

MSC IS OFFICIALLY MARINDUQUE STATE UNIVERSITY

CONGRESS DECLARES MSC FULLY COMPLIANT FOR UNIVERSITYHOOD

With immense pride and joy, we are happy to announce that the Marinduque State College has complied with the requirements for universityhood as reported by Dr. Raul Muyong during the 33rd House Committee on Higher and Technical Education Meeting, House of Representatives on May 20, 2024.



The on-site evaluation was conducted by the Commission on Higher Education Office of Institutional Quality Assurance and Governance (OIQAG) on February 20-24, 2023 validating areas for compliance such as Programs and Enrollment, Faculty Profile, Research, Learning Resources Support Structures, Linkages and Outreach, Relevant Academic Policies, Systems, Procedures.

The result was presented to the Commission En Banc on May 27, 2024 and was approved by the Commission on Higher Education.

Our deepest appreciation to everyone who has been with MSC since the beginning of this journey, to our Congressman Lord Allan Q. Velasco, our Provincial Governor Presbitero Velasco Jr., the Commission on Higher Education, CHED OIQAG, CHED MIMAROPA; MSC Board of Trustees, partner universities and agencies, entire MSC workforce, our students and the rest of the community.

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MSC AND SLSU INK PARTNERSHIP FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS



In a significant stride towards academic collaboration and advancement, the Marinduque State College (MSC) and Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) have officially signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on April 3, 2024 in SLSU Lucban, Quezon to offer the following graduate programs via consortium: Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Management and Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education. The Agreement signed by MSC President, Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta and SLSU President, Dr. Frederick T. Villa & witnessed by representatives from both institutions, heralds a new era of educational cooperation and mutual benefit.

Under the terms of the MOA, MSC and SLSU will pool their resources and expertise to provide a wider array of graduate programs to students and professionals. Through this consortium, both institutions aim to enhance access to quality graduate education and promote academic excellence.

Prof. Dr. Zulueta expressed his enthusiasm for the collaboration, stating, "This partnership marks a significant milestone for both institutions and underscores our commitment to fostering educational excellence. By joining forces, we can offer a more comprehensive range of graduate programs and provide our students with enhanced learning opportunities."

Echoing his statement, Dr. Villa, emphasized the importance of collaboration in advancing the academic mission. "Through this consortium, we can leverage our collective strengths to enrich the academic experience of our students and contribute to the development of our regions and country, he remarked.

As the educational landscape continue to evolve, partnerships like this serve as a testament to the power of collaboration in driving innovation and excellence. Through this joint effort, both institutions are poised to make a lasting impact on the academic and intellectual landscape of the region.



PDPZ EXTENDS COURTESY VISIT TO NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF CHED MIMAROPA

PDPZ met with Dr. Jimmy G. Catanes, the newly appointed Regional Director of CHED MIMAROPA, at the CHED Central Office in Diliman, Quezon City on April 4, 2024.



It was indeed a very insightful meeting with Dr. Catanes wherein he suggested prioritizing the MSC academic programs that qualify for the Center of Development and Center of Excellence.

Additionally, Dr. Catanes expressed plans to enhance the College's internationalization efforts and recommended applying for the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) and Times Higher Education (THE) rankings once MSC has achieved university status.

On the other hand, with immense delight and aspirations for the future Marinduque State University, PDPZ expressed optimism for future partnerships and opportunities under the new leadership of Dr. Catanes and CHED MIMAROPA.





MSC UNVEILS IP-TBM MARKER, HOSTS 2-DAY RAISE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Marinduque State College (MSC), along with the Southern Tagalog Agriculture, Aquatic, and Resources Research Development and Extension Consortium (STAARRDEC), hosted the Pre-terminal Review of the Regional Agri-Aqua Innovation System Enhancement (RAISE) Program and Proposal Packaging Writeshop for Phase 2 which is a funded by the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD) on April 11-12, 2024, in a hybrid format, via Zoom and onsite at the MSC Audio Visual Room, Boac, Marinduque.

This 2-day event, hosted by MSC's Engr. Jephthe Laderas and Ms. Nikka Mae Adling, commenced with a warm welcome to attendees and guests, accompanied by Marinduque's Traditional "Putong" ceremony, led by Ms. Ruby Ann T. Lantita-Director of the Culture and Arts Unit and warm message from SUC President III, Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta who has been very supportive with the IP-TBM endeavors since year 2020.

