

MAAP IS TOP 2 IN THE FIRST PHILIPPINE HIGHER EDUCATION INTERNATIONALIZATION AWARD

The Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP), an **IAMU member university**, was awarded **Second Place** in the First Philippine Higher Education Internationalization Award!



Under the leadership of its President **VADM Eduardo Ma R Santos (AFP) Ret.**, MAAP acknowledges the immense support of its **co-IAMU member universities and partners**, Constanta Maritime University (CMU), Romania under its President **Dr. Cornel Panait**, and the World Maritime University (WMU), Sweden, under its President **Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry**.



On **May 12, 2021**, MAAP was included in the **17 awardees** out of the 44 HEIS aspiring for the award. On **May 19, 2021**, the one-hour full coverage of the **Virtual Awarding Ceremonies** with the UPOU Master of Ceremonies **Dr. Imee Martinez** and **Dr. Wendel Capili** was broadcast live, both via **ZOOM** and **Facebook live**,

<https://www.facebook.com/PhCHED.gov/videos/292946792553352> .



The top three (3) HEIs with excellent and strong internationalization programs were selected. The Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP), Bataan, the only maritime school, was proclaimed **2nd place winner** out of the **17 awardees**. The less than 3 minutes video coverage is seen in this link <https://paepi-global.org/special-news/>.

The first prize was given to Philippine Normal University (PNU), Manila while the third prize to St, Paul University (SPU), Cagayan Philippines.



CHED Commissioner **Dr. Aldrin Arenas Darilag** commended the internationalization initiatives of MAAP in gendering curriculum for sustainability. He said to wit” *The Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific, our country’s pride in the maritime program, promotes exemplary gender-sensitive academic programs giving equal opportunities for women in the field, which is traditionally for men. MAAP internationalizes its inspired design-curriculum in terms of inclusivity, supporting responsiveness, and relevance to the SDGs.*”

It can be surmised that MAAP was able to secure the wonderful award through its international partnerships and contributions in the **Gender Equality and Cultural Awareness in Maritime Education and Training (GECAMET)**



Project with **Dr. Cristina Dragomir** of **CMU** as the research project leader, and the **Sustainable Development in Maritime Education and Training (SDiMET)** Project with **Dr. Michael Ekow Manuel** of **WMU** as research project leader.

Both are “**IAMU Research Projects**” funded by the **Nippon Foundation**, with MAAP ERO Director **Dr. Angelica Baylon** as research partner in both GECAMET and SDiMET research-based projects for sustainability.



The **First-ever Philippine Higher Education Internationalization Award** was organized by the University of the Philippines-Open University (UPOU) led by UPOU Chancellor **Dr. Melinda dP. Bandalaria** in collaboration with the Commission



on Higher Education (CHED) led by CHED Chair **Dr. Propsero de Vera III** thru its Internationalization



Affairs office CHED -IAS led by CHED Deputy Executive Director OIC **Atty. Lily Frieda Macabangun-Milla** and her team.

The award was conceived by UPOU and CHED for HEIS who implemented internationalization initiatives that benefitted Filipino learners. It also highlights the importance of **HEIS transnational and transcultural dimensions** in expanding the quality of education within and beyond national borders by inspiring its community to adapt and compete on the regional and global stage. The **Internationalization Award Trophy** was designed by UP Artist II and **Professor Emeritus Grace Javier Alfonso**

The **five eminent members of the Board of Judges** include: UPOU Chancellor **Dr. Melinda Dp Bandalaria (Chair)**, CHED Technical Panel Chair for Transnational and Distance Education **Prof. Emeritus Grace Javier Alfonso (Co-Chair)**, SEAMEO Director of Bangkok Thailand **Dr. Ethel Agnes P. Valenzuela (Member)**, CHED Consultant on Internationalization **Dr. Carolina S. Guina (Member)** and Section Chief of EISD –UNESCO **Dr. Libing Wang (Member)**.



MAAP, an **IAMU member university from the Philippines** has implemented **INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE, INCLUSIVE, and SUSTAINABLE** international research-based projects, indeed deserving of the 1st Philippine Higher Education Internationalization Award! Being first in the Philippines, this is History in the making, with **IAMU** included in the History through MAAP's international partnerships with CMU Romania and WMU Sweden. The **International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU Executive Director Dr. Takeshi Nakazawa and team)** plays an important role.

There are **2300 HEIs with 87 maritime schools** in the Philippines. MAAP is the only maritime school in the Philippines that made it to **the Top 2 out of 17 awardees** from 44 aspiring HEIs on **May 19, 2021** during the celebration of the **27th Founding Anniversary of the Commission**. MAAP shares the honor to the entire **IAMU** memberships.

All **IAMU** member universities are encouraged to **either submit research proposals** or be a **research partner** in line with **SDG 17 for global partnerships** and in support of **IAMU's global network!** Thanks to **IAMU!** To God be the greater Glory and Honor!