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DOSCST elects Australia Global Alumnus, Dr. Roy G. Ponce, as new State College President

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DAVAO ORIENTAL – The Board of Trustees (BOT) elected Dr. Roy G. Ponce, former Vice President for Research Development and Extension (RDE), as the 5th SUC President of Davao Oriental State College of Science and Technology (DOSCST) on February 19, 2021.

Dr. Ponce, 46 years old, born and raised in Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay, started his teaching career in DOSCST on November 13, 1996. He finished his Bachelor's degree in Statistics at the Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) and a Graduate Diploma in Econometrics at the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP).

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He is a two-time alumnus of The University of Melbourne in Australia, where he completed Master of Assessment and Evaluation as a First-Class Honor and Doctor of Education in Evaluation Capacity Building as a recipient of AusAID and Australia Awards scholarships respectively.

As Vice President for RDE in the last six years, Dr. Ponce has expanded the College's RDE operations by increasing its funding capacity and operationalizing various RDE Centers that focused on Agriculture, Coastal Management, Cooperative Development, Culture and Arts, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Filipino Language, Gender and Development, and Tourism.

“ *The call of the day is 'embracing change.' We are at a crucial time of a transformation from a professional college to a university.* ”

— **Dr. Roy G. Ponce,**
5th SUC President of DOSCST

Meanwhile, Dr. Ponce is a well-known researcher and extensionist. He is an international research awardee for his works on biodiversity conservation, education, and evaluation capacity building. He also played a significant role in the successful inscription of Mt. Hamiguitan as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Additionally, Dr. Ponce is known for co-founding the Happy Fish Kids (HFK), an afterschool care project in underprivileged and underserved communities, which eventually afforded him the prestigious Australian Alumni Excellence Awards in 2017. Today, two other programs, the Happy Forest Kids and Happy Farm Kids, have been institutionalized as an offshoot of the HFK.

Guided with the institutional vision, *“A university of excellence, innovation, and inclusion leading through beneficial and equitable change,”* Dr. Ponce propounds Research and Innovation, Teaching and Learning, and Engagement and Production as the core of his leadership framework towards a future-ready university.

He also intends to prioritize DOSCST's operation as a full-fledged university and the students' needs to access quality education in the new normal.

He will work closely with the Regional Development Council (RDC), Local Government Units (LGUs), government agencies, industries, and people's organizations for relevant development partnerships.

Dr. Ponce succeeds Dr. Edito B. Sumile, SUC President for eight years and Officer-in-Charge for more than a year, who is now awarded as the President Emeritus.

DOSCST is a state-funded higher education institution (HEI) established under RA 6807 in Davao Oriental. It was converted into a state university through the enactment of RA 11033 on May 28, 2018, but is yet to operate as a university pending certification from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

Mobilizing Teacher-Broadcasters of DepEd amidst Pandemic in Radyo Kalumonan

Jovanie B. Garay

SAN ISIDRO, DAVAO ORIENTAL — While the pandemic continues to affect the education of the local community, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed between the Department of Education (DepEd) Schools Division of Davao Oriental and DXNQ 97.3 FM-Radyo Kalumonan on August 6, 2020, at Batobato Central Elementary School Covered Court.

Both parties agreed to support public interest by mobilizing teacher-broadcasters from DepEd in the Radyo Kalumonan Radio Station at the San Isidro Extension Campus.

The radio station has committed to providing a minimum of 80-hour free time slot for DepEd per month. This will allow the team to produce the approved learning modules to students, jingles, infomercials, stingers, teasers, and music beds on-air.

The partnership shall cover the learning materials from Kinder to Grade 12 effective for a period of two years subject to renewal upon agreement of both parties.

The DepEd teacher-broadcasters have been airing radio-based instructions in the station for six months now to continuously promote inclusive access to education.

The Radyo Kalumonan was jointly organized by the National Nutrition Council in partnership with DOSCST, Kalumonan Development Center Incorporated, and the Local Government of San Isidro in 2010.



Hon. Justina MB Yu (left), Mayor of the Municipality of San Isidro, expresses her utmost support to the extension program of DOSCST.



ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Doctorate

- Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Management (Ed.D.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Biology major in Biodiversity (Ph.D. Bio)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Science major in Resource Management (Ph.D. ES)

Master's

- Master in Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSES)

Enrollment Schedule

March 24 - April 10, 2021

Start of Classes

April 10, 2021

ATI funds Traditional Rice Varieties Conservation

JR A. Mantog

CATEEL, DAVAO ORIENTAL – The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) has funded the extension project, “*Peria sa Kultura, Ampingan Ta: A Conservation and Management of Traditional Rice Varieties in the Farming System of Cateel, Davao Oriental*,” led by Mr. JR A. Mantog, faculty of the DOSCST – Cateel Extension Campus (CEC).

This project aims to conserve and manage existing high-value traditional rice varieties in the municipality.

The Inception Meeting and Project Launching was held last April 8, 2019, at the DOSCST-CEC Building C. A consultative meeting with the stakeholders was also conducted to identify the targets, plans, and activities related to its implementation.

Traditional rice farmers were provided with farm inputs such as seeds, organic fertilizers, knapsack sprayers, sickles, etc. They were also trained in rice production and management, including developing bio-organic inputs, grain storing, packaging, and marketing.

A seed bank was also established to conserve existing traditional rice varieties. Seeds were collected and stored under viable conditions to avoid genetic loss. Being the first in Davao Oriental, the seed bank preserves traditional rice varieties being lost to hybridization and genetic modification.

Upon completing the project on the first quarter of 2021, DOSCST looks forward to conducting more projects related to traditional rice varieties not only in Cateel but also in other municipalities in Davao Oriental.



Mr. Noel Salazar, Resource Person from Agro-Eco Philippines, explains the importance of soil management to the participants during the Training on Package of Technology (POT) for Upland Rice Production.

Pres. Ponce designates new leadership team

Philip Yncierto

CITY OF MATI – Newly elected President, Dr. Roy G. Ponce, instituted a new leadership team with the vision of bringing the institution to greater heights under his administration.

Dr. Ponce designated qualified and competent key officials to help him realize his strategic plans and priority agenda that encompass the trifocal functions of the College- Academic, Administration, and Research Development, and Extension (RDE). The leadership team consists of the Vice Presidents (VPs), Directors, Institute Deans, etc.

Assisting Dr. Ponce as the VP for Academic Affairs (VPAA) is Dr. Saturnino E. Dalagan Jr., the former Dean of the Institute of Education and

Teachers Training (IETT). The former SUC President, and now President Emeritus Dr. Edito B. Sumile, is the VP for Administration, while Dr. Wilanfranco C. Tayone, Professor VI, is the the VP for RDE.

Under the Office of the President, Dr. Ponce has designated Mr. Philip Yncierto as the College and Board Secretary, Ms. Vivian B. Labasano as the Executive Assistant, and Mr. Jhonnell P. Villegas as the Public Information Officer.

The whole DOSCST community and its stakeholders are optimistic that the new leadership team shall continue to enact the College’s vision and mission.

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COVID-19 vaccine roll-out continues at DOSCST grounds

Paul Matangcas

CITY OF MATI —The Local Government (LGU) of Mati kicked off its COVID-19 vaccination program with the Davao Oriental Provincial Medical Center (DOPMC), St. Camillus Hospital, Milagrosa ACS, and Lupon Municipal Isolation Facility personnel as the priority recipients following the arrival of 600 doses last March 8, 2021.

Meanwhile, DOSCST is steadfast in aiding LGU Mati in the distribution of vaccines. Situated in the College's Gymnasium, the Department of Health continues to inoculate the most "vulnerable sectors" consisting of health workers, senior citizens, and uniformed personnel.

The College pledges to cooperate with other agencies to fulfill the LGU's target to vaccinate around 100,000 Matinians by the end of the year.

This commitment is a testament of DOSCST's willingness to offer help to the community, especially during times of need. The school's promise of being a university of inclusion extends beyond the academe to ensure that as one Mati community, we heal together.

All College employees are expected to be vaccinated before the year ends in preparation for the resumption of face-to-face classes.



DOSCST bags 2 awards, brings GAD advocacy at the regional level

Jhannel P. Villegas

CITY OF MATI — The Commission on Higher Education Regional Office XI awarded 2nd and 3rd places in Extension and Research categories, respectively, to the DOSCST Gender and Development (GAD) Center during the GADTimpala Awards held on January 22, 2021.