The event transitioned to the unveiling of the Intellectual Property - Technology Business (IP-TBM) Marker at MSC Canopy, Administration Building symbolizing the collaborative efforts of DOST, DOST-PCAARRD, and MSC in effectively managing intellectual property and commercializing technologies and knowledge derived from government-funded R&D activities. Engr. Edgardo R. Laririt, Director for the Knowledge and Technology Transfer Office (KTTO), formally concluded the marker inauguration.

Subsequently, the program proceeded to the Pre-Terminal Review of the RAISE Program in Southern Tagalog, where accomplishments, learnings, and challenges encountered in Projects 1-4 were presented by each STAARRDEC Consortium Member Institution (CMI). This was followed by a Proposal Packaging Writeshop for RAISE Program Phase 2, aimed at aiding proponents in producing more competitive proposals for the upcoming phase. The occasion was concluded with remarks from Dr. Teddy F. Tepora, RAISE Program Leader for Southern Tagalog.

This hybrid event was attended by the Project Leaders and Staff from STAARRDEC CMIs, namely Batangas State University (BatStateU), Cavite State University (CVSU), Laguna State Polytechnic University (LSPU), Marinduque State College (MSC), Southern Luzon State University (SLSU), Rizal Technological University (RTU), Romblon State University (RSU), University of Rizal System (URS), Western Philippines University (WPU), and DOST-Forest Research and Development Institute (DOST-FPRDI).





409TH (MARINDUQUE) COMMUNITY DEFENSE CENTER EXTENDS FORMAL VISIT TO PDPZ



The newly appointed Director of the 409th (Marinduque) Community Defense Center, 4th Regional Community Defense Group (4RCDG), Reserve Command (RESCOM), Nicoli L. Lizaso (MAJ (FS) PA extended a courtesy visit to PDPZ on April 11, 2024 in Marinduque State College, Boac, Marinduque.

Director Lizaso assumed as the new Director on March 16, 2024 and extended his support to MSC and appreciation for the significant contribution of the college as an esteemed partner in educating younger generations on the commitment of the Philippine Army towards good governance and performance excellence.

The said center is the premier army unit tasked to develop, organize, train, and administer Reservists in the province of Marinduque. additionally, the center also supervises ROTC trainings of the colleges in Marinduque.

Director Lizaso was accompanied by Sgt Reymund B Guzman (Inf) PA and together with Prof. Dr. Diosdado who happily received them was Atty. Crispin Francis M. Jandusay-Vice President for Administration and Finance.

PDPZ expressed his support to the new leadership and looks forward to working harmoniously with the 409th (Marinduque) Community Defense Center.



PDPZ ADMINISTERS OATH-TAKING OF MSC BOAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

As MSC widens and strengthens its networking capability through the alumni association, the MSC Boac Alumni Association held the Oath-Taking at the Office of the President, Boac, Marinduque on May 8, 2024.

Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta, MSC President took the lead in the Oath-Taking together with Asst. Prof. Raoul J. Magcamit-Vice President for Academic Affairs, Asso. Prof. Marvin P. Plata-VP for Students Affairs and Services and Dr. Rosalyn J. Dasco-Director of Student Programs & Services.

Among the newly elected officers of the MSC Boac Alumni Association who were present during the activity were Engr. Brenda Mazon, Ms. Margarette Guilmo, Mr. Jerome Lingon, Ms. Jholey Rose L. Lancion, Mr. Mario Mascareñas, Mr Kevin Jasmin and Ms. Maricel Go.

PDPZ expressed his excitement for the new set of officers and hopes to work with them for new projects and activities this coming years as MSC transitions into a university unfolding greater alumni relations and partnerships.

The oath-taking signifies their dedication and commitment to the continuity of their services and active network of former graduates in raising the profile of the institution to various stakeholders and communities.



PDPZ SIGNS MOU WITH KUN SHAN UNIVERSITY DURING THE 2024 INTENSE PROGRAM EDUCATION EXHIBITION

Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta attended the 2024 INTENSE Program Education Exhibition on April 30, 2024 at the SMX Convention Center Manila hosted and organized by Kun Shan University, Taiwan.

The activity aims to bring together educational institutions, industry leaders, and students to engage in meaningful exchanges and presentations of various universities from Taiwan pertinent to available programs that can be beneficial to all parties.

