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ACTIVITY REPORT

NOVEMBER 2025

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS (EODB) CONFERENCE
(MOU Signing as ARTA Champion)

NOVEMBER 6, 2025 | Centennial Hall, Manila Hotel, City of Manila

The **Bulacan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI)** proudly reaffirmed its partnership with the **Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA)** through the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**.

Representing BCCI was **Chairman of the Board Ofelia B. Mangulabnan**, witnessed by **Vice Chairman Maura H. Manuel**, together with **Trustees Alexander John Torres** and **Carlito Geronimo**.

As an official **ARTA Champion**, BCCI commits to strengthening its collaboration with ARTA in promoting ease of doing business, transparency, and efficient public service delivery by:

✅ Encouraging members to join ARTA programs and initiatives;
✅ Reporting red tape and fixing activities;
✅ Organizing learning sessions and public consultations; and
✅ Supporting ARTA's values formation and nation-building efforts.

Together with ARTA, BCCI remains steadfast in advancing a more transparent, efficient, and business-friendly Philippines.





GINTONG KABATAAN AWARDS (GKA) 2025, ARAW NG PARANGAL

NOVEMBER 7, 2025 | The Pavilion, Hiyas ng Bulacan Convention Center, Provincial Capitol Cmpd., City of Malolos





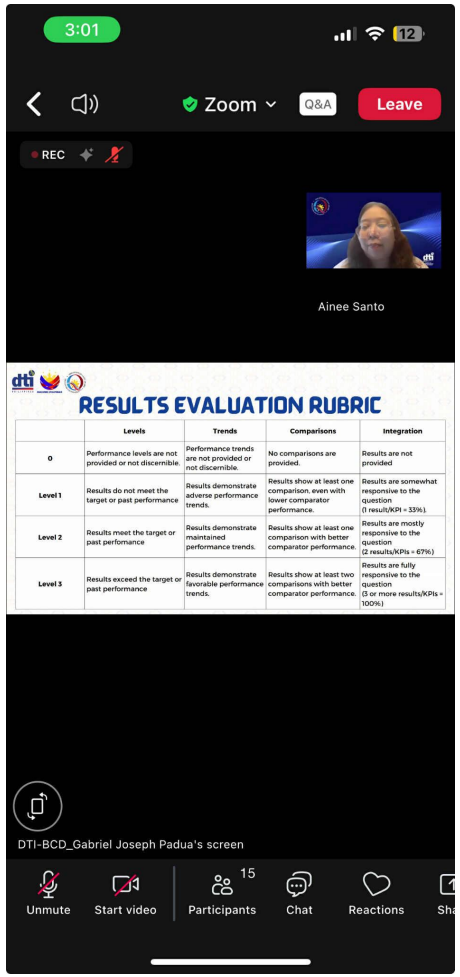
The Bulacan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) is honored to share that **BCCI VP for Ways and Means Benjamin M. Eusebio** was **awarded** as **"Gintong Kabataan Entreprenyur"**, highlighting his outstanding achievements in entrepreneurship and his inspiring contributions to the local business sector. **BCCI VP for Advocacy Engr. Jose A. Francia** attended the awarding ceremony to represent the Chamber and show support for the province's promising young leaders.

