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TRAINING- WORKSHOP ON INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS RELATIVE TO ACCREDITATION OF THE COTABATO STATE UNIVERSITY- GRADUATE SCHOOL



A two-day training-workshop on instructional materials was successfully held on August 19-20, 2025, to equip Cotabato State University Graduate School faculty with skills to meet accreditation standards, supported by university leadership and committed participants, advancing accreditation readiness and educational quality.

Photo by Nor-ain S. Kasan



by Geraldine Surbano

A two-day Training-Workshop on Instructional Materials Relative to Accreditation of the Cotabato State University (CSU) Graduate School was successfully conducted on August 19-20, 2025. This workshop aimed to equip faculty and staff with the necessary skills and knowledge to develop instructional materials that meet accreditation standards, thereby enhancing the quality of graduate education at CSU.

The program's success was made possible through the strong and continuous support of the University administration. Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Kundo M. Pahm Jr., Vice President for Administration and Finance, Dr. Abdulsamad S. Shaik, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Resource Generation,

Dr. Teng Alim, and University President Prof. Sema G. Dilna, EdD, provided invaluable encouragement and oversight, ensuring smooth implementation of the workshop.

Dean Armia K. Dilna, PhD, expressed her sincere gratitude to the administration and the faculty members who actively participated in the workshop. She acknowledged their dedication and commitment in advancing the university's mission toward excellence and accreditation readiness.

Overall, the training-workshop was a vital and timely initiative that strengthened the capabilities of the Graduate School community. It is expected to significantly contribute to the preparation for successful accreditation of the CSU Graduate School.



KANDALUDAYA 2025

OPENS WITH FESTIVAL OF SPIRIT, CULTURE, AND COMPETITION



October 11, 2025 – Saturday marked the vibrant opening of KANDALUDAYA 2025, the Joint Intramurals of the Graduate School and College of Law, transforming the campus into a colorful arena of unity, talent, and friendly rivalry.



by Montasir Haron

Photo by: Nor-ain S. Kasan

With the theme “Team Spirit and Culture in Action: A Festival of Sports and Arts,” the event brought together students, faculty, and staff in a grand celebration that went beyond athletic competition. It was a powerful showcase of camaraderie, cultural pride, and the dynamic energy that defines both institutions.

The day kicked off with a spirited parade of two colors, violet and blue, as contingents from different academic departments marched in full regalia, proudly bearing their banners and donning creatively themed uniforms. Cheers echoed through the air as teams exhibited their pride and competitive fire, already setting the tone for a day filled with high-energy events.

The opening ceremony was held at the university gymnasium, with key figures from both the Graduate School and the College of Law delivering messages of inspiration. In her opening remarks, Dean Armia K. Dilna, PhD of the Graduate School emphasized the importance of balancing academic excellence with holistic development.

Meanwhile, the Dean of the College of Law, Atty. Philip John L. Pojas, LL.M underscored the unique collaboration between the two academic units.

As the KANDALUDAYA 2025 open, the University president PROF. SEMA G. DILNA, EdD extended his heartfelt congratulations to the Graduate School and the College of Law for bringing the dynamic tradition to life once again. This joint intramurals is more than a celebration of sports and arts—it is a vibrant expression of unity, passion, and the values we uphold as a university. The theme, “Team Spirit and Culture in Action,” powerfully reflects what this event stands for: not just competition, but collaboration; not just performance, but purpose. It is through events like these that we see your brilliance beyond academics—your strength, creativity, discipline, and team spirit.

One of the most anticipated highlights of KANDALUDAYA 2025 was the basketball match between two powerhouse teams composed of both professors and students from the Graduate School and College of Law. Blending experience with youthful energy, the game drew a roaring crowd to the university gymnasium as faculty members laced up alongside their students—not just as mentors, but as teammates. The audience was treated to a spirited and entertaining match, filled with impressive plays, surprising three-pointers, and moments of true sportsmanship.

Laughter, cheers, and even playful banter echoed throughout the court, proving that the game was not just about scoring points—it was about building bridges between generations, breaking down barriers, and celebrating unity through sport.





The Graduate School of Cotabato State University held an orientation on September 6, 2025, at the university gymnasium for new and continuing graduate students. The orientation concluded with the successful election of the Graduate School Student Organization leaders for the 2025-2026 academic year, fostering student engagement and community building.

