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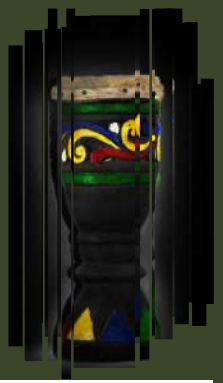


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TYPHOON ODEETTE

-Wilfredo Y. Andales, MSUAA BOD

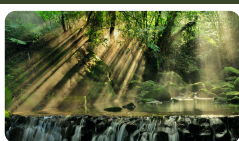
COVID cases, finally, were on a downward trend and people were beginning to entertain hopes of a better year ahead. But just as spirits were on high, another monstrosity befell us. Typhoon Odette, packing winds of more than 190 kph, struck with impunity. A few days later, pictures of the horror that it brought started to emerge.

The MSU Alumni Association National wasted no time in reaching out to MSUans who are among the Odette victims. MSUAA President, Dr. Rhodora S. N. Englis, upon the suggestion of Immediate Past President Bob Lim, formed MSUAA Task Force Odette. Headed by Dr. Renato Boniao and counting among its members Directors Rosemin Fernando, Malou Morishige, Wilfredo Andales, Zayda Macarambon, Mahmud Kingking, and Sonny Matula, the Task Force immediately discussed strategies, guidelines, and policies on how to efficiently handle the association's response. Point persons in affected areas were identified, extent of damage was assessed and documented, and donations from fellow MSUans were solicited. With the active participation of MSUAA Cagayan de Oro Chapter, the Task Force set the wheels in motion. The MSU alumni community, MSU System Officials, and MSUAA Chapters immediately responded to the call for support.

Rising from the shambles is far from easy but with the Filipino people's resilience and the genuine support of fellow MSUans, affected MSUans can still hope for a better year.

Genuine concern for fellow MSUans, once again, was brought to the fore.

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MAIN STORY

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The steadfast resolve of MSUAA: invigorating structures and functions

Eagerness

was the general response exhibited by accredited chapters to the invitation for attendance at the 2021 General Assembly Meeting (2021 GAM) on 13 November. These are the chapters that are campus-based: MSUAA-Iligan Institute of Technology Chapter; MSUAA-Lanao del Norte Agricultural College (LNAC) Chapter; MSUAA-Maigo School of Arts and Trades (MSAT) Chapter; MSUAA-Naawan Chapter; MSUAA-Tawi-tawi College of Technology and Oceanography (TCTO) Chapter; and MSUAA-Maguindanao Chapter; the newly re-accredited chapter by referendum on November 10. The area-based chapters are: MSUAA-Cagayan de Oro Chapter; MSUAA-Davao Chapter; MSUAA-Metro Manila North Chapter; MSUAA-Metro Manila South Chapter; MSUAA-North America Chapter; MSUAA-Palawan Chapter; MSUAA-Sulu Province Chapter; and MSUAA-Zamboanga Hermosa Chapter.

Overcoming internet limitations,

members of the General Assembly consisting of delegates from fourteen (14) component chapters and the incumbent members of the Board of Directors registered starting at past 8:00 a.m. until a little past 3:00 p.m. that day. Network challenges notwithstanding, the delegates pursued active participation at the 2021 GAM.

Unfortunately,

three (3) previously accredited chapters were unable to beat the deadline for submission of

reportorial requirements, therefore, could not attend the 2021 GAM: two (2) campus-based chapters, MSUAA-General Santos City Chapter and MSUAA-Sulu Chapter; and one (1) area-based chapter, MSUAA-Zamboanga Sibugay Chapter.

Highly encouraging

are the reports rendered by component chapters. A large number of reporting chapters had, over the period from the last GAM in 2020, developed internal structures and organizational functions and procedures. Also, these chapters had clarified roles that guarantee stable external relations with government and non-government institutions/ agencies.

It is propitious

that the Association and its component chapters had made sense and remained relevant despite the pandemic and all its concomitant restrictions. For some chapters, the ongoing catastrophe provides time to ignite appreciation for their limited resources. And they have instituted appropriate configurations in resource utilization.