Through this event, the participants are expected to have an enriching experience through valuable insights, resources, and networking opportunities.

The 16 exhibitors who joined this significant event include Chinese Culture University, National Formosa University, National Taipei University of Business, Medtecs International Corporation Limited, Kun Shan University, Taiwan Steel University of Science and Technology, National Chung Cheng University, National Chung Hsing University, Tamkang University, I-SHOU University, Providence University, Cheng Shiu University, Minghsin University of Science and Technology, Feng Chia University, Fu Jen Catholic University, and Fooyin University.

Additionally, as MSC expands its network through various internationalization efforts, PDPZ signifies its support and commitment to the partnership through the ceremonial signing of a Memorandum of Understanding during the event.

Together with PDPZ are Ms. Lenie P. Rodriguez, Executive Assistant and Mr. Joshua Breganza.

The activities during the event include the education exhibition launch ceremony, program introduction by universities in Taiwan, dance performances, Taiwan experience sharing from Filipino students, and open discussion session.



PDPZ LEADS MSC DELEGATION TO INTERNATIONALIZATION OF EDUCATION IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD FORUM



The Marinduque State College, headed by its SUC President III, Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta attended the Internationalization of Education in a Post-Pandemic World Forum at Shangri-La The Fort Manila on May 3, 2024 which was hosted and organized by the Times Education Group Australia (Times Education).

The forum is a specialized leadership seminar designed for school heads to engage in a meaningful discussion on how we can advance the internationalization of education within the Philippine context, and explore opportunities for students and faculty exchanges, research collaborations, industry linkages, community services, benchmarking, and more.

The forum aims to equip attendees with strategic insights and practical tools to enhance the quality and impact of internationalization efforts in education. By participating in the forum, attendees are expected to gain valuable insights from international education experts and have the opportunity to network with peers, ultimately better preparing the students for a more interconnected world.

Additionally, this is vital in aligning internationalization initiatives within the Policy Framework and Strategies on the Internationalization of Philippine Higher Education.

Together with PDPZ are Asso. Prof. Marvin P. Plata (VPSAS), Mr. Alfredo M. Ofrecio III (Director, Financial Services), Ms. Lenie Z. Rodriguez (Executive Assistant), Atty. Arlyn Retardo (Legal Officer).





CHAMPIONING EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION: PDPZ JOINS QUALITY ASSURANCE CONCLAVE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERS

President Zulueta attended the Quality Assurance Conclave for Higher Education Leaders on May 13, 2024, at Sofitel Philippine Plaza, Manila.

The Commission on Higher Education hosted and organized the event in partnership with USAID and RTI International as part of the weeklong celebration of CHED's 30th Founding Anniversary.

The event opened with the presentation of the "Landscape of the CHED Quality Assurance" delivered by Atty. Cinderella Filipina S. Benitez-Jaro, CHED Executive Director followed by plenary sessions and panel discussions of various topics about the global education landscape.

The Plenary Session I with the theme "Global Perspectives on Quality Tertiary Higher Education" was headed by Dr. Gael McDonald-Senior Director, Higher Education Institutional Development-University Design Institute (UDI), Arizona State University; DR. Kritsachai Somsaman-Director, SEAMEO STEM Education (Thailand); and Prof. Lilian A. De Las Llagas-Adjunct Professor, Public Health, University of the Philippines-Manila and Former Commissioner, CHED

Additionally, Plenary Session 2 discussed the theme "Reinventing Higher Education and Emerging Global Trends". The first presentation was about "Competitiveness and Innovation: Future Directions and Priorities" delivered by Dr. Rafaelita M. Aldaba-Undersecretary, Department of Trade and Industry; followed by the presentation about the "Future of Work" by Mr. Alfredo I. Ayala-Member, Private Sector Advisory Council; and Mr. Sherwin M. Pelayo-Executive Director, Analytics & AI Association of the Philippines.

After the plenary sessions, the panel discussion with the theme "Government-Academe Industry Upskilling: Partnership followed. The esteemed members of the panel include Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo-President, Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges; Dr. Manuel M. Muhi-President, Polytechnic University of the Philippines; Dr. Reynaldo B. Veja-CEO, iPeople; Ms. Frankie Antolin-Executive Director for Talent Development, IT & Business Process Association of the Philippines, with distinguished moderator, Dr. Richard S. Abendan-Chief of Party, U.S.-Philippines Partnership for Skills, Innovation, and Lifelong Learning (UPSKILL) Program.