Photo by Nor-ain S. Kasan

CSU- GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENTS' ORIENTATION

by Jonathan Dilna

The Graduate School of Cotabato State University conducted an orientation program for new and continuing graduate students on September 6, 2025, at the university gymnasium. The event aimed to familiarize students with the graduate school's policies, introduce the faculty by program, and conduct the Graduate School Student Organization election for the academic year 2025-2026.

The program commenced with a warm and inspiring *Welcome Address* delivered by Dr. Armia K. Dilna, Dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Dilna emphasized the importance of graduate education in developing academic excellence and encouraged students to take full advantage of the resources and support available. This was followed by an, *Opening Remarks* was given by Dr. Kundo M. Pahm Jr., Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Pahm highlighted the university's commitment to upholding high academic standards and fostering a supportive community for graduate students. He encouraged students to engage actively in both academic and extracurricular activities. An *Inspirational Message* was then delivered by Prof. Sema G. Dilna, EdD, University President. Prof. Dilna motivated the students to persevere through the challenges of graduate studies and to pursue not only academic success but also personal growth and ethical leadership.

The orientation program proceeded with a comprehensive presentation of the Graduate School policies. Students were informed about academic requirements, code of conduct, research guidelines, and support services to aid in their scholastic journey. Faculty members from various graduate programs were introduced, providing students with valuable insight into their respective fields of study and research opportunities. This segment fostered a sense of connection between the students and the faculty, facilitating future academic collaborations.

The program culminated with the *Graduate School Student Organization election*, where students elected their representatives for the academic year 2025-2026. The election process was conducted smoothly, promoting democratic participation and student leadership. The orientation program was a successful academic and community-building event that prepared graduate students for the challenges and opportunities ahead in their graduate studies at Cotabato State University.





On July 9, 2025, Cotabato State University, together with the CSU Health Services Office, Graduate School Student Organization, Maguindanao del Sur Police Provincial Health Unit, and PROJECT TABANG BARMM, held the Medical and Dental Health Fair 2025.

Photo by ICT Office

MEDICAL AND DENTAL HEALTH CARE AT COTABATO STATE UNIVERSITY

by Bainorhata Solaiman

On July 9, 2025 Cotabato State University, in partnership with the CSU Health Services Office, Graduate School Student Organization (GSSO), Maguindanao del Sur Police Provincial Office – Provincial Health Unit, and PROJECT TABANG BARMM, successfully conducted the Medical and Dental Health Fair 2025. The event provided free health services to students, faculty, and staff.

Key services offered included free medical and dental consultations, random blood sugar testing, and distribution of free over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and maintenance products. The health fair aimed to promote wellness and increase health awareness within the university community. The Graduate School Student Organization actively participated in the program, led by President PCMS Julbari Sehani, Vice President Rohan S. Macaundar, PCPT Jessie G. Quitevis, and PAT Edfon Auz Bagaforo. Their involvement enhanced coordination and student engagement throughout the event.

The collaboration among university offices, student leaders, local health authorities, and community partners ensured the smooth delivery of services and fostered strong community ties.

TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY IN RELATION WITH LINGGO NG KABATAAN

by Mohammad Kasuyo

In celebration of Linggo ng Kabataan, a Tree Planting Activity was held at Barangay Talibadok, Datu Hoffer Municipality, Maguindanao Del Sur. The event was a collaborative effort involving the SK Federation Datu Hoffer, Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) Talibadok, Datu Hoffer Local Government Unit (LGU), Datu Hoffer Municipal Police Station, Cotabato State University Graduate School Student Organization (GSSO), PMDT Maguindanao Del Sur, and the Bureau of Fire Protection. The activity aimed to promote environmental awareness and youth involvement in ecological conservation. Participants planted trees in designated areas to enhance the community's green spaces and contribute to climate action efforts. The collaboration fostered strong community partnerships and encouraged active participation of youth and local organizations in environmental stewardship.



August 20, 2025, In celebration of Linggo ng Kabataan, a collaborative Tree Planting Activity was held in Barangay Talibadok, promoting environmental awareness and youth involvement through strong community partnerships.