In the face of these restrictions, we have strived to amplify the reach, to generate space for more vibrancy, establishing stronger linkages, negotiating with agencies external to the Association and its component chapters, thereby, achieving resilience with them. These and more facts validate the 2021 GAM theme, ***“Strengthening MSUAA’s networks and resource generation for organizational development and institutional vibrancy.”***



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Rhodora S. N. Englis, Ph. D.
MSUAA PRESIDENT & ALUMNI REGENT

STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION

It has just been ten (10) months since our assumption to office. Looking back at what we have set our minds and hearts to do in pursuit of MSUAA's goals and objectives, I am both happy and proud to report that we are on our way to accomplishing them.

SEC REGISTRATION

Topmost on our agenda is the Association's SEC registration. MSUAA was originally registered on November 29, 1966. With a life of only 50 years, on November 29, 2016 said SEC registration expired. Unfortunately, in the last four years, this matter was not duly attended to, thus, our resolve to address this. A problem was, however, encountered right at the name verification stage. The name, Mindanao State University Alumni Association, was denied due to three (3) similar names in SEC's database. These are those of our very own chapters which had sought separate SEC registration: Davao, General Santos, and Butuan. Denying the mother association from using its own name is quite ironic and unacceptable. A reconsideration was readily filed citing historical antecedents, especially MSUAA's representation ever since in the Board of Regents of the University. A favorable action from SEC is highly expected.

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ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Another priority is organizational development. Serious efforts have been undertaken to activate inactive campus-based chapters and to create new campus-based and area-based chapters. Consequently, we now have 2 additional campus-based chapters - MSUAA-Maguindanao and MSUAA-TCTO and 2 new area-based chapters - MSUAA-Zamboanga Sibugay and MSUAA-Palawan. Over-all, MSUAA has now a total of seventeen (17) component chapters - eight (8) campus-based (Gen San, IIT, LNAC, Maguindanao, MSAT, Naawan, Sulu, and TCTO) and nine (9) area-based (CdO, Davao, Metro Manila North, Metro Manila South, North America, Palawan, Sulu Province, Zamboanga Hermosa, and Zamboanga Sibugay).

MSUAA has Constitutional committees mandated to undertake programs and projects in pursuance of the association's goals and objectives. These are Membership Development, Finance, Revenue Generation, Community Programs and Projects, Publication, Scholarship and Academic Enhancement, Job Placement, Constitutional Amendments. There are also Board-created committees, namely, the Executive Committee, the Special Management Committee, the University Charter Committee, the Search Guidelines Committee, Socials Committee and other special committees like the 2021 GAM Steering Committee which did all the preparations necessary for the General Assembly Meeting last November 13.

Each of these Constitutional committees did strategic and action planning. Pandemic notwithstanding, worthwhile programs, projects, and activities are being pursued. For the first
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time, MSUAA now has an e-newsletter called the *D'bakan*, which already has come out with two (2) issues with the 3rd for release in December, 2021, thanks to the Publication Committee. The 4 new component chapters are guided by the Membership Development Committee, which plans to further work for 3 to 4 more. The Finance Committee has also already come up with Financial Policies. The Revenue Generation Committee's proposal, "Nutribun Project" with support of DOST, is now in the pipeline. Targetted to be put up initially at MSU-Naawan in collaboration with the Campus Administration, it shall be co-implemented with the MSUAA-Naawan Chapter. Another priority project of the Committee is to finally produce an Alumni National ID. The Committee on Community Programs and Projects is also refining its proposal to provide abaca strippers in support of IP farmers in Brgy. Rogongon in Upper Iligan. Scholarship and academic enhancement will likewise be addressed. MSUAA national shall be open to collaborations with its chapters for other relevant and sustainable projects.