In the afternoon, Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III-CHED Chairman and Mr. Ryan Washburn-Mission Director, USAID Philippines delivered key messages towards forging strong partnerships for Philippine Higher Education.

The highlights of the afternoon session include the Ceremonial MOU signing, UPSKILL Higher Education Innovation Leaders Fellowship Program Kick-Off Ceremony and presentation of CHED HEMIS One Touch Integrated Systems and Services.

For the breakout sessions, the theme is "Future Proofing Higher Education towards Seamless Lifelong Pathways focusing on Curricular Innovation; Industry Engagement; Learning Outcomes and Assessment in the context of Qualification Framework; Lifelong Learning and Digital Credentials; and Current Trends in QA, Mobility and Recognition.

To finally close the event for the day after the plenary talks and panel discussions, Dr. Cherrie Melanie Ancheta-Diego-Director IV, CHED Office of Programs and Standards Development delivered the synthesis of the activity followed by call to action by CHED Commissioner, Dr. Ethel Agnes P. Valenzuela.

PDPZ JOINS THE 2024 PASUC NATIONAL CULTURE AND THE ARTS FESTIVAL

MSC delegation led by its College President, Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta, joined the opening ceremonies of the 2024 PASUC National Culture and the Arts Festival (2024 NCAF) which is scheduled from April 23-25, 2024 with the theme "BIDLISIW: Paghilom, Pagbangon, at Pagsulong" at the PNU Quadrangle, Manila.

This event is hosted by the Philippine Normal University (PNU), co-hosted by NCR SUCs and the City of Manila, and in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP).

Being a highly anticipated national cultural gathering, around 4,000 students, coaches, trainers, and officials from various SUCs in the Philippines are expected to join and compete in the event.

Additionally, the event aims to provide opportunities for participating SUC officials to conceptualize, develop, organize and implement project, plan, programs and activities that will help optimize the full potential of tertiary-level students in the country by harnessing their talents as students artists and performers.

The schedule of general activities included 2024 NCAF Opening Ceremonies, welcome dinner, events and competitions, Mayor's night with City Mayor, Dr. Honey Lacuna-Pangan, Search for Mister and Miss PASUC 2024, and closing and awarding ceremonies.



MSC FACULTY MEMBERS ATTEND ACCREDITATION TRAINING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RIZAL SYSTEM



In its unwavering commitment to academic excellence and quality assurance and in support to the professional development of its employees led by the College President Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta, ten MSC faculty members attended the AACCUP's Onsite Back-to-Back Training of Accreditors for Preliminary Surveys, Levels I and II, and the Conduct of 3rd and 4th Accreditation Survey Visits at the University of Rizal System (URS), Morong Branch on May 14-16, 2024.

The participants included Ms. Jholey Rose R. Leaño-Lancion, Ms. Mae Kristine C. Ogayre, Dr. Rosalyn J. Dasco, Ms. Marife R. Madla, Ms. Lynle Mendoza, Dr. Merry Rose Palma, Ms. Doreena Joy C. Borja, Engr. Charizza M. Sigue, Mr. Jayceron Monteagudo, and Mr. Regie F. Mampusti.

The training commenced on May 14 where over 600 attendees from various state universities and colleges (SUCs) across the country participated. The opening session at the URS Eugologio Amang Rodriguez Tanghalang Sining (EARTS) began with an address by Dr. Milabel Ho, Executive Director of AACCUP.

This was followed by remarks from URS President Dr. Nancy T. Pascual and AACCUP Chair/President Dr. Gregorio Z. Gamboa, Jr., who highlighted the importance of quality and excellence in SUCs

to achieve a globalized educational landscape. Other SUC Presidents were also acknowledged.

Dr. Ho provided an overview of Preliminary Surveys, Levels 1-4, and Institutional Accreditation Survey Visits. Participants were then grouped by their assigned accreditation levels, with the MSC team focusing on PSV, Levels 1 and 2. The afternoon session included a presentation on document preparation for these levels by Dr. Renelda O. Nacianceno, followed by a discussion on the rating system by Dr. Cecilio L. Manarpaac. A workshop divided participants into teams to work on specific areas.