Photo by GSSO

TURN OVER AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY OF ARCHIVE ROOM OF GCA BATCH 2025

by Khusari Amella

Turnover and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Archive Room GCA Batch 2025 Project Cotabato State University - Graduate School on September 4, 2025 at Graduate School Building. The Graduate School of Cotabato State University proudly conducted the turnover and ribbon-cutting of the Archive Room, a significant milestone representing the commitment of the GCA Batch 2025 to academic excellence and research culture preservation. This project serves as a vital facility to safeguard the university's academic records and scholarly legacy for future generations.

The event honored the collaborative efforts that brought the project to fruition. Warm acknowledgments were extended to the University President Prof. Sema G. Dilna, EdD.; Vice Presidents Dr. Teng A. Alim, Dr. Kundo Pahm Jr., and Dr. Abdulsamad S. Shaik, JD; Graduate School Dean Dr. Armia K. Dilna; GCA Adviser Dr. Esmael A. Lawan; Graduate School Program Heads; GCA Officers; and the graduates of Batch 2025.

The GCA President of Batch 2025 expressed heartfelt pride and gratitude for the shared vision and leadership that transformed the Archive Room from a concept into a lasting legacy—a repository of knowledge and inspiration for scholars to come. This turnover signals the end of the batch's term but celebrates the enduring impact of their contribution to the CSU Graduate School community.



The Graduate School of Cotabato State University marked a milestone on September 4, 2025, with the turnover and ribbon-cutting of the Archive Room by GCA Batch 2025, celebrating their commitment to preserving academic excellence and the university's scholarly legacy.

Photo by Amerkhan Tan

GENERAL CLEANING AT GRADUATE SCHOOL BUILDING

by Priyanka Saji-Sabpeten

Cotabato State University Graduate School, under the leadership of Dr. Armia K. Dilna, conducted a general cleaning activity on July 23, 2025, with the assistance of the General Services Office. This initiative aimed to promote cleanliness and maintain a hygienic and orderly environment within the Graduate School premises.

The cleaning drive was part of the university's continuous efforts to ensure a safe and conducive atmosphere for academic activities and to foster a culture of responsibility and collective effort among students, faculty, and staff. The activity also contributed to the overall enhancement of the campus facilities, supporting the well-being of the university community. This collaborative effort reflected the Graduate School's commitment to upholding the standards of a healthy educational environment under the current deanship.



Cotabato State University Graduate School, led by Dr. Armia K. Dilna, held a general cleaning activity on July 23, 2025, promoting cleanliness, safety, and community responsibility within the campus environment.

Photo by Sallah Dullah Asgar Solaiman

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Ancient Origins

Sudoku puzzles, since their inception, have been a mainstay in the brain teaser and puzzle game world for many decades now. With its simple rules, bare design and easy-to-understand but hard-to-master mechanics, Sudoku has captivated the hearts and minds of puzzle enthusiasts across the globe. However, where did the game come from? Who created it? What inspired it? How did a game this simple become a phenomenon, complete with a dedicated community and ensured longevity? Continue reading to learn more Sudoku tips and info!

While the daily Sudoku we know and play today dates back to the late 1970s, its roots can be traced much further back in time. This puzzle game's basis and, to a certain degree, predecessor, is a mathematical concept called "Latin Squares," which existed in the 18th century. A Latin square is a square grid filled with symbols so that each symbol occurs once and only once in each row or column. The symbols could be a letter, number or anything else, as long as it was distinguishable from others and could be sequenced.

However, unlike its descendants, Latin Squares were created as theoretical tools meant to solve and aid mathematical research, not as new puzzles for recreational purposes.

SUDOKU



FIND ME!

Thunder Attach Carrot
Gotten Photo Phone
Watch Thin When
Ginger Gather
Shout Shape
Cent Why

O A G E U F B G F C W J Z X Z Q T
A Q I P F V A T P V C H L K X Q N
Q P N D B G E X P Q B D Y T N E C
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K D E X W W F K C P L E J R P V P
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S F C O O H L X J C W I Y E C G A
I N R T G H Y G K D C T C I Q T C
A T N I E H P U D V A R S F T F L
L H E C E G O E G R R K U A U P W
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P T T B G M T V T H O H H T C H B
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O W V V S P L I M T G D W A T C H