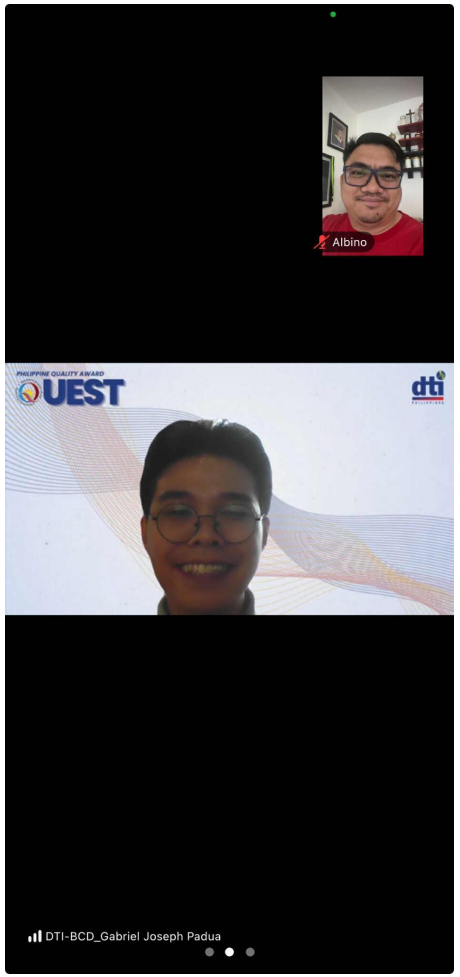
Gintong Kabataan Award 2025 was organized bythe Provincial Government of Bulacan, an event dedicated to recognizing exceptional young individuals who excel in their fields and create meaningful impact in their communities. The Gintong Kabataan Awards serve as a tribute to remarkable youth who demonstrate compassion, dedication, and excellence in public service, leadership, academics, and entrepreneurship—affirming that the future of the province is in capable and committed hands.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE (SPE) ONLINE ORIENTATION OF THE SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR EXCELLENCE PEFORMANCE (STEP) 4 OF THE PQA REGIONALIZATION PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 7, 2025 | via Zoom

VP for Training and Development John Randolf O. Tingson represented the Bulacan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) in the Sub-Committee on Performance Excellence (SPE) Online Orientation on the Self-Assessment Tool for Excellence Performance (STEP) 4 under the Philippine Quality Award (PQA) Regionalization Program. The Orientation was conducted via Zoom by the Department of Trade and Industry–Bureau of Competitive Development (DTI-BCD) with PQA Consultants for Region 3. The orientation provided an overview of the STEP 4 framework, assessment procedures, and key requirements to help organizations prepare for the PQA, while emphasizing the region's commitment to promoting excellence and competitiveness and equipping participants with tools to strengthen internal systems and support continuous improvement.





OPENING CEREMONY: 2025 NATIONAL SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION WEEK

NOVEMBER 12, 2025 | Malolos Sports Convention Center





President Corina T. Bautista attended the **opening** of the **2025 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW)** on 12 November 2025 at the Malolos Sports and Convention Center, City of Malolos, Bulacan, organized by the Department of Science and Technology–Central Luzon (DOST-CL). With the theme "Siyensya, Teknolohiya, at Inobasyon: Kabalikat sa Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Kinabukasan," the event highlighted the role of science, technology, and innovation in building smart and sustainable communities. Activities on opening day included the viewing of a Solar-Powered Automated Weather Station, the Likha-IN Hackathon, forums on Smart Agriculture and Community Empowerment, S&T exhibits, a Techno-Bazaar, and a mobile planetarium. DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., along with former secretaries, national officials, and local leaders were present - reaffirming DOST's commitment to innovation-driven regional growth. The celebration ran until 14 November, featuring innovations in AI, Industry 5.0, MSME development, and the inauguration of the DOST-Central Luzon iHub and satellite facilities.

INVESTBULACAN SUMMIT 2025

NOVEMBER 19, 2025 | The Pavilion, Hiyas ng Bulacan Convention Center, Provincial Capitol Compound, Guinhawa, City of Malolos, Bulacan

The InvestBulacan Summit 2025 was successfully held on November 19, 2025. Organized by BCCI in partnership with the Provincial Government of Bulacan, the summit gathered over 350 participants from government, business, academe, and civil society. The theme, **"Progress for Transparency, Accountability, and Good Governance,"** captured Bulacan's call for reform, responsible leadership, and evidence-based decision-making amid ongoing public governance challenges in the province.

The InvestBulacan Summit 2025 successfully amplified Bulacan's united call for honesty, accountability, and good governance. The strong turnout and quality of discussions confirm the community's desire for meaningful reform and sustainable development.