The GADTimpala awards are given to public and private educational institutions, which performed well in their GAD implementation based on the CMO No. 1 series of 2015, otherwise known as *“Establishing the Guidelines on Gender and Development in the Commission on Higher Education and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).”*

Per stipulations in the said memorandum, GAD shall cut across the trifocal functions of HEIs: instruction, research, and extension. The same areas were included in the criteria of evaluation to determine this year’s GADTimpala awardees.

CHEDRO XI annually conducts a GAD Regional Summit and Awarding of Outstanding Practices, convening 105 HEIs public and private HEIs in the Region.

During the Summit, Prof. Mary Fil M. Bauyot, GAD Focal Person, presented the Region’s best practices in GAD Research.

In her virtual presentation, she synthesized the Region’s notable accomplishments, challenges, and future GAD research directions. She also emphasized DOSCST’s research efforts that the judges deemed worthy of recognition.

Aside from Prof. Bauyot’s presentation, DOSCST also spearheaded the Region’s compendium for GAD research outputs, submitted to CHEDROXI and Central Office.

“Of course, we cannot do this without the generous support of the College Officials. We want to thank Dr. Misael B. Clapano, Research Director, Dr. Helina Jean P. Dupa, Extension Director, Dr. Roy G. Ponce, VP for RDE, Dr. Edito B. Sumile, OIC President, and all the College officials for the all-out support to GAD programs,” remarked Dr. Jeralyn H. Sacro, Director of the GAD Center.

The GAD Center hopes to strengthen the College’s efforts and initiatives in gender mainstreaming, focusing on instruction, research, and extension. *“To do this, we will need the cooperation of the entire DOSCST community,”* Dr. Sacro added.

In December 2020, the GAD Center also received a Partnership Service Award from the Department of Education.

DOSCST, SCCHBC meet over future partnership

Paul Matangcas

CITY OF MATI – A team from DOSCST conducted a project collaboration meeting with Fr. Rolly J. Fernandez, MI of the St. Camillus Hospital of Mati Foundation, Inc. to discuss future research and extension partnerships last March 16, 2021.

Dr. Roy M. Padilla, Director for Research and Development, and Dr. Misael B. Clapano, Director for Extension, spearheaded the visit.

In their meeting, Fr. Fernandez presented the homegrown herbal products developed by the St. Camillus Community Based Healthcare Center (SCCBHC), such as turmeric and ginger granules.

He also toured the team around the production room and the sustainable integrated farm, presenting a promising agricultural production.

The group talked about a potential team-up with DOSCST for the development of SCCBHC's products and quality control, marketing, and distribution. There were talks of a partnership in the research aspect and exploration of herbal products with exceptional nutritional value, specifically in the production and processing aspect.

There were also conversations on the possible crafting of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between the two institutions to foster innovation and the creation of community-based programs.

Recently, DOSCST purchased sophisticated equipment in food technology, which may be utilized in this partnership. One of the apparatuses is the freeze dryer that is used in a low temperature dehydration process.

The discussion is one step in DOSCST's commitment to becoming a university of excellence, innovation, and inclusion.



Banaybanay Mayor Adalia C. Lopez hands out the building blueprint to DOSCST President Dr. Roy G. Ponce.

BEC accepts 25M School Building

Jayson M. Salida

BANAYBANAY, DAVAO ORIENTAL – The DOSCST-Banaybanay Extension Campus (BEC) formally accepted its new three-storey school building on February 25, 2021.

In a ceremonial turnover, the Campus Coordinator, Mr. Felix U. Sansaet Jr., accepted the building's official plan from SUC President III Dr. Roy G. Ponce, Mayor Adalia C. Lopez, and Congressman Joel "Mayo" Z. Almario.

The 25 Million school building is one of the College's multi-million projects, commencing in FY 2018. The ground-breaking ceremony was conducted last December 14, 2018, through the concerted efforts of the College led by the former DOSCST SUC President III and now President Emeritus, Dr. Edito B. Sumile, and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Banaybanay headed by Mayor Adalia C. Lopez.

Dr. Ponce articulated his compliments towards the whole BEC community. He also shared his strategic plans in making sure that the campus will be provided with adequate support for the delivery of instruction, research, and extension.

The new three-storey building is a strong testimony of the shared vision of DOSCST and LGU-Banaybanay in providing access to quality tertiary education in the municipality and beyond.