NEW GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENT ORGANIZATION OFFICE



by Zulhammeen Sendad

On September 15, 2025, the Graduate School community proudly congratulates the CSU Graduate School Students Organization (GSSO) officers for the remarkable achievement of establishing the newly created GSSO office. This significant milestone stands as a testament to the dedication and strong leadership of the GSSO President, PCMSgt. Julbari Sehani Jr., alongside his committed co-officers, and the invaluable guidance of their adviser, Prof. Saidamin P. Bagolong, DPA. This tangible project has been a product of collective effort, inspired vision, and persistent determination. The establishment of the GSSO office not only symbolizes the unity and spirit of the student body but also provides a vital space for student activities, collaboration, and governance. On behalf of the Graduate School officials, faculty, staff, and students, the Dean extended her heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the unwavering support and commitment that made this accomplishment possible. She looked forward to the continued growth and success of the GSSO as it provide a platform for personal and professional growth which champion the interest and welfare of their fellow graduate students.



On September 15, 2025, the CSU Graduate School community celebrated the establishment of the new GSSO office, recognizing the leadership of President PCMSgt. Julbari Sehani Jr., his team, and adviser Prof. Saidamin P. Bagolong, DPA, as a milestone fostering student unity, activities, and governance.

Photo by Dr. Armia K. Dilna



FUTURES THINKING WORKSHOP



The Futures Thinking Workshop on October 12, 2025, highlighted innovative and sustainable standards for halal fish feed formulation, emphasizing scientific rigor and ethical compliance, with leadership from Dr. Armia K. Dilna and Dr. Sema G. Dilna underscoring the university's commitment to advancing aquaculture nutrition.



Photo by Dr. Armia K. Dilna

by Normin Makakena

The Futures Thinking Workshop on Standard Protocol and Quality in Halal Fish Feed Formulation and Production on October 12, 2025 was recently convened, showcasing a forward-looking approach to advancing sustainable and innovative animal nutrition. The workshop captured the essence of this transformative training, highlighting the critical role smart feed formulation plays in promoting sustainability and excellence in aquaculture. Participants expressed deep gratitude for the opportunity to be part of this cutting-edge training, which emphasized the integration of scientific rigor and ethical standards in producing halal-certified fish feed. The workshop provided valuable insights into maintaining the highest quality protocols that align with both industry demands and religious compliance, ensuring safe and effective nutrition solutions for aquatic animals.

The event featured the special participation of esteemed leaders from the Graduate School, including Dr. Armia K. Dilna, Dean of the Graduate School, and Dr. Sema G. Dilna, University President, alongside other dedicated faculty members. Their involvement underscored the university's commitment to fostering academic excellence and innovation in the field of animal nutrition. This futures-thinking workshop successfully equipped attendees with knowledge and skills to champion sustainable development in feed formulation, setting a new standard for halal fish feed production that will benefit both local and global aquaculture sectors.

On September 9, 2025, the CSU-Graduate School conducted a comprehensive Syllabus Enhancement and Syllabus Making session for the Public Administration Program at the Graduate School Library. This collaborative event manifested enthusiastic participation of all faculty members of the Public Administration. The activity was a crucial step in preparing for the upcoming accreditation of the Master of Public Administration program scheduled for November 2025.

Faculty members worked diligently to update and refine the syllabus, ensuring it meets the latest academic standards and accreditation criteria. This program supported wholeheartedly by the Graduate School Dean, Dr. Armia K. Dilna, and the administration of Cotabato State University. Their collective leadership and unwavering support underscore the university's commitment to academic excellence and continuous program development.

SYLLABUS ENHANCEMENT AND SYLLABUS MAKING OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM



by Imyra Indian



On September 9, 2025, CSU Graduate School held a syllabus enhancement session for the Public Administration Program to prepare for its November accreditation, with active faculty participation and strong support from Dean Dr. Armia K. Dilna and university administration.

Photo by Dr. Ma. Rhodora Jovellano



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COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION



The CSU Graduate School proudly congratulates the Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW) Program for receiving the Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) from the Commission on Higher Education, recognizing its commitment to quality and excellence.