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GUEST SPEAKERS/ PANELISTS:

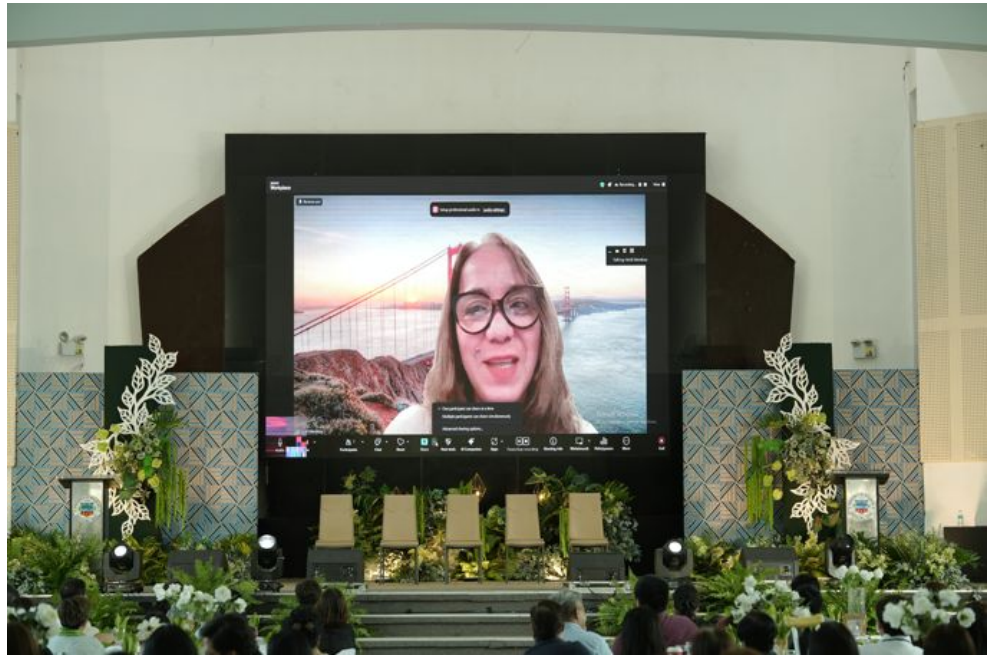
Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong discussed transformational leadership and digital governance. He emphasized the role of data-driven systems and technology-enabled reforms in enhancing government transparency and delivering efficient public services. He joined virtually via Zoom.



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Ms. Heidi Mendoza, CPA and former COA Commissioner and former UN Under-Secretary General, focused on the importance of public accountability and fiscal transparency. She raised concerns about recurring governance issues—including ghost projects, padded budgets, and reports designed to hide risks—stressing that public funds directly impact families and communities and must be managed with utmost integrity.





Ms. Cielo Magno, Economist, Professor at UP School of Economics, Member of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Steering Committee, former Undersecretary of the Department of Finance, delivered one of the most impactful messages of the Summit. She urged Bulakenyos to remain critical, evidence-based, and firm in demanding accountability amid ongoing corruption issues. Citing irregularities in unprogrammed funds and revenue diversion, she emphasized that transparency protects citizens and that governance choices reveal true priorities.

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Mr. Raymond M. Hernandez, President and CEO of RSRH Livestock Corporation, underscored that transparency and integrity form the foundation of sustainable progress. He encouraged enterprises to develop competence by understanding the Tax Code and maintaining credible accounting and financial systems. He reminded attendees that integrity is defined by one's actions, especially when no one is watching.





Undersecretary Lea-Grace B. Salcedo of the Anti-Red Tape Authority emphasized that reducing bureaucratic red tape is crucial for expanding opportunities, fostering innovation, and accelerating economic growth. She reiterated ARTA's commitment to digitalization, integration, and streamlined processes to ensure efficient and responsive government services.

