



Negros Oriental State University

Host, 5th Annual Hanseatic League of Universities Conference 2025

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5TH
**HLU ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

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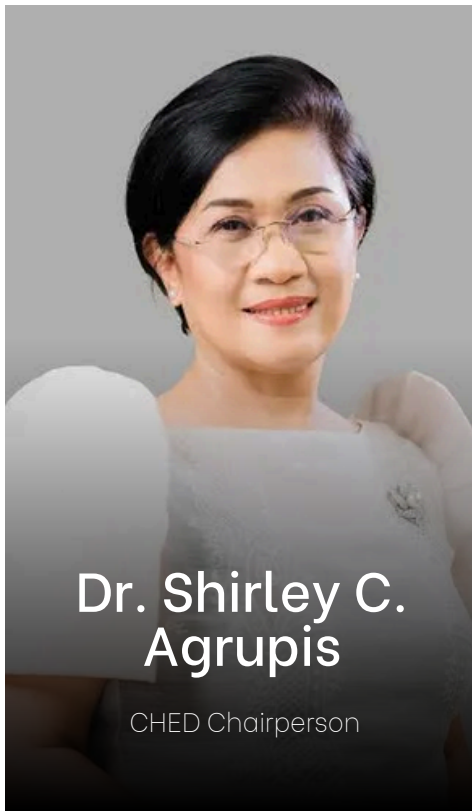
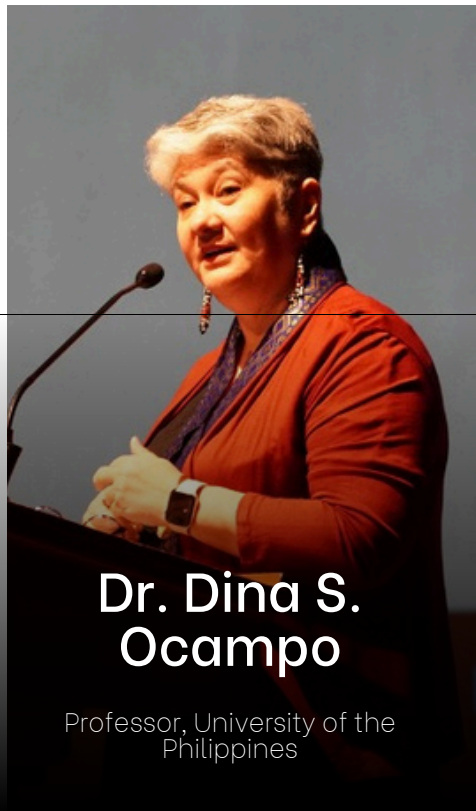
DR. ALDRIN A. DARILAG

CO-CHAIRS

Plenary Session

Venue for the Opening of the Conference:
Claire Isabel McGill Luce Auditorium,
Silliman University