The MSC team, along with representatives from Isabela State University, Western Philippines University, Northern Iloilo State University, and Northwestern Mindanao State College of Science and Technology, focused on AREA VI – Extension and Community Involvement. They prepared a checklist and sample ratings using the outcomes-based quality assurance instrument.

On May 15, the session began with a lecture by Dr. Anthony M. Penaso on writing the Summary of Findings and Recommendations, followed by a Q&A forum. The afternoon was dedicated to presenting assignments and outputs, with the MSC team's work receiving commendation, presented by Mr. Mark Rennel D. Molato from Isabela State University.

The final day featured presentations from other AREA groups, particularly Levels 3 and 4, and simulations of opening and exit meetings. Post-lunch sessions included discussions by Dr. Ho on the ethical and professional conduct of accreditors and Mr. Dominique T. Martinez on uploading relevant documents for accreditation. An examination was conducted to assess participants' cognitive abilities, followed by testimonials and takeaways. The training concluded with the distribution of participation certificates and a photo session with guest lecturers and discussants.

As the MSC delegation engages in the 3-day training organized by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP), the institution enhances its standing as a leader in academic excellence within the country. Guided by the visionary leadership of President Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta, and supported by the collective efforts of its faculty, students, staff, and other stakeholders, MSC remains dedicated to providing quality education and fostering a culture of excellence that will significantly impact communities.

With that, the team extends its sincerest gratitude to the College President, Prof. Dr. Zulueta, and the entire MSC community for this opportunity and is committed to continuous improvement and advancing significantly in the pursuit of excellence.

PDPZ WELCOMES DOST-PCAARRD FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH DIVISION

A courtesy visit from the DOST-PCAARRD Forest and Environment Research Division headed by its Director, Dr. Nimfa K. Torreta was held at the OP Conference Room, Tanza, Boac, Marinduque on May 16, 2024.

Dr. Torreta was accompanied by 7 FERD-PCAARRD officials and personnel who are also FERD Industry Strategic Science and Technology Programs (ISPs) Managers.

On the other hand, together with the College President, Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta was Asst. Prof. Raoul J. Magcamit who welcomed the team from the recently concluded Mentoring Session on Proper Proposal Packaging for possible funding in MSC Gasan Campus, Banuyo, Gasan, Marinduque with participants from the College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences and College of Agriculture.



PDPZ expressed his appreciation to the team for their visit and emphasized his aspiration for future collaborations with the FERD-PCAARRD mentioning that MSC is gearing towards Smart Aquaculture for MSC Gasan Branch and Smart Agriculture in MSC Torrijos Campus. He also thanked the team for assisting the college in preparing fundable proposals on cacao, bamboo, nito, and mangrove.

FERD-PCAARRD also expressed their gratitude and happiness in meeting the College President, officials, and faculty members, and learning a lot from the practices and programs that MSC is currently implementing to improve its services to the partners and clientele.

Through this activity initiated by Prof. Jovito L. Opeña-Campus Director of MSC Gasan, with full support from Dr. Ma. Edelwina M. Blasé-VP for Research and Extension, the 2 campuses are now ready for bankable proposals from the fruitful discussion and forum with the FERD ISP managers.

4TH NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION DAY AT MSC



MSC celebrated the 4th National Higher Education Day with the theme, “CHED @ 30, Transformative and Resilient Philippine Higher Education” at MSC's Main AVR, Tanza, Boac, Marinduque on May 17, 2024 in a program hosted by Ms. Nikka J. Adling.

This activity coincided with the week-long celebration of the Commission on Higher Education for its 30th Foundation Anniversary.

The celebration started with the opening remarks of Asso. Prof. Alfredo M. Ofrecio III, Chief Presidential Management Staff followed by the official message of the MSC President, Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta.

Afterwards, Ms. Maria Morena V. Santos, College and Board Secretary facilitated the Ceremonial Signing of BOT Approved Contracts which includes the (1) Improvement of Civil Engineering Laboratory Equipment, (2) Improvement of Mechanical Engineering Laboratory Equipment and (3) Enhancement of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Laboratory.

In return, words of gratitude were delivered by the Dean of the College of Engineering, Engr. Melito L. Hironzo. This was then followed by the

Recognition of Colleges for the Remarkable Success of their Graduates in the Licensure Examinations, led by Asst. Prof. Raoul J. Magcamit, VP for Academic Affairs.