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PROJECT UPDATES



New Manila International Airport Updates was presented by **Mr. Raoul Eduardo C. Romulo, Chief Finance Officer of San Miguel Corporation Infrastructure**. According to him, once the NMIA is operational, it will bring P1.063 Trillion economic impact with 35 million tourist a year and 100 million passenger a year.



Mr. Jessie Jay Galvan, QS Manager of Simutimo Mitsui Construction Co., Ltd. presented updates on the construction progress of Philippine National Railways Phase 1. The 37.5 km. rail line will connect Tutuban, Manila to Malolos, Bulacan with 10 stations will serve 300,000 passengers daily, reducing travel time from approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes to just 35 minutes.

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An Open Forum followed the presentations, allowing participants to raise questions, share insights, and voice concerns with the speakers and panelists.

Two respected moderators guided the panel and open forum:

- **Ms. Luchi Cruz-Valdes**, Broadcast Journalist
- **Atty. Joey Inocencio**, Past President, Integrated Bar if the Phils.- Bulacan Chapter





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The Summit concluded with the adoption of the **Conference Resolution**, formally titled:

"Resolution Calling for Urgent and Decisive Action to Uphold Transparency, Integrity, and Accountability in Government Projects, Tax Administration, and Infrastructure Management."

The resolution consolidates long-standing business-sector concerns—including infrastructure irregularities, issues in tax administration, and gaps in governance—and has been transmitted to:

- Local Government Units (LGUs) in Bulacan
- National Government Agencies
- The Office of the President


RESOLUTION CALLING FOR URGENT AND DECISIVE ACTION TO UPHOLD TRANSPARENCY, INTEGRITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, TAX ADMINISTRATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

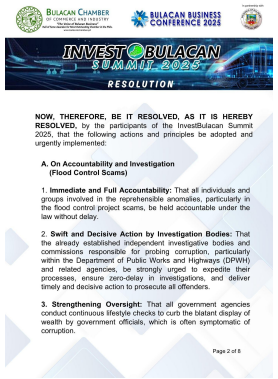
WHEREAS, the theme of the InvestBulacan Summit 2025 is "**Progress for Transparency, Accountability, and Good Governance**";

WHEREAS, the Bulacan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (BCCI), as the "**Voice of Bulacan Business,**" has consistently voiced concerns over chronic flooding, poor infrastructure, and bureaucratic red tape, which severely hinder economic development in the Province;

WHEREAS, the recent uncovering of widespread allegations of corruption involving public works, particularly the flood control projects, has severely compromised the security, tranquility, and economic stability of thousands of citizens in Bulacan, leading to a loss of public and investor trust;

WHEREAS, the failure to curb corruption and improve the efficiency of government transactions directly undermines the national and local economy;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the participants of the InvestBulacan Summit 2025, that the following actions and principles be adopted and urgently implemented:

A. On Accountability and Investigation (Flood Control Scams)

1. **Immediate and Full Accountability:** That all individuals and groups involved in the reprehensible anomalies, particularly in the flood control project scams, be held accountable under the law without delay.

2. **Swift and Decisive Action by Investigation Bodies:** That the already established independent investigative bodies and commissions responsible for probing corruption, particularly within the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and related agencies, be strongly urged to expedite their processes, ensure zero-delay in investigations, and deliver timely and decisive action to prosecute all offenders.

3. **Strengthening Oversight:** That all government agencies conduct continuous lifestyle checks to curb the blatant display of wealth by government officials, which is often symptomatic of corruption.

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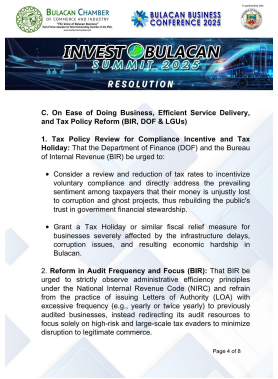

B. On Infrastructure and Traffic Management (DPWH & LGUs)

1. **Urgent Remedial Action for Malolos Projects:** That the DPWH and the City of Malolos prioritize the accelerated completion of critical infrastructure projects, specifically the water interceptor projects in Barangay Dakila and Bulihan-Longos, which are currently causing severe public inconvenience and massive traffic congestion.