Dr. Edito B. Sumile, President Emeritus (left) turns-over the College Mace to Dr. Roy G. Ponce, SUC President III (right) in a ceremony held at the DOSCST Gymnasium last February 24, 2021.

Two Presidents, One Power

John Rey R. Codilla

DAVAO ORIENTAL – Following the election of the 5th DOSCST President last February 19, a ceremonial turn-over of presidency was conducted last February 24, 2021, at the DOSCST Gymnasium attended by the incoming and outgoing College officials.

As a representation of the transfer of responsibilities, Dr. Edito B. Sumile, the 4th President, handed over and entrusted the college mace to Dr. Roy G. Ponce, the 5th President. The college mace symbolizes the seal of authority and service, which is passed on to whoever is elected as College president.

A Better DOrSU for a Better World

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Ponce – being the new bearer of the torch and the new keeper of the key who shall lead the paddling and who shall usher DOrSU towards greater heights – expressed his sincere respect and gratitude to all

those who became part of his growth as a person and a leader. He also reminded his leadership team the importance of caring and of dispensing the duties with kindness first, fairness as paramount, and firmness when necessary. Moreover, while addressing the various development partners and stakeholders, Dr. Ponce said, “**We walk with you side by side, and we forge a better DOrSU for a better world,**” an assurance that DOrSU shall traverse with its significant partners to foster a strong, resilient, and excellent educational institution at par with global standards.

“*We walk with you side by side,
and we forge a better DOrSU for
a better world.*”

— **Dr. Roy G. Ponce,**
5th SUC President of DOSCST

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The Work Never Stops, DOrSU needs to Keep Moving Forward

Notably, in his turn-over message, Dr. Sumile recollected his nostalgic memories while serving as College President for the last nine years. With the expiration of his term, he emphasized that the work never stops. Hence, DOrSU needs to keep moving forward. He even furthered that there remains a lot to be done in attaining the vision of excellence, innovation, and inclusion.

It can be recalled that Dr. Sumile's leadership streak has marked significant reforms to the institution and the community as a whole. He has been labeled as a trendsetter and transformational leader due to his unprecedented concern for the overall growth and development of DOSCST and its constituents.

Speaking on the recently concluded presidential search, Dr. Sumile expressed his great joy upon knowing that the Board of Trustees (BOT) made the right decision in selecting a College President. Dr. Ponce recognized that succeeding Dr. Sumile is a big shoe to fit. In response, however, Dr. Sumile said, "Well, as the new President, you don't have to wear my shoes. Buy a new one, and we will walk together."



Dr. Roy G. Ponce, SUC President III, takes oath as the 5th President of Davao Oriental State College of Science and Technology (DOSCST) before Commissioner Aldrin A. Darilag, Presiding Chair, and the BOT Members on February 19, 2021, via Zoom.



DOSCST researchers top NRCP contests

John Kenny A. Rafon



The research team headed by Prof. Edison D. Macusi celebrates their well-deserved victory at a local restaurant in the City of Mati.

CITY OF MATI — Two research teams under the DOST-PCAARRD Project titled *“Fisheries catch assessment using GPS trackers and effort survey of municipal and commercial fishers in Mindanao, Philippines”* bagged first and third place during the virtual Poster Exhibit and Competition of the 2021 Annual Scientific Conference and 88th General Membership Assembly organized by the National Research Council of the Philippines on March 10, 2021.

“The role of women in small-scale fisheries of Davao Gulf, Mindanao, Philippines” authored by Charlene Mae Gaab, Edison Macusi, and Erna Macusi ranked first while the *“Impact of seasonal fisheries closures on catch, price and fisheries market chain: The case of Davao Gulf, Philippines”* authored by Ilah Dianne Morales, Edison Macusi, and Erna Macusi won third place. Both research posters were under Category B, Cluster 1 which features e-posters on Governmental, Educational, and International Policies; Social Sciences, and Humanities.

Charlen and Ilah are both alumni of the Davao Oriental State College of Science and Technology. They started working as research

assistants under the supervision of their project leader, Mr. Edison Roi D. Macusi who is also a faculty of DOSCST.

In her Facebook comment, Charlen stated that she didn't expect to win the competition since it was her first time writing a scientific paper. *“I was shocked after hearing that I came first out of many participants!”*, she said. *“I am proud and grateful for my family and to Sir Edison and Ma'am Erna”*, she added.