Meanwhile Asso. Prof. Dr. Menandro M. Merlin, Director of Institutional Quality Assurance led the Commendation for Accreditation Task Force in the recently concluded Survey Visits by the AACCUP. Also, the Commendation to Faculty Coaches and Students who won in Provincial, Regional and National Academic Related Competitions was presented by Asso. Prof. Marvin P. Plata, VP for Student Affairs and Services.

The event was attended by MSC Officials, College Deans, Program Heads, Faculty and Mr. Jose E. Marquez Lim, State Alliance Enterprises Inc., supplier for the three projects mentioned earlier. The event concluded with the closing remarks from Atty. Crispin Francis M. Jandusay, VP for Administration and Finance.

MSC ACQUIRES NEW SERVICE VEHICLE

MSC President, Prof. Diosdado P. Zulueta, gladly received and inspected the College's newly acquired service vehicle - a Toyota Hi-Lux pick-up - together with the Internal Audit Services and Supply and Property Management Office personnel on May 7, 2024 at MSC Boac Campus, Tanza, Boac, Marinduque.

With the growing needs of the college, and an increasing number of students and manpower, efficient transportation service is vital in rendering quality service to clientele and stakeholders.

Currently, the college has eight service vehicles strategically deployed at the various campuses of MSC and some have already surpassed their optimal performance undergoing multiple repairs and maintenance. Additionally, the need for replacement and safety measures for the drivers and passenger have become an utmost concern.

Through the initiative of PDPZ, together with Dr. Ma. Edelwina M. Blasé-Vice President for Research and Extension and Ms. Erma E. Reyes-Supervising Administrative Officer, guided by the steadfast support and direction of Atty. Crispin Francis M. Jandusay-VP for Administration and BAC Chairperson, the transportation equipment outlay has materialized this year.

The vehicle is expected to transport officials, faculty members, students, and visitors of MSC to various activities related to disaster and health, monitoring of R&E project and extension activities.

Aside from the delivery of the brand new pick-up, the college also expects the delivery of another service vehicle in the next quarter of this year, which is the Mini Bus, that would cater to the mass transportation needs of faculty members, students, and visitors of the college to attend various institutional activities and official functions.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND AI APPLICATIONS



MSC TO HOST FIRST INTERNATIONAL S & T CONFERENCE: JOURNEYING TOWARDS GLOBAL RECOGNITION

In a landmark stride towards achieving university status and expanding its global footprint, MSC proudly announces the launch of its 1st International Conference on Science and Technology.

The working committee for the 1st International Conference on Science, Technology and AI Applications 2024 met at the Office of the President's Conference Room, at MSC's Main Campus last May 8, 2024 to begin organizing the event.

The Conference is scheduled on September 26-27, 2024 via a hybrid set-up, with invited international experts to deliver the Plenary Talks.

The said committee is chaired by Dr. Liza Marie Manoos-Pacia, Research Director, with the Conference host, the College of Engineering, headed by its Dean, Engr. Melito L. Hironado, and assisted by Eng. Bryan B. Jaranilla, R&E Coordinator.

The meeting was attended by other committee chairpersons who were oriented on their various roles, as part of the preparations for the upcoming International Conference. The theme for this year's conference is "Advancing Education Towards Responsive Globalized Economy Through Multidisciplinary Research and Development".

The R&E Department is grateful for the encouragement and direction from MSC President Prof. Diosdado P. Zulueta, and Prof. Ma. Edelwina M. Blasé-VP for Research Development and Extension, and the whole administration for supporting this upcoming international event.



PDPZ JOINS SLSU AND LSPU FOR CHED PADYAK 2.0

Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta, MSC College President showed his support through attendance to the second iteration of PADYAK 2.0 with the theme "Isang Sikad, isang Puno" organized by the Southern Luzon State University in partnership with the Commission on Higher Education and co-hosted by Laguna State Polytechnic University on June 2, 2024.

The event was headed by CHED Chairperson, Hon. J. Prospero "Popoy" E. De Vera III, DPA gracing the SLSU and LSPU main campuses. The event also conducted a tree planting event after the route completion from Sta. Cruz, Laguna to Lucban Quezon. The celebration resumed its program at 4pm which paved way to other activities for the purpose.

SUC LEADERS CONVENE: PDPZ ATTENDS PASUC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Together with other officials from various SUCs in the country, Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta, MSC President, attended the PASUC Executive Board Meeting on June 4, 2024, at Manila Prince Hotel, Manila.