2. **Improved Traffic Management Protocols:** That the DPWH and Local Government Units (LGUs) immediately implement enhanced and better-managed traffic protocols during the construction phase, including mandatory deployment of adequate personnel on a staggered basis and clear detour signage, to mitigate the negative economic and social impact of traffic congestion.

3. **Mandatory Public Reporting:** That the DPWH be mandated to provide real-time, easily accessible public updates on the progress and revised timelines of all major infrastructure projects in Bulacan.

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C. On Ease of Doing Business, Efficient Service Delivery, and Tax Policy Reform (BIR, DOF & LGUs)

1. **Tax Policy Review for Compliance Incentive and Tax Holiday:** That the Department of Finance (DOF) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) be urged to:

- Consider a review and reduction of tax rates to incentivize voluntary compliance and directly address the prevailing sentiment among taxpayers that their money is unjustly lost to corruption and ghost projects, thus rebuilding the public's trust in government financial stewardship.
- Grant a Tax Holiday or similar fiscal relief measure for businesses severely affected by the infrastructure delays, corruption issues, and resulting economic hardship in Bulacan.

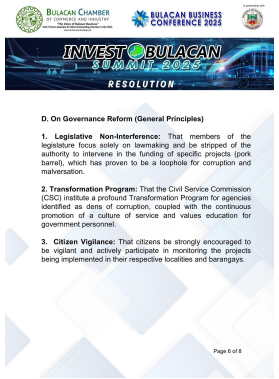
2. **Reform in Audit Frequency and Focus (BIR):** That BIR be urged to strictly observe administrative efficiency principles under the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC) and refrain from the practice of issuing Letters of Authority (LOA) with excessive frequency (e.g., yearly or twice yearly) to previously audited businesses, instead redirecting its audit resources to focus solely on high-risk and large-scale tax evaders to minimize disruption to legitimate commerce.

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2. **Continuous Public Service and No Noon Break:** That all government offices, particularly those handling frontline services (including LGUs and agencies), strictly observe the "no noon break" policy and ensure continuous service to the public by providing enough personnel on a staggered basis to eliminate service delays.

3. **Operationalizing the Ease of Paying Taxes Act:** That the BIR commit to fully and genuinely implementing the Ease of Paying Taxes Act (EOPT), ensuring that digitalization efforts function efficiently to eliminate unnecessary bureaucratic bottlenecks, long queues, and prolonged delays that burden taxpayers.

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D. On Governance Reform (General Principles)

1. **Legislative Non-Interference:** That members of the legislature focus solely on lawmaking and be stripped of the authority to intervene in the funding of specific projects (pork barrel), which has proven to be a loophole for corruption and malversation.

2. **Transformation Program:** That the Civil Service Commission (CSC) institute a profound Transformation Program for agencies identified as dens of corruption, coupled with the continuous promotion of a culture of service and values education for government personnel.

3. **Citizen Vigilance:** That citizens be strongly encouraged to be vigilant and actively participate in monitoring the projects being implemented in their respective localities and barangays.

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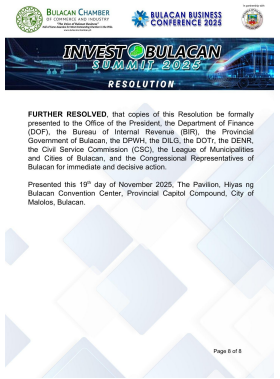

This year, we convened under the banner of **Progress for Transparency, Accountability, and Good Governance.** The evidence of pervasive corruption—particularly the betrayal of trust in flood control projects—demonstrates that our greatest threat is not the rising water, but the entrenched culture of impunity that steals our capacity to prepare.