Photo by CHED

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK HAS BEEN AWARDED THE CERTIFICATE OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE BY CHED AT BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY



by Nicole Haylynn Mancao

The CSU-Graduate School takes immense pride in congratulating the Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW) Program for its outstanding achievement in being officially awarded the Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). This significant recognition was formally conferred during the 2nd Executive Forum hosted by Commissioner Desiderio R. Apag III, held at Bulacan State University on September 18 to 20, 2025. The award of the COPC is a testament to the MSSW Program's adherence to CHED's stringent quality standards and its continuous commitment to excellence in graduate social work education. This accomplishment highlights the dedicated leadership of the MSSW Program Head, Dr. Chelo Bunao, whose guidance and vision have been instrumental in steering the program toward this milestone.

Moreover, this success is shared with the devoted faculty members, hardworking students, and the entire CSU-Graduate School community, whose collective efforts have contributed immensely to fulfilling the requirements for compliance. Their unwavering support and teamwork demonstrate the spirit of collaboration and academic excellence that has become synonymous with CSU. The CSU-Graduate School family extends heartfelt congratulations to all individuals involved in this achievement. This award not only uplifts the reputation of the MSSW Program but also reinforces CSU's standing as an institution committed to providing quality education and producing competent social work professionals.



Photo by Dr. Armia K. Dilna

Dean's Monitoring of Graduate School Classes



The Dean of the Graduate School of Cotabato State University conducted a class monitoring activity across various buildings to ensure effective instruction and a conducive learning environment.

Photo by: Nor-ain S. Kasan

The Dean of the Graduate School of Cotabato State University conducted a class monitoring activity in various buildings of the university where graduate classes are held. The purpose of this monitoring is to ensure that classes are conducted properly, faculty members are performing their instructional duties effectively, and learning environments remain conducive to quality graduate education.

During the monitoring, the Dean visited several buildings where professors were holding their classes. Most faculty members were present and engaged in active teaching. Students were observed participating attentively in class discussions and academic activities. The classes were generally organized, and the faculty members demonstrated professionalism and preparedness.

Minor concerns were noted in some classrooms, particularly regarding ventilation, lighting, and the availability of instructional equipment. Despite these issues, the overall conduct of classes reflected a high level of commitment from both faculty and students. In conclusion, the monitoring activity successfully provided insights into the current status of graduate school instruction across different university buildings. It reinforced the importance of maintaining teaching quality, ensuring faculty accountability, and continuously improving classroom facilities to support the university's goal of delivering excellent graduate education.





Photo by Dr. Armia K. Dilna

DISTRIBUTION OF NEWLY PURCHASE COMPUTER SETS & PRINTERS FOR THE PROGRAM HEADS

On October 24, 2025, newly purchased computer sets and printers requested by Dean Armia K. Dilna, PhD were distributed to the Graduate School Program Heads at their respective offices located in the Graduate School Building. The distribution was personally led by Dean Dr. Armia K. Dilna, who ensured that each program head received the necessary equipment to enhance office efficiency and support academic operations.

This initiative reflects the administration's continued commitment to supporting the Graduate School's goals of improving productivity, ensuring timely transactions, and preparing effectively for the upcoming accreditation in November 2025.

The provision of new computers and printers is viewed as a significant step toward streamlining office processes and fostering a more efficient, technology-driven working environment. The Graduate School community extends its sincere gratitude to the administration for this invaluable support, which greatly contributes to the institution's ongoing commitment to excellence, quality service, and academic advancement.



On October 24, 2025, Dean Dr. Armia K. Dilna personally distributed new computer sets and printers to Graduate School Program Heads to enhance office efficiency and support academic operations ahead of the November accreditation.

Photo by Dr. Armia K. Dilna

A Teacher's Sacrifice



by: Kenneth Jane Angel

By dawn's first light, they start the day,
With hearts that guide, come what may.
Their time, their dreams, they freely give,
So others learn, so others live.

Unseen the weight, yet still they stand,
With chalk-stained hope and steady hand.

For every life their touch inspires—
A teacher builds the world's new fires.