MSU's 60th FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

Our participation in the celebration of our Alma Mater's 60th founding anniversary came in many forms. We gifted all 11 campuses with sets of thermal scanners and alcohol dispensers, 4 each for the big campuses, 3 each for the smaller campuses, and 1 each for the 2 new MSU extensions. Congratulatory tarpaulins from MSUAA and our chapters were put up in the Marawi campus and other MSU campuses. Pre-recorded video messages were sent to different groups during their respective celebrations of the anniversary. A cash donation was also extended to the North America chapter for their virtual global celebration of the event.

ALUMNI REPRESENTATION IN THE BOR AND IN THE UNIVERSITY

The tradition of strong alumni representation in the Board of Regents has been sustained. As Alumni Regent, I attended all meetings of the BOR and actively participated in the deliberations of all agenda matters, specifically in its three bodies -- the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee and the BOR en banc. We were deeply engaged, as well, in the crafting of Guidelines for the Search of MSU Chancellors and of proposed amendments to the MSU Charter, subject of a bill jointly filed in Congress by Congressmen Rufus Rodriquez and Abdullah and Khalid Dimaporo. Our substantial inputs in these two documents were products of a number of serious deliberations by our Special Management Committee and the Executive Committee.

We filed a BOR resolution, co-authored by Faculty Regent Mario Aguja and Student Regent Narsima Sabbaja, for the establishment of a Sectoral Regent's Office on the campus in Marawi, which was approved. The office now stands at the 2nd floor of the Administration Building beside the BOR's secretary office.

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Thermal scanners, along with alcohol dispensers, were given to all the 11 campuses as gifts in celebration of our Alma Mater's 60th founding anniversary.



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Three administrative staff from the same office are assigned to serve as the Regents' Office Assistants. On September 1, MSU President Habib Macaayong and I inaugurated the office. In attendance were the MSUAA Treasurer, a number of University officials, and Dr. Datumanong Sarangani, former MSUAA President and Alumni Regent.

As Alumni Regent, I had been invited to many other University and campus activities. Examples are: visitation to the MSU Extension in Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte, installation of MSU-Maguindanao Chancellor Dr. Hejira Macalandong-Limbona, 20th Integration Anniversary Celebration of MSU-Maigo, and Commencement Exercises of different campuses to officiate the graduates' Oath-taking Ceremony as members of MSUAA. This year though, due to the pandemic, the latter was virtually done with requested messages from me in pre-recorded videos.



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MSUAA President, Dr. Rhodora N. Englis, delivering her message during the installation of MSU-Maguindanao Chancellor Dr. Hejira Macalandong-Limbona.

ALUMNI FEES COLLECTION

Efforts to collect alumni fees from the different campuses and campus-based chapters have been stepped up via collection letters and personal follow ups. To date, the MSUAA-IIT, MSUAA-Naawan, MSUAA-LNAC, MSUAA-General Santos City chapters and the campus administrations of MSU-Maguindanao, MSU-Sulu, and MSU-Marawi have remitted what are due the national association, boosting our funds. We now have about P3.4M in our coffers.

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IN CLOSING

Simply saying that MSUAA is active would be an understatement. One sees that today, it is a strong, vibrant, and robust professional alumni association. The 2021 General Assembly Meeting is an affirmation to that. My salute to all my predecessors and all officers, past and present, especially the incumbents that I call my “dream team,” for their part in making MSUAA what it is today.

The immediate challenge is captured in the 2021 GAM theme: “*Strengthening MSUAA's networks and resource generation for*, I would like to add, **sustainable** *organizational development and institutional vibrancy,*” to which I commit and enjoy my dream team to do so, too.

CREME DE LA CREME

Wilfredo Y. Andales

BOD Member, MSUAA 2021-22



Dr. Perla Pichon Kwan
Educator, Author, Resource
Speaker, Entrepreneur and
a Loving Wife and Mother



Perla had a comfortable life as a child with servants doing the household chores and nannies tending the children. But like many storied beginnings, a few years after her birth, her life had a sudden turn-around. Her father's gambling habits got the better of him. With her kids in tow, her frustrated mother left her husband in Santiago, Caraga, Davao Oriental, and brought her kids to Davao City where she struggled to make ends meet. Dodong, the eldest of the siblings and a class valedictorian in Davao City National High School, gave up hopes of a promising future and ended up working as a jeepney driver to augment his mother's income.

