have been published in international-refereed journals.

Dr. Lawas is also one of the founding members of IECEP-SOCCSKSARGEN Chapter and currently, she is the IECEP-National Vice President for Education and Student Affairs. She received an Outstanding Service Award from the said organization for her contribution as Governor (2014-2017). She is also the SOCCSKSARGEN Coordinator of National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and is an active member of Rotary Club of Gensan Tuna Port.

Dr. Usman: Medical Doctor of MSU-GSC



The University finally welcomes its newly appointed Medical Services Department Director, Dr. Usmaima Fatima Usman. Dr. Usman was born on February 28, 1989 at Balo-I Lanao del Norte and is a true-blooded MSUan. She had her elementary years at MSU-Integrated Laboratory School as a consistent valedictorian. She finished her secondary education at the MSU-Institute of Science Education-Science High School and was awarded with several leadership awards. She took up BS Biology at the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, MSU Main Campus and graduated as Cum laude;

she was the Editor-in-Chief of their publication, Scientia, making her the Writer of the Year. She also continued her passion in public speaking and was eventually recognized as the Debater of the Year. She finished her Doctor of Medicine at the Mindanao State University-College of Medicine. She maintained her love in writing and became the Editor-in-Chief of their college publication, Aletheia. After her graduation, she took her Post Graduate Internship at Perpetual Succour Hospital in Cebu City. She took and passed the Physician Licensure Examination last August 2015. She immediately took her Pediatric Residency Training at Davao

Regional Medical Center for 4 years and is still working on her research completion. She has also been joining several medical missions and similar gatherings.

Dr. Usman believes that being in the university is totally a 360 degrees shift of her career. She finds the work more challenging since it does not only require her clinical skills as a university physician but also entails administrative functions. She envisions the medical services department to continue to be a very essential part of the university in providing a healthy workforce as mandated by the provisions of the University Vision, Mission and Goals.

Dr. Villa designated as Campus Secretary



Dr. Anderson V. Villa is the new Campus Secretary of the Mindanao State University-General Santos City. He teaches at the Political Science Department of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. Dr. Villa is Visiting Scholar/Fellow (2018 Research Support Fund) at the Hoover Institution Library & Archives in Stanford University, California, USA. Dr. Villa obtained his Ph.D. at the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (Japan) in

2015 through a Monbukagakusho Doctoral Scholarship Grant (Japan's Ministry of Education). He has two master's degrees: MA in Applied Social Research (Ateneo de Davao University, 2006) and Master of Health Social Science (under the Ford Foundation Study Grant at the De La Salle University - Manila, 2007). Dr. Villa finished his Bachelor's degree in Political Science at the Ateneo de Davao University in 2003. He was Associate Professor of the said

university from 2015 to 2018 handling courses in the International Studies and Political Science Departments. He was Editor-in-Chief of Iqra Journal of Al Qalam Institute. His research interests include migration studies, ethnicity and citizenship, conflict and peace studies, and Japan and Asian Studies. He is a member of the Board of Trustees (External Affairs) of the Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) and an active member of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS).

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