Ilah also expressed her appreciation to his mentor as she said *“I am extremely grateful to my mentor, Mr. Edison Macusi for providing guidance and opening many doors for me to grow and become better. He believed in me and never doubted my abilities!”*

With the theme *“Pagbangon at Pananaig: National Recovery and Rebuilding,”* this year's conference focuses on addressing recovery from the overwhelming impact of the pandemic (*pagbangon*), and rebuilding the country through the many lessons and various strides already achieved by Filipinos (*pananaig*).



DOSCST and other State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in Davao Region ink Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DOST-PCAARRD on Intellectual Property - Technology Business Management last January 30, 2020 at Los Baños, Laguna.

DOSCST intensifies Intellectual Property and Technology Business Management (IP-TBM) efforts

Paul Matangcas

CITY OF MATI — DOSCST intensifies its efforts in strengthening Project 6C or Enhancing Technology Transfer through Intellectual Property and Technology Business Management (IP-TBM).

Established in January of last year, the project is an initiative of the mother program called IP-TBM 2.0: Sustaining University of Southeastern Philippines' (USEP) IP-TBM Office and Enhancing IP-TBM Offices Among Member Agencies of the Southern Mindanao Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium (SMAARRDECC) under the banner of the Department of Science and Technology 's Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD).

The said program aims to sustain IP-TBM activities, continue intellectual property management and technology transfer, capacitate participating institutions, enhance promotion, and intensify linkages.

According to Mr. Venson B. Sarita, Project Leader/ Coordinator, although the pandemic has caused unprecedented effects throughout the country, the College is stern in ensuring that work still goes on without compromising the quality of the output.

As of today, the project takes pride in their achievements such as the online filing of 13 Utility Models, 9 Copyrights, 2 Patents, and 1 Trademark to the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHIL). Project 6C has also managed to craft the Intellectual Property policies of the College as well as the technological transfer of protocol.

LUDIP preparation intensified

Jhonnell P. Villegas

MUSUAN, BUKIDNON — A benchmarking activity was conducted at the Central Mindanao University (CMU) last March 11-12, 2021.

DOSCST intends to learn from CMU's compliance with the "SUCs Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP) Act." This act requires all State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) to craft a comprehensive plan for allocating, utilizing, developing, and managing land resources.

The university's lead proponent, Dr. Jupiter V. Casas, elaborately discussed his team's experience in the approval of CMU's LUDIP. He also committed to assisting DOSCST in its LUDIP preparation. The same commitment was expressed by Dr. Jesus Antonio Derije, SUC President IV of CMU, who suggested inking an agreement with DOSCST.

Dr. Roy G. Ponce, SUC President III, has constituted a team headed by Engr. Emmanuel B. Barbas, Director for Planning of DOSCST.

Aside from the LUDIP benchmarking, the College officials also visited CMU's research laboratories, management information systems (MIS), security services, and intellectual property office.



Dr. Roy G. Ponce (3rd from the left), SUC President III of DOSCST, attends a GreenCom-initiated activity in Honey's Hotel, City of Mati.

GreenCom, DOSCST join hands in changing the community-building landscape

Paul Matangcas

CITY OF MATI — DOSCST SUC President Dr. Roy G. Ponce and Director for Extension Dr. Misael B. Clapano graced the Turnover Ceremony and MoA Signing of the City Government of Mati and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in partnership with the Mati GreenCom Society and the Multi-Sectoral Integrated Association of Mati (MUSIAM) last March 24, 2021.

During the ceremony, DOLE turned over a check worth one million pesos to the MUSIAM to be used for their various agricultural programs and initiatives. There was also a memorandum of agreement signing between MGCS, MUSIAM, MASOFAFIA/ MANOFLEA/ CEMASADAS, and GCHoFAs, which aims to intensify cooperation among the groups.

GreenCom at a glimpse

In her speech, Vice Mayor Glenda Rabat-Gayta highlighted the necessity to create sustainable livelihood programs that would alleviate the burden of Local Government Units (LGUs). She explained that GreenCom is a community-based movement focusing on character formation and promotion of family values as a means of attaining food sufficiency and self-reliance in the face of rapid urbanization.

VM Gayta also mentioned the indispensable impact of the DOSCST in the program evolution since it was created last 2014. She cited the institution's influence in pushing GreenCom to establish pilot communities where they could conduct the implementation of their activities, including Focus Group Discussions (FGDs).