When Perla was about to enter college, she knew the support from her brother wouldn't be enough and she must have a college scholarship. As answer to her fervent prayers, she qualified for a full scholarship grant in Mindanao State University.

She was a student leader in her college days and graduated at age twenty. Her passion for teaching blossomed in Ateneo de Davao University where she spent the next twenty-seven years, first as a classroom teacher and later as a mid-level administrator. It was in Ateneo that she became a labor union officer, championing the plight of workers and pushing for their rights. She was also a strong advocate of women's rights, particularly in the workplace. This newfound advocacy brought her to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Bangkok, Thailand where she attended labor-related conferences. Her exposure was not limited to labor unions and women's rights; it included work ethic as well.

Because of her vast experience, she has been invited as a resource person to numerous forums by government units and non-government organizations.



In 1999, she established Davao Precious Child Academy and Daycare Center with her husband, Engr. Rogelio Kwan. The student population of the academy rapidly grew. Precious International School of Davao (the present name of the school) now boasts of a student population of over 2,000 students.

Her discipline, passion, and dedication to her craft did not stay unnoticed. Over the years, she has been a recipient of numerous awards. Gintong Ilawan Teodora Alonso Educators Award in 2006 and LEAD (Leaders and Achievers of Davao) Award in 2016 are but a few of the many accolades that came her way.

An educator, a resource speaker, an author of several books, a successful entrepreneur –many different facets of a very active life. But to Perla, her role as loving wife, caring mother to her four children, and doting *lola* to her grandchildren remains the most precious of them all.



Dr. Perla Kwan with husband Rogelio, children, & grandchildren

HINDSIGHT & INSIGHTS

Rosemin E. Fernando, PRO, MSUAA BOD

CAMPUS MOVERS AND SHAKERS

-Bob Lim, Immediate Past President, MSUAA

Dr. SUKARNO D. TANGGOL, Ph. D. Chancellor, MSU - IIT Campus

Dr. Tanggol is a well-noted educator whose academic credentials largely stem from two national universities – MSU and UP. A product of MSU's Preparatory High School in 1974, he took up BS Biology till his senior year in MSU Marawi campus. He shifted to another course and eventually graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration instead.

Nano, as he's fondly called by friends, started his teaching career as Asst. Instructor in IIT campus right after graduation. Recognizing early the significance of post-graduate studies in professorial ranking, he promptly enrolled in the Master of Public Administration program at MSU Marawi campus where he finished in 1985 and in the University of the Philippines Graduate School to earn his Doctorate degree in Public Administration (Cognates in Islamic Studies) in 1993, for which he was a recipient of its Distinguished Alumni Award.

Aside from scholastic duties in the academe, Dr. Tanggol served among others as Board Director in the ARMM Social Fund for Peace and Development, Commissioner in the National Centennial Commission and Member of the Regional Advisory Board of the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor. He likewise headed the Office of Information and Press of MSU Marawi campus in an acting capacity for three years. The only time that Dr. Tanggol was off the academic sphere was when he was appointed and served with equal distinction as the Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait from 1998 to 2002. He returned to Marawi campus after his ambassadorial stint to teach, attaining the highest faculty rank, Professor VI.