The meeting tackled important updates on the Revised SUC Leveling Guidelines, Centers of Development (COD)/ Centers of Excellence (COE) Guidelines, Study on Normative Tuition and other School Fees, Payment of Deficiencies in SUC FHE for FY 2024 and prior years, DPWH-CHED JMC No. 01, s. 2024 Guidelines on the Implementation of FY 2024 GAA SP No. 5 on SUCs Infrastructure Projects.

Additionally, other agenda items also include 2023 Financial Statements, 2024 Proposed Receipts and Expenditures, and 2024 PASUC Annual Convention.

PDPZ was accompanied by Asso. Prof. Alfredo M. Ofrecio III-Director for Financial Services.



MSC RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS BOOK PUBLISHER FROM THE NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT BOARD



Championing the book publishing programs and initiatives, Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta-SUC President III, received the Certificate of Registration as Book Publisher (Print and Digital) from the National Book Development Board (NBDB) on June 13, 2024 at the Office of the College President, MSC Boac, Marinduque which was delivered by Dr. Randy T. Nobleza-Sentro ng Wika at Kultura Director & Island Innovation Academic Council representative.

Given the mandate, the National Book Development Board (NBDB) formulates, adopts and implements a National Book Policy and a corresponding National Book Development Plan that will serve as basis for fostering the progressive growth and viability of the book industry. It ensures an adequate supply of affordable, quality-produced books for the domestic export market.

Through the relentless effort of Dr. Nobleza with all the support from PDPZ and the whole administration, MSC is truly one with NBDB in promoting the growth of book publishing in the Philippines hence, support is always given to all writers and authors pursuing careers in publishing.

Along with the certificate, Dr. Nobleza also gave copies of 'Nagsasariling Araling Pilipino' Volume No. 1, authored by him and MarSU Catalogue developed by various authors.

Subject to the terms and conditions prescribed, the said certification is valid until April 30, 2025.

PDPZ UPHOLDS COMMITMENT TO EMPOWERING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY PLANNING

Led by its SUC President III, Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta, MSC joins the 3-day Regional Conference on Family Planning with the theme "Family Planning and Population and Development: Innovate, Collaborate, and Accelerate" on May 29-31, 2024 at the Sunlight Guest Hotel, Puerto Princesa City.

The activity is hosted and organized by the Commission on Population and Development MIMAROPA which aims to serve as venue for the exchange of information, sharing of best practices, identification of gaps in intervention,

and the celebration of achievement.

Similarly, it aims to address persistent sociodemographic and economic issues by focusing on indigenous yet innovative interventions and affirmation of multistakeholder partnerships.

As an institution of higher learning and advanced education, MSC supports the importance of engagement to empower families in the implementation of programs and activities that are highly relevant, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of the communities.



PDPZ ATTENDS PHILARM MEETING AND VISITS SHARING FACILITIES OF SEARCA



The Philippine Association of Research Managers, Inc. (PHILARM) officials convene a meeting in line with the preparation for the much-anticipated international conference in Vietnam this year. Being the National Vice President of PHILARM, Prof. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta-MSC President attended the meeting together with other PHILARM officials in SEARCA, Los Baños, Laguna on June 6, 2024.

The officials present during the meeting were composed of Dr. Rogelio V. Cuyuno-Founder & Senior Adviser, PHILARM; Dr. Melvin B. Carlos-National President, PHILARM & Deputy Executive Director for Administration, Resource Management and Support Services (ARMSS), DOST-PCAARRD; Dr. Almira G. Magcawas-Treasurer, PHILARM; Vice President for Planning & Development, Cavite State University; and Consortium Director, STAARRDEC; and Mr. Gilbert Caracuel, Executive Officer, PHILARM.

Together with PDPZ were Asso. Prof. Alfredo M. Ofrecio III-Director, Financial Services & Chief, Presidential Management Staff and Mr. Joshua Breganza-Secretary.

Additionally, after the meeting with PHILARM officials, it was followed by SEARCA's welcome and introduction headed by Asso. Prof. Ts. Dr. Nur Azura Binti Adam-Deputy Director for Programs, SEARCA. The team also had brief open discussions for possible collaborations and partnerships, photo opportunity, and visited the SHARING Facilities in SEARCA.



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