TRAPO: Traditional Politician

by: Cristy Antanoy

*In shadowed halls where power sways,
The trap of old traditions stays. A
name they earned, the "Trap" breed,
Rooted deep in self-made creed.*

*Their promises, a fleeting gleam, Like
rivers caught in endless stream. They
trade their words like worn-out
threads, While common hopes lie torn
and bled.*

*Election time, they charm and smile,
Yet serve themselves all the while.
Behind the mask of practiced grace,
They guard their seat, they keep their
place.*

*But voices rise from youth and land,
Demanding change, a steadier hand.
For nations grow beyond the past,
And dreams of justice hold steadfast.*

*So let us see the old ways fade,
Replace the trap with new crusade. A
future shaped by honest light, Beyond
the shadow of the night.*

The Price of Inherited Sparkle: Nepo Babies

by: Princess Joy Piol

*In malls where sparkle meets the
crowd,
Nepo babies walk with heads so proud.
Louis Vuitton straps hug their arms
tight,
Hermes gleams in soft
daylight. Chanel's charm rests by their
side,
Luxury's badge in which they confide.
Doors open wide with whispered name,
Their path paved smooth by family
fame. Yet whispers say, "What did they
earn?"*

*What lessons had to twist and turn?"
While others strive and sweat in rain,
They glide by on a gilded plane. But
beneath the gloss and glitter's gleam,
Dreams may waver, hopes may seem
Bound by chains of legacy's hold,
A story oft untold, unfolds. For true
worth lives beyond the bag,
Beyond the label, beyond the tag.
And souls must find their own bright
way,
Not just the light luxury may sway.*

Across Miles, Our Hearts Remain

by: Phoenix Auda Orbigozo

*Across the miles, where oceans gleam,
A mother's love stays like a dream.
Though far apart, across the sea,
Her heart beats close, connected to me.
Each night I whisper soft and low,
"Mom, I miss you more than you
know."
She sends her strength through every
call,
A steadfast love that breaks no wall.
Her hands may toil on foreign land,
But in my heart, she takes my hand.
Distance cannot dim the light,
Of love that turns the dark to bright.
Though separate paths we walk today,
Our bond endures no time can sway.
For mother, child — forever one,
Our love shines bright like morning
sun.*

Veil of Shadows: Corruption in the Pearl of the Orient

by: Geraldine M. Surbano

*In islands kissed by ocean's gleam, Where
hopes and dreams once brightly beam, A
shadow looms, a whispered blight, That
dims the day and hides the light.*

*Corruption weaves its silent thread, In
halls of power, where truths lie dead.
Promises made on gilded lies, Beneath
the sun, justice cries.*

*From bustling streets to quiet towns, The
people's trust wears heavy crowns.
Dreams delayed by greedy hands, A
nation's heart in shifting sands.*

*Yet voices rise with courage bold, In truth
and faith, a future told. For even in the
darkest night, The dawn will break—
renewed, upright.*



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Dear Graduate School Students of Cotabato State University,

It is with great pride and heartfelt encouragement that I address you today as the Dean of the Graduate School. Your decision to pursue advanced studies is a testament to your dedication, resilience, and commitment to your personal and professional growth. The journey through graduate education is both challenging and rewarding, shaped by moments of intense learning, critical thinking, and meaningful discoveries. As members of Cotabato State University's Graduate School community, you are part of a vibrant academic environment that values excellence, innovation, and inclusivity. Our faculty and staff are committed to supporting your development and ensuring that you acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute effectively to your chosen fields. We encourage you to engage actively in research, collaboration, and academic discourse, as these experiences will deepen your understanding and prepare you for leadership roles.

I acknowledge the various challenges many of you face, especially balancing your studies with personal and professional responsibilities. Remember that perseverance and time management are key to overcoming these hurdles. Take advantage of the resources available to you—be it mentorship, academic seminars, or counseling—and never hesitate to seek guidance. Your success is a shared goal among us all.

Graduation is more than a milestone; it is the beginning of a new chapter where you become ambassadors of knowledge and agents of positive change. Whether you aim to influence policy, innovate in technology, enhance education, or serve your communities, your graduate studies have equipped you with the foundation to make meaningful impact.

Stay curious, remain passionate, and uphold the values of integrity and excellence that define Cotabato State University. We believe in your potential and look forward to witnessing your achievements and contributions to society.

On behalf of the Graduate School faculty and staff, I extend my sincere congratulations to each of you for your continued dedication and success. May your educational journey here empower you to reach new heights and fulfill your aspirations.

Warm regards,

Dr. Armia K. Dilna
Dean, Graduate School
Cotabato State University

100 DAYS ACCOMPLISHMENT AS DEAN OF GRADUATE SCHOOL

Dr. Armia K. Dilna was designated as the new Dean of the Cotabato State University Graduate School on July 16, 2025.