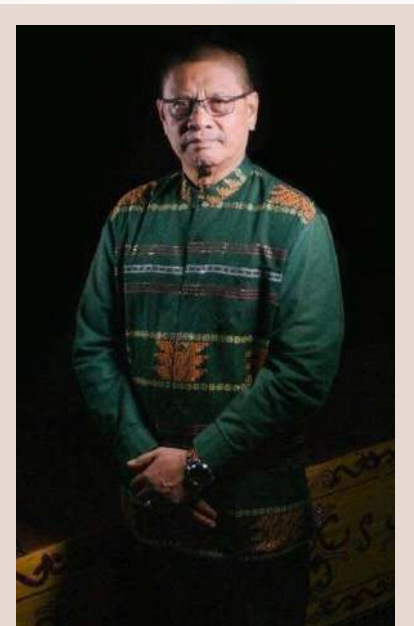
Confident of his sterling credentials, both academic and administrative, to manage an organization, Dr. Tanggol joined the search for Chancellorship of IIT campus in 2011. The Board of Regents elected him out of three shortlisted candidates and he began his five-year term in April of that year. His performance was evaluated satisfactorily in 2016 and the Board of Regents voted unanimously to appoint him to a second term until September 2021. He's currently performing the function of IIT Chancellor in holdover capacity pending the selection and appointment of his successor.

It could be pointed out that while performing as Chancellor for ten years, he has fulfilled his duties with distinction and integrity. Most would attest that Dr. Tanggol isn't the typical native-born academician who's influenced by 'tarpaulin exultation' and self-aggrandizing memes. He simply excelled without fanfare both as administrator and Chancellor Regent.

Besides being a sought-after resource person and panel discussant in various academic and public governance fora here and overseas, Dr. Tanggol is a prolific researcher and writer, as well. His major books include 'Muslim Autonomy in the Philippines: Rhetoric and Reality' and 'Regional Autonomy and Federalism: Concepts and Issues in the Bangsamoro',

the latter, a publication based on his three-month research fellowship at the University of Freiburg, Switzerland.

Nano resides in Iligan with his MSU alumna wife, Beverly 'Bevs' Talpis Tanggol. They have six children, all with successful careers. He is scheduled to retire from government service next year.



Dr. Sukarno D. Tanggol

A VOICE FROM YONDER

Babie Lynn G. Cabanilla-Visperas, Member, MSUAA BOD

Symphony #1 - Ode to the Mindanao State University

BY ROMEO C. BALINGCONGAN, BSME 1973

Second Movement: Crescendo*

The days and months went by. The pace of growth sped up. New buildings rose to house better classrooms and lodgings for fresh batches of skinny boys and girls, who came from all the corners of the nation each year. Swelling the number of eager learners: expectant, jubilant, and, perhaps, anxious too. All hopeful of a radiant future.

The number of teachers swelled too. Adding wider perspectives to impart to the students on how to view the world from.

Classrooms were enriched with these added minds. And with growing minds, discussions became more involved. Debates were more fierce. Befuddlement at inane remarks grew more often as well as awe at the spark of intelligence that traveled from the mind, escaping through the lips of the more gifted of the bunch, infecting others to strive for excellence.

And, just as what happens when boys meet girls anywhere, romance bloomed, providing an even richer ground for growth to those ensnared by Eros, inspiration to do even better in the classroom. To some, leading to loss of focus on academic work and the consequential lost scholarship.

To be sure, there were personal, even tribal, conflicts that burst every now and then, just as what happens wherever cultures meet. But all these were subsumed by the pursuit of learning and the desire to get hold of that passport to greater opportunities that a university degree affords.

Dignitaries came too. Marching in during special occasions. Lauding the noble pursuit to transcend regional differences and cultural biases

and to forge peace, unity, and harmony throughout the land.

April 26, 1966. The day of the first graduation came. The sun rose resplendent, as though it too was rejoicing with the first harvests of ripened minds.

A joyous day filled with the beaming faces of the graduates, the parents and friends, the mentors and the guests of the university.

The graduates marched behind their mentors. The honor graduates glittered with shiny medals, proof of their academic excellence. They entered the hall and stood by their assigned seats as the National Anthem and the University Hymn were sung.

The rites started.

Then, President Ferdinand E. Marcos rose and delivered his celebratory address with his impeccable oratory, challenging the graduates to rise beyond the cultural and regional barriers even as they leave the portals of the university and join the rest of the country in nation building.



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Then the graduates, sixty-three in all from six colleges, marched onto the stage with pride when their names were called to receive the precious certificate of academic completion as the parents watched, delight radiating from their smiles. The hall bursting with great applause that grew louder as the first summa cum laude, the magna cum laude and the cum laude honorees strode the stage with big smiles and added spring on their feet.

