

### **Brief History of MSU Maguindanao**

The MSU-Maguindanao Campus then MSU Dinaig Agricultural and Technical College (MSU-DATC) was established on October 10, 1973 by virtue of **BOR Resolution No. 821 series of 1973**. It formally started its operation in the second semester of AY 1973-1974 with seven (7) faculty members, fifteen (15) members of the administrative staff, five (5) security guards, and one hundred twenty-six (126) students. The campus offered only three courses namely: Agriculture, Forestry and Community Development. Classes were held at the grandstand of Dalican Pilot Elementary School, Datu Odin Sinsuat (then Dinaig), Maguindanao with very limited facilities.

In 1975, all the school facilities were razed to the ground by fire. However, events did not end up the noble cause of the school. It renewed its operation with the support of the late Mayor Datu Odin Sinsuat, Sr. of Dinaig. He partly donated and sold at a minimal price the 55-hectare site of the unit in 1975.

From then on, the unit has grown as an institution of higher learning. It was granted fiscal autonomy by virtue of **BOR Resolution No. 483, series of 1982** and was renamed MSU-Maguindanao by virtue of **BOR Resolution No. 561, series of 1982**. From three (3) course offerings in 1973, it now has seventeen (17) baccalaureate programs, five (5) graduate programs and six (6) diploma courses.

As an integral part of the MSU System, it is committed to uphold the integrity of MSU as a system of thirteen (13) autonomous campuses and pursue quality education. It continually performs the mandated functions of instruction, research, extension and production as it faces the challenges of time. The campus is devoted to assist the government in the integration of cultural minority groups into the mainstream of the national body politic and provide trained manpower and technical know-how for the socio-cultural and economic development of the ARMM by renewing its vision, mission and goals, and by strengthening its flagship programs in agriculture, forestry and fisheries.

## **VISION, MISSION AND GOALS OF MSU-MAGUINDANAO**

### **Vision**

Consistent with the national development agenda, Mindanao State University-Maguindanao envisions excellence in education, research, and extension services for sustainable peace and development.

### **Mission**

To develop high quality manpower resources and excel in delivering services for development and environment conservation.

### **Goals**

1. Enhance manpower skills in Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Education, Public Affairs and Governance, Arts and Sciences, and Graduate Education that lead to self-reliance and sufficiency;
2. Protect and improve the quality of life through utilization and/or application of research and delivery of extension services;
3. Develop appropriate technology for local industries;
4. Enhance sustainable income generating projects;
5. Develop responsible leaders for political, economic and socio-cultural aspirations;
6. Spearhead in making of policies and direction on development;
7. Strengthen local and global partnerships; and
8. To promote awareness on sustainable environmental conservation and protection.