Commitment to extension activities, collaborative efforts

DOSCST's active participation in GreenCom's cause is further proof of the College's commitment to strengthening existing partnerships that will support advocacies beyond the institution's confines.

The soon-to-be University is unyielding in its quest not only to maintain the partnerships it already has but also to find potential collaborators to widen the network of linkages among multi-sectoral groups.

As a new administration dawns upon the DOSCST community, the quest for extending the academe's expertise among the marginalized is just getting started.



The 3-storey Learning and Information Resource Center (LIRC) located in the DOSCST Main Campus, City of Mati.

State-of-the-art facilities inaugurated

Paul Matangcas

DAVAO ORIENTAL — DOSCST continues its streak of successful ceremonies as three new infrastructures join the roster of newly unveiled projects last March 26.

Among the newly inaugurated buildings are the Sports and Wellness Center, the BITM Laboratory, and the three-story Criminology Building.

Present to grace the event are 2nd District Congressional Representative Hon. Joel “Mayo” Z. Almario, DOSCST SUC President Dr. Roy G. Ponce, deans, and heads of various offices.

In his speech, Congressman Almario marveled at the continuous developments happening within the College. He underscored the importance of developing a harmonious relationship with the private sectors and the need to coexist with them without the need to compete.

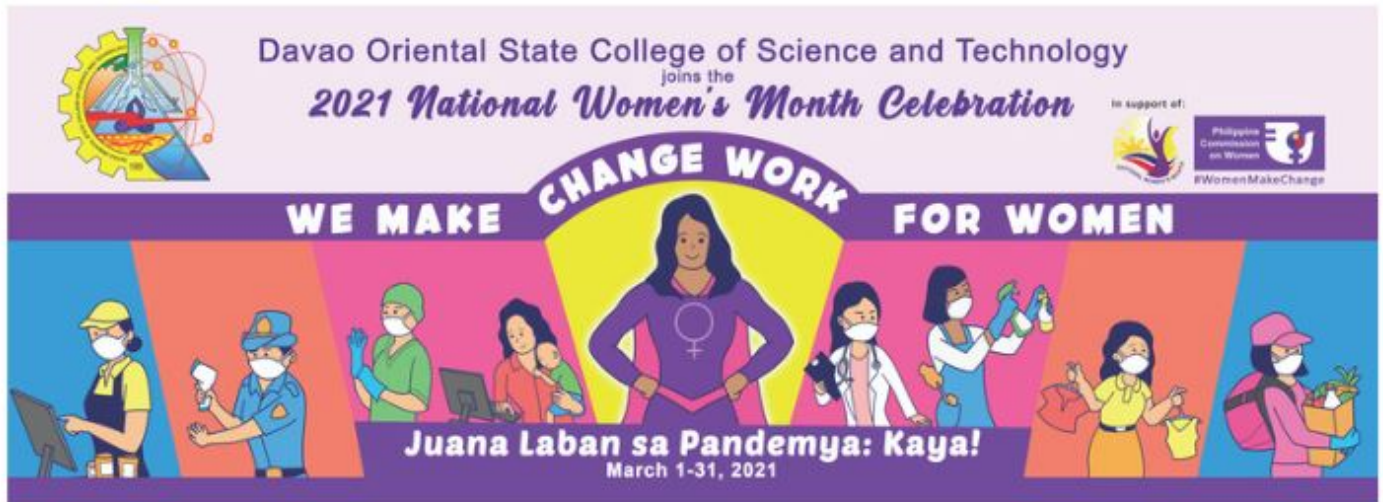
As of March this year, there have already been a handful of buildings that were turned over from their developers, namely, the three-storey building from the San Isidro Extension Campus (SIEC), the three-story Library and Information Resource Center (LIRC) in the main campus, and the three-storey school building in the Banaybanay Extension Campus (BEC).

More infrastructures are expected to open in the coming months, with the dormitory in the main campus nearing completion. These projects are the products of the legacy of President Emeritus Edito B. Sumile’s administration.

Current President Dr. Roy G. Ponce vows to continue the developments as more projects and plans are on the way for a brighter DOSCST.