That day ended with many hearts filled with joy and expectation. The first of many graduation days to come each year with ever increasing number of graduates.

Graduates who were proud to have been part of the great experiment, that was MSU...

Graduates who through the years never forgot the song they sang that day...

Silahis ang katulad mong nagsabog ng liwanag!

Perhaps, a **Haribon** soared high that day and screeched its congratulations too.

Perhaps, many in the towns surrounding the lake were glued to the radios following the flow of the rites.

Perhaps, they wore big smiles too.

Perhaps, the souls of those who roamed the hills of Kabingan, finally took their rest at the first fruition of the long-held dreams.

That their land would one day produce finer individuals that would work towards uniting a nation!

**Third installment of four parts. The last part will be featured in our 4th issue of D'bakan.*



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Our newsletter has four (4) regular features: Main Story, Creme de la Creme (about any alumnus who has done superbly well in his/her field), Hindsight and Insights (anything about MSU's past and recent accomplishments), and A Voice from Yonder (dedicated to fellow alumni who have the passion to write essays, poems, anecdotes, etc). We will be happy to accept your contributions to any of these features. Due to space constraints, however, please limit your article to 300 words, more or less.

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CONSOLIDATING INTERNAL STRUCTURES AND ROLES IN THE ASSOCIATION; EXPANDING THE BREADTH OF LINKAGES

By: **L. C. Sevidal Castro**

With contributions from **Alyssa Kolin Tolentino Manalastas and Karlai Ferraris Tabimina**

The Mindanao State University Alumni Association held its 2021 General Assembly Meeting (2021 GAM) on Saturday, 13 November. During said meeting (virtual via zoom), reports from fourteen (14) component chapters were presented: six (6) campus-based and eight (8) area-based. At attendance were close to sixty (60) members of the General Assembly consisting of delegates from component chapters as provided for in the CBL of the Association and the incumbent members of Board of Directors at the National level. Underlying the 2021 GAM was the theme, *"Strengthening MSUAA's networks and resource generation for organizational development and institutional vibrancy."*



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Signing the Memorandum of Agreement between the DOST, WWMU and MSUAA-Zamboanga Hermosa Chapter for implementation of projects in Sitio Migasa, Sinunuc.

The report of the **MSUAA-Zamboanga Hermosa Chapter** demonstrates how the chapter had expanded its reach to schools and communities, and government institutions. The chapter adopted a school, the Sto. Nino Elementary School at Sitio Migasa, Sinunuc. Said adoption has become the precursor for the establishment of more durable relations with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region-09. Partnerships had been established for projects in Sitio Migasa, Sinunuc, like water filtration facility and corn mill and livelihood activities



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Parents receive gift packs from the MSUAA-Zamboanga Hermosa Chapter for their children at the Sto. Niño Elementary School at Sitio Migasa, Sinunuc.

The report of the **MSUAA-Iligan Institute of Technology Chapter** is a testament to the chapter's advocacy for peace and sustainable development. Occupying the principal part of the chapter report is the formal inauguration of *Payag Kalinaw*, a physical structure authorized by the Board of Regents to be built on campus with funding from the chapter. It houses the venue of the chapter's BOD meetings, planning workshops, and other gatherings. Officiating at the ribbon-cutting was MSU-IIT Chancellor, Dr. Sukarno D. Tanggol.

Among its accomplishments are the creation of a database of MSU Alumni who are employees of the Institute as reference for the chapter's aggressive campaign for membership and for carrying out its strategic plans.



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Religious ministers blessing the Payag Kalinaw on the campus of the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology.

The chapter had activated its standing committees: Membership Development Committee; Committee on Resource Generation; Linkages, Community Engagement and Projects Committee; Publication and Scholarships Committee.

The chapter will be involved in the plan of the MSUAA (National) Committee on Community Programs and Projects to extend assistance to indigenous people's communities in the hinterland areas of Rogongon, Iligan City.