Speakers



HLU Board of Directors Onsite Speakers



Dong Sung Cho

Hon. President of HLU

Jin-sook Kim

President of INBP



Kang Kyung Su

Chair of the Tongmyung University

Kyung-sung Kim

President of i-STAT

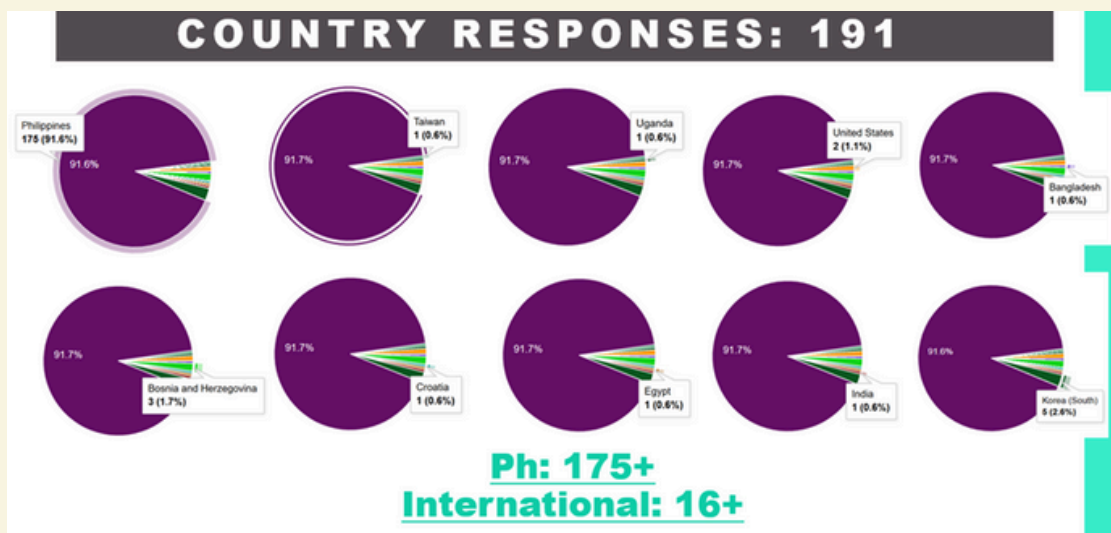
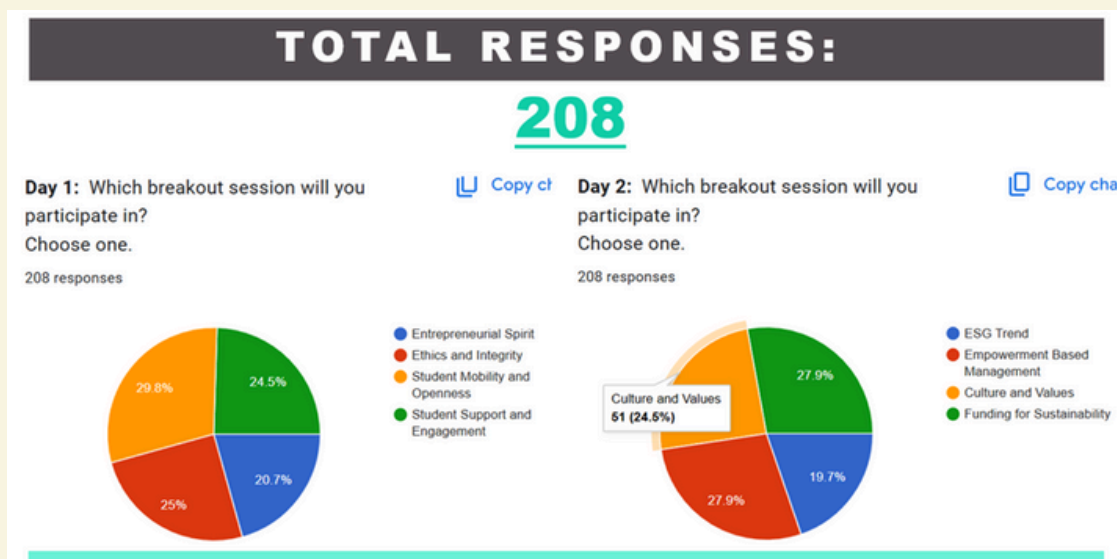




HLU 2025 ONLINE REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION

A total of 208 participants from different universities responded to the breakout session registration for the conference, which was **offered free of charge with no registration fee required.**



A total of **191 participants** completed the country section of the registration form. The majority came **from the Philippines, with over 175 responses**, while **more than 16 international participants** represented countries such as the United States, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Uganda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, India, and South Korea.



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Main Program

**5th Annual
Hanseatic League of Universities
Conference**

Theme:
**Breaking Barriers,
Empowering Change**

Official release of the WURI Global Ranking 2025

**Dumaguete City,
Philippines
July 9-11, 2025**

We are excited and looking forward to welcoming you to the City of Gentle People, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, Philippines on July 9-11, 2025!

As we anticipate for the upcoming conference, we have few reminders and requests:

Registration is online, and the link will be provided.

(Pre-registration is open on **June 3, 2025**, and ends on **July 2, 2025**.)