Hon. Joel Mayo Z. Almario (left), 2nd Congressional District Representative, Hon. Rotchie M. Ravelo (middle), Alumni Trustee, and Dr. Roy G. Ponce (right), SUC President III, ceremonially cuts the ribbon in the inauguration of the Sports and Wellness Center in DOSCST, City of Mati.



DOSCST makes change work for women

Niña Jay M. Lapac

CITY OF MATI — DOSCST joined the 2021 National Women's Month Celebration with the theme, "*Juana Laban sa Pandemya: Kaya!*"

Women's month is celebrated annually every March under Proclamation No. 224 s. 1988 declaring the first week of March each year as Women's Week and March 8 as Women's Rights and International Peace Day, Proclamation No. 227 s. 1988 mandating the observance of Women's Role in History Month every March, and Republic Act (RA) 6949 s. 1990 declaring March 8 of every year as the National Women's Day.

The National Women's Month Celebration serves as a tribute, a platform, and a call to action that highlights the extraordinary roles of ordinary *Juanas* in society as trailblazers and harbingers of change.

In line with these proclamations and the Philippine Commission on Women's (PCW) directive, the DOSCST through its Gender and Development (GAD)



Dr. Jeralyn H. Sacro (2nd from right), GAD Center Director leads DOSCST's empowered women in wearing purple every Monday for the month of March. Center arranged various activities from March 1 to 31, 2021.

DOSCST's NWMC aimed to strengthen the advocacy of women and other genders in DOSCST and support the full implementation of the Magna Carta of Women (MCW).

The GAD Center commenced the celebration last March 8, 2021, through a Virtual Opening Program with an inspirational message from Dr. Della Grace G. Bacaltos, a multi-awarded researcher and professor from Davao del Sur State College (DSSC). Dr. Bacaltos talked about women's vital role and contribution to nation-building and sustainable development.

Meanwhile, different offices and institutes of DOSCST showed their support by wearing purple or surrounding their spaces with purple to signify their support for women's empowerment and gender equality on #PurpleMondays.

Through its official Facebook page (@connectwithgad), the Center also posted words of empowerment from esteemed figures in the province in a series called #JuanaSays and #Juan Says.

New graduate programs expedite DOSCST's university bid

Jhonnell P. Villegas

CITY OF MATI – Two additional master's and three doctorate programs are to be offered in DOSCST starting April 10, 2021.

The master's degree programs include Master in Business Administration (MBA), and Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSES).

Meanwhile, the doctorate programs are Doctor of Philosophy in Biology major in Biodiversity (Ph.D. Bio), Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Science major in Resource Management (Ph.D. ES), and Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Management (Ed.D. ELM).

The offering of additional graduate programs is one of the few remaining requirements for DOSCST to fully operate as a state university, known as Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) legislated on May 28, 2018, under RA 11033.

The abovesaid programs have been subjected to the Commission on Higher Education's (CHED)

evaluation starting November 27, 2020, until February 9, 2021. The College graduate school coordinator, Dr. Janeth C. Tayone, confirmed that all requirements are substantially complied with, now waiting for the Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) or Certificate of Readiness (COR).

Dr. Roy G. Ponce, SUC President III, intends to expedite the university conversion. He joined Cong. Joel Mayo Z. Almario, DOrSU Founder, and Dr. Edito B. Sumile, President Emeritus, in a hearing on the status of implementation of laws on university conversion last March 23, 2021, where the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (CHTE) poised a challenge to CHED to certify DOSCST's university bid on or before May 28 of this year.

Except for the Enrollment and Program Offerings, CHED Regional Office XI has reported that DOSCST has substantially complied with other evaluation areas: Faculty Requirements, Research Capability, Learning Resources and Support Structures, and Linkages and Outreach.

PCAARRD supports sustainable soybean production

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CITY OF MATI – DOSCST introduced soybean production in Davao Oriental, an intercropping system using water and organic fertilizer, through the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Council Aquatic and Agriculture Natural Resources Rural Development (DOST-PCAARRD).