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Members of the BOD of MSUAA-IIT Chapter awaiting the start of the meeting on 29 October 2021 in the Payag Kalinaw.

The **MSUAA-Naawan Chapter** relates how the chapter was tapped by the Revenue Generation Committee of the MSUAA Board of Directors (National) for implementation of an approved project. It involves setting up a Food Products Innovation Center on the campus at MSU-Naawan for which the MSUAA-Naawan chapter partners with the MSUAA in project implementation.

MSUAA-North America Chapter states that it has acquired the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501 (C) (3) Classification with the Notice of Determination dated December 10, 2020. The report adds that all donations to the organization from supporters and donors are now tax-deductible. The chapter has generated funds for its scholarship program, implemented through the MSUAA-Naawan chapter.

The **MSUAA Cagayan de Oro Chapter** declares that among its impactful community engagements is participation in a food pantry for the poor and hungry which ran for two (2) weeks (April to May 2021). This was done in cooperation with Oro Baptist Church members and friends. Still another is the fund-raising campaign (up to PhP 60,500) to enable the chapter to send relief goods to Luzon victims affected by typhoon Ulysses in December 2020. It had sent cash assistance of PhP 5,000.00 to each of three MSUANS who were flood

victims. In August 2021, the chapter donated Ten Thousand Pesos (PhP10,000.00) to Misamis Oriental General Comprehensive High School for the purchase of face masks, face shields, and alcohol for their *Brigada Eskwela*.



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The food pantry in Cagayan de Oro City organized by the MSUAA-Cagayan de Oro chapter in coordination with the Oro Baptist Church.

The **MSUAA-Maigo School of Arts and Trades Chapter** declares setting up on campus of a feasible Alumni Corner, a meeting place of the chapter officers, which doubles as a snack corner and souvenir shop. The latter is meant to raise funds from sale of unique products attractive to tourists, visitors and local customers, alumni, faculty, staff, and students. The chapter had engaged in rice distribution at the onset of the pandemic. The recipients of the first wave of distribution were 70 households located in the Barangays of Pasayanan, Batangan, Cadayonan, and Bangko. Said households had been pre-identified in consultation with the Imams and Sultans of said barangays.

The report of **MSUAA-Davao Chapter** says that the chapter is bent on discussing the MSUAA Davao Scholarship Program, Christmas gift-giving to an orphanage, and a tree-planting activity.

The **MSUAA-Lanao del Norte Agricultural College** report shows how that it had been able to direct its attention to health concerns, particularly in donating funds for the renovation of the comfort room in a *Madrasah* (Arabic School) in Buntong, Salvador, Lanao del Norte.

The presentation of **MSUAA-Sulu Province Chapter** admits that restrictions had compelled the cancellation of plans: putting up an alumni

office with facilities, organizing an Islamic cooperative, networking with other organizations, embarking on medical and relief mission, among others.

Meanwhile, those of **MSUAA-Metro Manila North Chapter** and **MSUAA-Metro Manila South Chapter** describe how restrictions had severely affected regularity of socialization. Its members have, through social media, continued to interact with each other.

The presentations of three component chapters discuss preoccupation in the immediate past with satisfying requirements for accreditation/re-accreditation. These are **MSUAA-Palawan Chapter**, **MSUAA-Tawi-tawi College of Technology and Oceanography Chapter** and **MSUAA-Maguindanao Chapter**.

The first two are newly accredited chapters; the third is a re-accredited component chapter. Of the three, it is MSUAA-TCTO Chapter that is ready with its chapter Constitution and By-Laws for ratification at the chapter's upcoming meeting of the General Assembly. All three are engaged in activities that ensure increase of membership.

These reports tackle a number or combination of organizational features of the chapters, including, but not limited to, membership, officership, the CBL, meetings, planning workshops, and standing committees. Institutional engagements involve relations with communities, linkages with government agencies, networking with academe, religious institutions and private entities, fund-raising campaigns, advocacies, and other means of establishing the name of the Association.



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