Since assuming office, she has demonstrated proactive leadership and commitment to enhancing the academic environment and institutional preparations.

On July 23, 2025, Dr. Dilna initiated a general cleaning of the Graduate School, collaborating closely with the General Services Office to ensure a conducive and orderly environment for both faculty and students. In preparation for the upcoming accreditation,

she spearheaded a Training-Workshop on instructional materials related to accreditation, which was held on August 19-20, 2025. This seminar was designed for the Graduate School faculty to align teaching resources and methods with accreditation standards. On August 20, 2025, a significant community engagement activity took place under her guidance.

A tree planting event, in observance of Linggo ng Kabataan, was conducted at Barangay Talibadok, Datu Hoffer Municipality, Maguindanao del Sur. This event was organized by the Graduate School Student Organizations (GSSO) in partnership with the SK Federation Datu Hoffer, BLGU Talibadok, Datu Hoffer LGU, the Municipal Police Station, PMDT Maguindanao Del Sur, and the Bureau of Fire Protection.

Organized by multiple local and university partners, including the CSU Graduate School Student Organization, the event promoted environmental awareness and youth involvement in ecological conservation through community tree planting efforts.

The Graduating Class Association (GCA), under the leadership of President Amerkhan Tan and advisor Dr. Esmael Lawan, successfully turned over their project, the Graduate School Archive Room, on September 4, 2025, providing a valuable resource for the institution.

Graduate School Students' Orientation followed on September 6, 2025, held at the University Gymnasium. This event effectively communicated key policies and expectations to new students, facilitating their smooth integration into graduate studies. Dr. Dilna also supported student development through the Joint Intramurals of the Graduate School and the College of Law on October 11, 2025. This event showcased student talents and fostered sportsmanship and camaraderie within the university community.

On September 9, 2025, CSU-Graduate School held a Syllabus Enhancement session for the Public Administration Program, with full faculty participation. The activity aimed to prepare for the program's upcoming accreditation, supported by Dean Dr. Armia K. Dilna and the university administration, highlighting CSU's commitment to academic excellence.

On September 15, 2025, the CSU Graduate School launched the establishment of the new GSSO office, a milestone led by President PCMSgt. Julbari Sehani Jr., GSSO officers, and adviser Prof. Saidamin P. Bagolong, DPA. This achievement reflects the unity, dedication, and leadership of the Graduate School Student Organization and provides a vital space for student collaboration and governance.

The CSU-Graduate School proudly congratulates the Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW) Program for receiving the Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) from CHED during the 2nd Executive Forum in September 19-20, 2025. This achievement reflects the program's adherence to quality standards, led by Dr. Chelo Bunao, and supported by faculty, students, and the CSU community, reinforcing the university's commitment to excellence in graduate education.

On October 11, 2025, KANDALUDAYA 2025 officially opened as a joint intramurals of the CSU Graduate School and College of Law, celebrating unity, culture, and talent through sports and arts. With the theme "Team Spirit and Culture in Action," the event featured a lively parade, inspiring messages from university leaders, and a highlight basketball match between professors and students. The day emphasized camaraderie, collaboration, and the vibrant spirit of the academic community, marking the start of a dynamic and meaningful festival.

On October 12, 2025, the Futures Thinking Workshop on Halal Fish Feed Formulation and Production was held, focusing on sustainable, ethical, and high-quality aquaculture practices. The training emphasized scientific and religious standards in halal-certified fish feed production. With active participation from CSU leaders, including Dean Dr. Armia K. Dilna and President Dr. Sema G. Dilna, the event reinforced the university's commitment to innovation and academic excellence in fish production.

Moreover, an Earthquake and Fire Drill Orientation was conducted on October 17, 2025, at the Graduate School Library, followed by a practical fire drill on the open field near the Graduate School building. This initiative ensured preparedness and safety awareness among faculty, staff, and students.

Lastly, on October 24, 2025, Dean Dr. Armia K. Dilna distributed newly purchased computer sets and printers to the Graduate School Program Heads and staff at the Graduate School Building. Supported by the administration, this initiative aims to improve office efficiency and assist in preparations for the upcoming November 2025 accreditation. The activity also marked the 100th day of Dr. Armia K. Dilna's deanship, concluding with gratitude and blessings for the continued growth and success of the Graduate School.