Neutral Platform to Discuss Issues

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) upholds its role as an inclusive and impartial platform for dialogue among diverse political and societal stakeholders. Through forums, conferences, consultations, and academic discussions, the University provides a safe and neutral environment where differing perspectives can be openly expressed and pressing public issues can be discussed constructively. These initiatives demonstrate DOrSU's commitment to promoting academic discourse, mutual understanding, and informed decision-making.

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) participated in the recently concluded Civil Society Organization (CSO) Partners Summit, organized by the City Planning and Development Office of the City of Mati



Held on March 7th at the City of Mati Sambuokan Hall, the summit convened around 150 participants representing various CSOs from key sectors, including transportation, agriculture, health and environment, business, and social development. The event marked a significant step toward realizing LGU Mati's vision of becoming a community-driven hub of development, promoting inclusive governance, and fostering collaboration among CSOs and the City Government.

Representing DOrSU were Dr. Mary Fil M. Bauyot, Director for Extension, along with faculty researchers and extensionists Dr. Jeralyn N. Hemillan, Ms. Jeni A. Nicolas, Ms. Kristine Mae Y. Ramiro, and Mr. Mark Aljen D. Binocal. The team facilitated Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), allowing participants to identify key challenges, explore potential solutions, and propose actionable interventions that Mati's Local Government Unit (LGU) could implement.

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Bukas na Pamamahala: Susi sa Paglalakbay Tungo sa Pagkakaisa, Mapayapa, at Maunlad na Bayan



Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) participated in the 2025 Regional Dagyaw, held on August 5, 2025, in the Municipality of Banaybanay, Davao Oriental. The event, organized by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XI in partnership with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) XI, the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), and the Local Government of Banaybanay, brought together more than 900 participants across the five provinces of the Davao Region.

The Dagyaw 2025 served as a dynamic platform for open dialogue between the government and the people, emphasizing transparency, participatory governance, and inclusive development.

The University played a vital role in the establishment of the first-ever Civil Society Organization (CSO) Academy in Davao Oriental and the entire Davao Region — a milestone achieved through the strong partnership between the LGU of Banaybanay, DILG, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and DOrSU Banaybanay Campus.

A key highlight of the event was the Talakayan session, which provided a meaningful space for the exchange of ideas and sharing of best practices. Banaybanay's exemplary approach to CSO engagement was showcased, underscoring how empowered communities, in partnership with responsive institutions, can co-create sustainable and inclusive models of local governance.



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