Dress Code: Day 1 - **Business Attire**, Day 2 - **Barong/Filipiniana Attire**

DAY 1

July 9, 2025

Venue: Luce Auditorium, Silliman University

AM Session

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Registration

- Participants are pre-registered online. Link will be provided, and registration details for the break-out sessions and site visits will be included.
- Upon arrival, participants will affix their signatures and will get their kits and name tags

9:30 – 10:00 AM

Opening Ceremonies

- Invocation/Opening Prayer – SU Campus Choristers
- Philippine National Anthem – SU Campus Choristers
- Opening Salvo – Cultural Presentation: SU Dance Troupe and Orkestra Sin Arco

10:00 – 10:45 AM

Welcome Remarks

Pres. Noel Marjon E. Yasi
President-Elect of HLU

Messages

Dr. Aldrin A. Darilag
Former CHED Commissioner

Pres. Samuel Martin Barbero
Former President of HLU

Pres. Emeritus Dong Sung Cho
Honorary President of HLU

Prof. Muffit Herlyn Pampilo
Lady of Ceremonies

DAY 1	
10:45 – 11:10 AM	Plenary Speaker <i>Dr. Carl E. Balita</i> <i>Founder, President & CEO: Dr. Carlo E. Balita Review Center (CBRC)</i>
11:10 – 11:35 AM	Plenary Speaker <i>Dr. Dina S. Ocampo</i> Professor, University of the Philippines
11:35 – 12:00 NN	Plenary Speaker <i>Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis</i> <i>CHED Chairperson</i>
12: 00 NN	Lunch Break
PM Session	
12:45 – 1:30 PM	Transport to Breakout Sessions Buses are available to transport the participants to the venues for the Breakout Sessions
1:30 – 4:30 PM	Breakout Sessions - Student Support and Engagement Venue: St. Paul University Dumaguete - Student Mobility and Openness Venue: Negros Oriental State University - Entrepreneurial Spirit Venue: Silliman University - Ethics and Integrity Venue: Negros Oriental State University
5:00 PM	Transport to Welcome Dinner Buses are available to transport the participants to the venue for the Welcome Dinner
6:00 PM	Welcome Dinner Buses are available to transport the participants back to City Center
Prof. Muffit Herlyn Pampilo Lady of Ceremonies	
DAY 2	
July 10, 2025	
AM Session	
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakout Sessions - Funding for Sustainability Venue: St. Paul University Dumaguete - ESG Trend Venue: Negros Oriental State University - Empowerment Based Management Venue: Silliman University - Culture and Values Venue: Negros Oriental State University
11:30 AM	Lunch at the respective venues
PM Session	
1:00 PM	Transport to Luce Auditorium Buses are available to transport participants going to Luce Auditorium, Silliman University
Session 1: WURI Ranking and Conference	
1:30 – 1:50 PM	Introduction to the WURI Ranking Pres. Emeritus Dong Sung Cho Chair of the WURI Foundation
1:50 – 2:20 PM	Announcement of the 2025 WURI Ranking Kyung Sung Kim President of i-STAT
2:20 – 2:40 PM	Introduction to the 2025 Global Conference Jin-Suk Kim President of INBP
2:40 – 3:00 PM	Invitation to the 2025 WURI Global Conference Kang Kyung Su Chair of Tongmyung University and Conference Host
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Break
Prof. Muffit Herlyn Pampilo Lady of Ceremonies	

DAY 2	
Session 2: WURI Ranking for Research	
3:30 – 3:40 PM	Introduction of the WURI related Special Issues and Guest Editors
3:40 – 3:50 PM	Announcement of selected paper abstracts for the AI Journal of Business Special Issue
3:50 – 4:10 PM	Presentation of selected paper abstracts
4:10 – 4:20 PM	Announcement of appointed Guest Editors
4:20 – 4:40 PM	Introduction of appointed Guest Editors
4:40 – 5:00 PM	Discussion on WURI Ranking for Research
5:00 – 5:30 PM	HLU Board Meeting
6:00 PM	Closing and Fellowship Dinner with Cultural Presentation
Prof. Muffit Herlyn Pampilo Lady of Ceremonies	
DAY 3	
July 11, 2025	
Cultural Tour (Participants may select the tour site and will shoulder the site tour fee. Details for each site tour will be included in the pre-registration online form.)	
Transportation within the Province of Negros Oriental are arranged per assigned school. Tour guides be provided by SU/SSU/SPUD/NORSU.	
Team 1	Siquijor ETD to Siquijor 6:00 AM
Team 2	Bayawan - Pamplona ETD to Bayawan 7:00 AM
Team 3	Apo Island ETD to Apo Island 6:00 AM
Team 4	City Tour/Valencia ETD of Tour 8:00 AM
Team 5	Manjuyod Sand Bar, Solar System Bais City, Twin Lakes ETD of Tour 5:00 AM