We recognize and sincerely appreciate the efforts and services of dedicated government personnel and offices that tirelessly work to improve our province. However, we must stress that our commitment as the Bulacan business community—ready to invest, to comply, and to contribute to a resilient and prosperous future—is a contract with our government, and that contract demands integrity and decisive action in return.

Let us finally rise above the old narrative of corruption and inefficiency. We must establish a New Bulacan Standard for governance, where public service is defined by excellence, and public funds are protected fiercely.

Dear Government, we have identified the problems, provided the solutions, and demonstrated our unwavering resolve. We require your full, unreserved commitment to the reforms outlined here. **The time for investigation is turning into the time for restoration. Act now, or history will remember this as the year you allowed corruption to drown Bulacan's future.**

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be formally presented to the Office of the President, the Department of Finance (DOF), the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), the Provincial Government of Bulacan, the DPWH, the DILG, the DOTr, the DENR, the Civil Service Commission (CSC), the League of Municipalities and Cities of Bulacan, and the Congressional Representatives of Bulacan for immediate and decisive action.

Presented this 19th day of November 2025, The Pavilion, Hiyas ng Bulacan Convention Center, Provincial Capitol Compound, City of Malolos, Bulacan.

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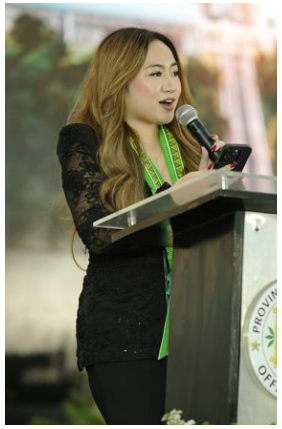
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4TH QUARTER BULACAN SMED COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 25, 2025 | BCCI Conference Room, City of Malolos, Bulacan

President Corina T. Bautista represented BCCI, as Chairman of the Bulacan SMED Council, to the 4th Quarter Bulacan SMED Council Meeting, which gathered government agencies and partner institutions to present updates, accomplishments, and collaborative initiatives supporting MSME development in Bulacan. The meeting opened with an acknowledgment of participants and an audiovisual presentation of each agency's current MSME programs. Highlights included Land Bank's loan data submission for the MSMED Accomplishment Report, TESDA's plan to conduct Entrepreneurship Seminars with DTI-Bulacan, and the Small Business Corporation's update on SB Lending applications. DILG reported progress on creative industry mapping, Bulacan State University showcased its nine innovation centers, and DOLE shared updates on safety officer trainings and potential productivity seminars. Other matters discussed were the inclusion of OTOP Hub and Pasalubong Center sales data, TESDA's TVET enrollment and graduation reports, and the creation of a shared Google Sheet for agencies' KPIs for 2025 reporting and 2026 planning. ADC Lota Yasa also presented updates on Agri-based Industry Cluster Enhancement Programs for the Bamboo, Coffee, and Cacao sectors, noting challenges in business succession and support for emerging farmers.





MULTI-STAKEHOLDER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MSAC) OF BULACAN, 2ND SEMESTER MEETING

NOVEMBER 26, 2025 | VIP Lounge, 3rd Floor, Bulacan Capitol Building

The MSAC meeting was organized by the DILG-Bulacan which gathered representatives from various partner agencies and institutions, reaffirming the shared commitment to strengthen collaboration and support for ongoing development initiatives in the province. The BCCI was represented by **Chairman Ofelia B. Mangulabnan**. The session began with the presentation and confirmation of the previous minutes from the 1st Semester Meeting, followed by updates on the Committee's gift-giving activity scheduled for December 16, 2025. Member agencies also reported their accomplishments for the year and outlined their upcoming capacity development activities. The group discussed proposed capacity-building programs for MSAC members and proceeded with the updating of the MSAC database to ensure accurate profiling of partner institutions. A key highlight of the meeting was the presentation and ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), symbolizing strengthened commitments toward collaborative governance. Other matters relevant to the Committee's operations were also addressed before the meeting formally concluded.





Thank you.