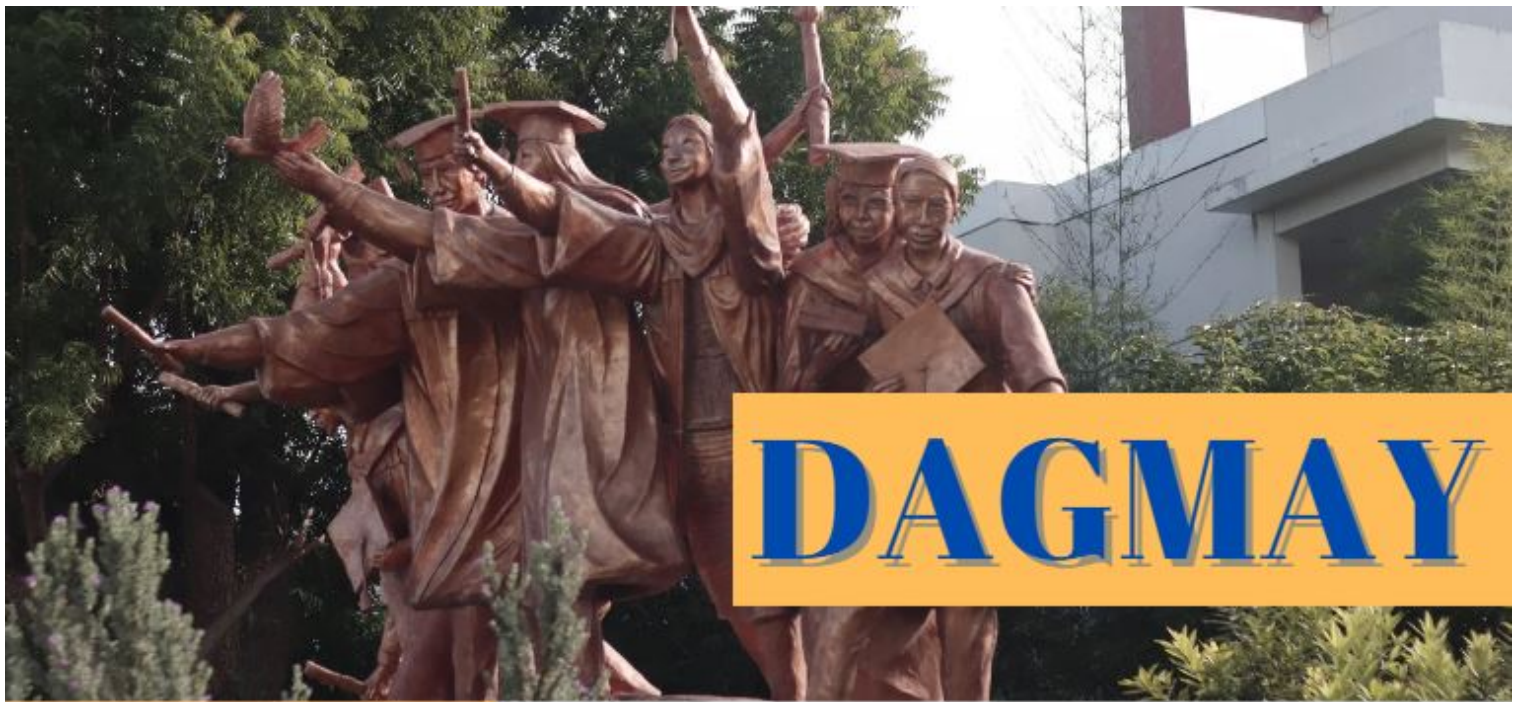
The research project led by Dr. Necito A. Baldoz, which is now in its second year of implementation, is entitled *"Improvement of Soybean in Davao Oriental Through Enhanced Value Chains, Sustainable Seed Sector, and Better Varieties Under Different Cropping Systems."*

The goal of this research is to create a strategy for increasing soybean production and utilization through improved value chains and sustainable production.

It seeks to create a model for the improved soybean value chain in Davao Oriental and to propose a sustainable soybean production for the uplands based on improved cropping systems, seed systems, and varieties.

The research project has already conducted a series of training activities to the farmers, faculty, and college staff. These activities include the introduction of green soybean to the market, product testing, and the creation of the soybean shake.

The team was also able to distribute soybean seedlings to various stakeholders and development partners, including the LGUs of Banaybanay, Governor Generoso, San Isidro, Cateel, Mati, as well as People's and Farmer's Organizations.



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Dagmay is the official Newsletter of DOSCST but has long stopped publishing. In this issue, the Public Information Office (PIO) attempts to revive the Newsletter as a platform to deliver accurate, timely, and quality information about the College and beyond.

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