Breakout Session Programs

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BREAKOUT SESSION
Student Mobility and Openness

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DAY 1
July 9, 2025 | 1:30PM-5:00PM
Negros Oriental State University | ST AVR

Theme:
**Breaking Barriers,
Empowering Change**

PROGRAM DAY 1
July 9, 2025 | 1:30PM-5:00PM

Invocation Prayer
Philippine National Anthem

Opening Message **Dr. Craig N. Refugio**
Director, Office of the University International Relations

Preliminaries Reading of Breakout Session Mechanics

Parallel Speakers **Dr. Franch Maverick A. Lorilla**
Director, Innovation Centers
University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP)
"Empowering Student Mobility Through Innovation: Building Open Pathways from Campus to Startup Ecosystems"

Dr. Joe K.C. Lo
Lecturer, Division of Communication
Hong Kong Baptist University
Presenter: Prof. Michael C. Villanueva
Faculty, English and Literature Department
Faculty, College of Teacher Education
Negros Oriental State University
"Cross-cultural Film analysis Activity: Enhancing Intercultural Understanding through Cinema"

Dr. Ferdinand Q. Masibad
Associate Professor
College of Industrial Technology
Negros Oriental State University
"Portable Precision Drilling Machine Enhancer"

Dr. Veronica F. Aquino
Vice President
Lycium Northwestern University
"Paris, France and Philippines Innovative Collaboration for Sustainable Student Mobility Program"

Dr. Allison Freed
Professor
University of Central Arkansas, USA
Dr. Benjamin Ambrosio
Professor
Universite Le Havre, Normandie, France
Presenter: Dr. Craig N. Refugio
Director, Office of the University International Relations
Negros Oriental State University
"Bridging Cultures Through STEM: Philippines, France, USA"

Dr. Krester Macias Diaz
Chairperson, English and Literature Department
Moderator

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BREAKOUT SESSION
ESG Trend

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Director, Office of the University International Relations

Preliminaries Reading of Breakout Session Mechanics

Parallel Speakers **Dr. Bernabe M. Mijares, Jr**
Director for Research Centers & Consortia
Bohol Island State University
"ESD Initiatives of Bohol Island State University: Innovations to Level-up Relevance to Society and Environment"

Dr. Rhoderick K. Samonte
Director, Center for Internationalization and External Relations
Carlos Hilado Memorial State University
"Global Green CHMSU: Advancing Sustainability and Impact through the Nexus of Internationalization, ESG, and World Rankings"

Dr. Adrian P. Ybañez
Former Vice President for Research and Development,
Special Assistant for World University Rankings
Cebu Technological University
"Strong Local Governance Partnerships for Sustainable ESG University Programs"

Dr. Rogelio R. Cordero
Program Chairperson, BSInd Tech Program
Asst. Dean, College of Industrial Technology
Negros Oriental State University, Bayawan-Sia, Catalina Campus
1.) OIL SEAL REMOVER: A Sustainable solution for Automotive Maintenance
2.) SMART WATER TANK SYSTEM: Efficient Water Management for Sustainable Future

Dr. Redentor S. Palencia
President
Samar State University
"Addressing Global Challenges through Inclusive Education and Food Innovation Initiatives"

Dr. Krester Macias Diaz
Chairperson, English and Literature Department
Moderator

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Fellowship Dinner Programs

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**PROGRAM**

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER
WITH CULTURAL PRESENTATION**

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July 9, 2025 | 6:00 PM
Negros Oriental Convention Center Hall
Dress Code: **Business Attire**

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*Theme: Breaking Barriers,
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OPENING PRAYER Mrs. Angela Kristine D. Ocao, MARE
Head, Student Affairs

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM SPUD Orchestra

CULTURAL PRESENTATION SPUD Cultural Group

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR Hon. Manuel "Chaco" Sagarbarria
Governor
Province of Negros Oriental

BLESSING OF FOOD Fr. Aloysius Vime Ma. Moraga, MMHC
SPU Dumaguete Chaplain

DINNER SPUD Orchestra

Mrs. Grace A. Alejado, MIT
Head, Planning, Development and Quality Assurance SPU Dumaguete
LADY OF CEREMONIES

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INVOCATION Prayer
Philippine National Anthem

WELCOME MESSAGE Hon. Manuel "Chiquiting" Sagarbarria
Mayor
Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental

MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE Hon. Noel Marjon E. Yasi, Psy.D.
University President III
Negros Oriental State University

DINNER NORSU KABILIN Grand Corale

CULTURAL PRESENTATION NORSU KABILIN Ensembles

NORSU SHINE NORSU KABILIN Ensembles

Dr. Krester Macias Diaz
Chairperson, English & Literature Department
MASTER OF CEREMONIES



THE ARRIVAL OF SPEAKERS AND GUESTS AT THE AIRPORT

July 8, 2025



Coordination efforts were made to ensure the smooth arrival and airport pickup of the Plenary Speakers. Dedicated vans were arranged specifically for them, and their arrival details were properly coordinated in advance of their travel. In preparation for July 8, 2025, arrival schedules were also prepared ahead of time to accommodate possible arrivals of participants.



Welcome Dinner



On **July 8, 2025**, a Welcome Dinner was hosted at **Rovira Suites** to formally welcome the **Plenary Speakers, Dr. Carl Balita and Dr. Dina Ocampo**, along with the special guest, former **CHED Commissioner, Dr. Aldrin Darilag**, upon their arrival. The event was attended by **Co-Host University Presidents** and their representatives, serving as an opportunity to extend a warm reception and foster initial engagement.

Rovira Suites also served as the official accommodation for the speakers throughout the duration of the conference.





REGISTRATION AND OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE EVENT

July 9, 2025 |
Claire Isabel McGill Luce Auditorium,
Silliman University



The provided photos capture key moments during the **opening of the conference** held at the **Claire Isabel McGill Luce Auditorium, Silliman University**. These include the arrival of guests and delegates at the venue and the registration area where participants were welcomed and verified. Highlighted in the photo are the **Host and Co-Host University Presidents** together on stage, along with the **Plenary Speakers** and **President of the Hanseatic League of Universities, Pres. Dong Sung Cho**, signifying the collaborative effort and official commencement of the international event.



Welcome Esteemed Delegates and Guests

5th Annual Hanseatic League of Universities Conference

Theme: *"Breaking Barriers, Empowering Change"*

July 9 - 11, 2025, Dumaguete City, Philippines

We're delighted to have you here — Together, let's break barriers and empower change in the future of innovative education.

Breakout Sessions assigned to NORSU

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DAY 1

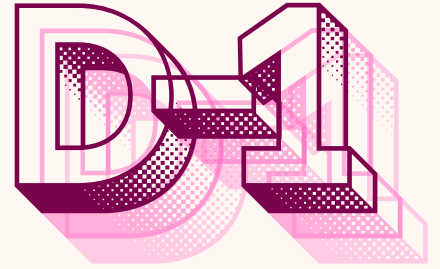


DAY 2



With the able facilitation of **Dr. Kreser Diaz** as **host and moderator**, the breakout sessions on Day 1 and Day 2 proceeded smoothly, characterized by active participation, meaningful engagement, and insightful discussions alongside the presenters.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER



JULY 9, 2025 |
CONVENTION CENTER

The facilitation of the **Day 1 Fellowship Dinner** was assigned to **St. Paul University Dumaguete (SPUD)**, with the event generously **sponsored by Hon. Governor Manuel “Chaco” Sagarbarria**. The dinner provided an opportunity for delegates to engage in meaningful exchange and foster camaraderie in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.





FELLOWSHIP DINNER

JULY 10, 2025 |
CONVENTION CENTER



The facilitation of the **Day 2 Fellowship Dinner** was assigned to **Negros Oriental State University (NORSU)**. Sponsored by **Hon. Mayor Manuel “Chiquiting” T. Sagarbarria**, the evening highlighted the ceremonial awarding of certificates to the host and co-host universities in recognition of their vital contributions to the successful conduct of the HLU Conference. **Certificates of appreciation were also presented to the HLU Board of Directors**, honoring their leadership and unwavering support throughout the event.



Turning Vision into Reality: The HLU Presidency of Dr. Noel Marjon E. Yasi

In a symbolic **turnover of leadership** during the Fellowship Dinner of the HLU Conference, **Dr. Dong-Sung Cho, outgoing President of the Hanseatic League of Universities, officially turned over the presidency to Dr. Noel Marjon E. Yasi.** This defining moment marked not only a significant milestone for the League but also **the realization of Dr. Yasi's bold vision for global leadership—a vision he first shared during his investiture as the 4th University President of Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) on December 3, 2024.** During the investiture, Dr. Yasi introduced the University Roadmap 2024-2028, a strategic plan aimed at transforming NORSU into a globally competitive and innovation-driven institution. One of the key goals set for 2025 in the roadmap was **NORSU's inclusion in the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI).**

Today, that goal has not only been achieved but surpassed. **NORSU proudly ranks 167th in the WURI 2025 list of the Global Top 400 Innovative Universities.** Even more impressively, the university secured spots in the Top 100 across 16 categories: Top 10 in Infrastructure/Technologies for its initiative "Adaptive Solar Energy Integration for Smart and Sustainable Campus Development," Top 17 in Funding for Sustainability for the program "SUSTAIN: Strategic University Solutions for Thriving and Inclusive Enterprise Development," and Top 20 in Ethics and Integrity for the project "Waste to Wealth," which promotes local circular economy frameworks in vulnerable populations such as Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs), Children at Risk (CARs), and Children in Conflict with the Law (CICLs).

These achievements reflect NORSU's deep commitment to innovative, inclusive, and sustainable development, and they affirm that the transformation envisioned by its leadership is gaining international recognition. With Dr. Yasi now serving as President of the Hanseatic League of Universities, NORSU's role in global academic leadership is more prominent than ever. Moving forward, the university remains dedicated to pushing boundaries and building a smarter, more sustainable future through collaboration, innovation, and strategic vision.



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WURI RANKING 2025

The WURI Ranking 2025 results were
officially released on July 10, 2025.



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GLOBAL TOP 400 INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITIES

2025 World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI)
1,253 Participating Institutions, 87 Countries and
4,866 Innovative Programs



IN THE PHILIPPINES

INFRASTRUCTURE/ TECHNOLOGIES

FUNDING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY



IN NEGROS ISLAND
REGION



GLOBALLY



IN THE
PHILIPPINES



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2025 Rankings Global Top 400

Negros Oriental State University

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for Innovation

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WURI RANKING 2025
GLOBAL TOP 400 INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITIES
RANKED 167TH WORLDWIDE

TOP 100 ACROSS 16 CATEGORIES

TOP: 10

PROGRAM NAME: **B6. INFRASTRUCTURE/TECHNOLOGIES**

“Adaptive Solar Energy Integrative for Smart and Sustainable Campus Development”

WRITER:



**DR. RYAN O.
TAYCO**

INITIATORS:



**DR. BENJAMIN S.
VILLAGONZALO, JR.**



DR. RYAN O. TAYCO

CHAMPION:



**DR. NOEL MARJON E.
YASI**

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DR. JOEL P. LIMSON



**AR. HASMINE E.
TINGUBAN**



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2025 Rankings

B6. Infrastructure/Technology Top 100

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TOP 100 ACROSS 16 CATEGORIES

TOP: 17

PROGRAM NAME: **B5. FUNDING FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

***“SUSTAIN: Strategic University Solutions for Thriving and
Inclusive Enterprise Development”***

WRITER:



**DR. ILDEFE T.
VILLANUEVA**

INITIATORS:



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2025 Rankings

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RANKED 167TH WORLDWIDE

TOP 100 ACROSS 16 CATEGORIES

TOP: 20

PROGRAM NAME: **A6. ETHICS AND INTEGRITY**

*“Waste to Wealth Sustaining Livelihood and Promoting
Local Circular Economy Framework in Selected
Vulnerable Populations (PDL, CARs, CICLs)”*

WRITER:



**DR. LIZA J.
CABALLERO**



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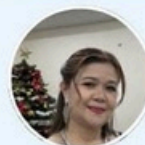
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DELA PENA**



**DR. MA. FATIMA
VALENCIA**



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2025 Rankings

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THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS FOR INNOVATION (WURI) 2025



**CENTRAL
PHILIPPINES STATE
UNIVERSITY**

RANK 105



**NEGROS ORIENTAL
STATE UNIVERSITY**

RANK 167



**ST. PAUL
UNIVERSITY**

RANK 189



**SILLIMAN
UNIVERSITY**

RANK 205



**CARLOS HILADO
MEMORIAL STATE
UNIVERSITY**

RANK 312

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