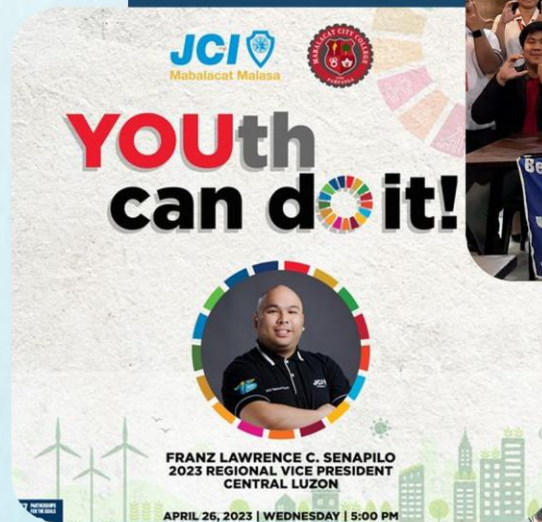


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RELATIONSHIPS TO SUPPORT THE GOALS

In 2023, MCC launched its Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Series, which introduces students to the core principles of the SDGs and coaches them in developing sustainable, community-oriented projects. The ESD initiative highlights MCC's approach to translating education into meaningful social impact, ensuring that SDG learning leads to practical, community-based solutions. The series began with an inspiring partnership with JCI Mabalacat Malasa, an organization deeply committed to creating community projects aligned with the SDGs. Mr. Franz Lawrence Senapilo, JCI Regional Vice President for Central Luzon, shared critical SDG knowledge with MCC's student leaders, presenting impactful community project examples and guiding them through their project development. This session, titled "YOUth Can Do It!" equipped students with essential skills for SDG-aligned project design and saw the leaders express their dedication by signing a tarpaulin, symbolizing their commitment to community action.

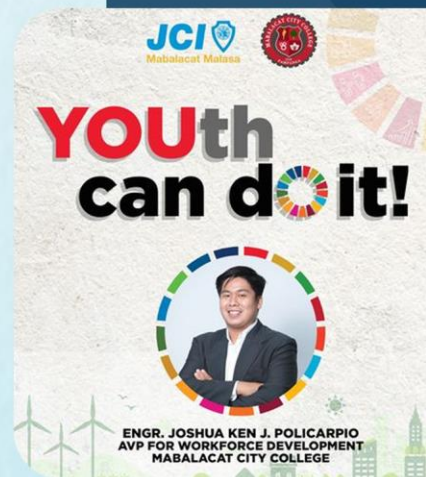
This collaboration underscored MCC's dedication to community-based education, further supported by MCC's AVP for Workforce Development, Engr. Joshua Ken Policarpio, who presented a session on Design Thinking. His approach, "DesThink to Lead," introduced students to empathetic design concepts and strategies for creating sustainable, responsive projects. By guiding students through empathy mapping and prototype development, Policarpio reinforced the college's commitment to equipping students with practical skills for impactful community work.

MCC's dedication to SDG 17 is also reflected in its strong ties with University of the Philippines -Centre International de Formation des Autorités/Acteurs Locaux (UP-CIFAL) Philippines, the local arm of the UN's global training center for leaders. In May 2023, UP-CIFAL recognized MCC's contributions to promoting the SDGs through collaboration and capacity-building initiatives. This partnership has been instrumental in broadening MCC's SDG-focused curriculum and enhancing teaching methodologies. By working with UP-CIFAL, MCC has strengthened its role in local communities, actively raising awareness and implementing projects that directly support the SDGs. Together, MCC and UP-CIFAL Philippines have promoted the importance of sustainable development education, inspiring students and communities alike to take meaningful action.

In furthering its peace-building efforts, MCC celebrated International Day of Peace in September 2023 with a series of symbolic activities that emphasized unity and nonviolence. Students and staff participated in a peace walk, and held a world peace flag ceremony that brought together flags of 193 nations. MCC's College President, Dr. Michelle Aguilar-Ong, commended students and staff for fostering peace initiatives within the institution and the broader community. This event, with the participation of MCC's partner, the 600th Air Base Group of the Philippine Air Force, reinforced the college's dedication to peaceful, socially responsible citizenship.

To raise awareness about peace and prevent illegal recruitment by leftist groups, MCC worked with the Civil-Military Operations of the 600th ABG and the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) to conduct a Peace and Development Forum. Held in October 2023, this event educated students about the history and impacts of insurgency in the Philippines, reinforcing MCC's commitment to the safety and informed agency of its youth.

MCC has further extended its commitment to the SDGs by joining the Philippine-Canada Network for Sustainability (PCNS). Represented by College President Dr. Michelle Aguilar-Ong, MCC became the first local college to join this distinguished network, enhancing its international partnerships in sustainable education. Through this collaboration, MCC gains access to valuable resources that support climate resilience, Indigenous empowerment, and sustainable development education. The college's involvement with PCNS marks a significant step in its journey toward addressing global challenges alongside national and international partners.





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EDUCATION ON THE SDGS

Academic Integration of SDGs

Central to MCC's mission is integrating SDG-related education across its curriculum. Through an Outcomes-Based Teaching and Learning Plan, MCC ensures alignment with SDGs in all courses. Courses such as Global Citizenship Education (GCEPED) and Contemporary World (SOCSCII) address SDG 4 (Quality Education) and equip students to understand global sustainability issues, fostering responsible global citizenship.

Innovative, Sustainable, and Impactful Programs (ISIP)

The "Innovative Sustainable Impactful Programs" (ISIP) meaning "think" Awards launched in 2023 celebrates MCC's efforts toward sustainable development through initiatives driven by students, faculty, and staff. ISIP encourages the MCC community to design and implement projects that contribute to the United Nations' SDGs. Through this initiative, MCC fosters a culture of innovation and responsibility, empowering its members to create programs with lasting positive impacts. Some of the projects are:

1. River Restoration Project in Sapang Balen

This project is led by the Institute of Arts and Sciences (IAS) in collaboration with the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO). Focused on restoring the Sapang Balen tributary of the Pampanga River, which has suffered from urbanization and pollution, this initiative targets SDGs 6, 14, and 17. The project's first phase has revealed poor water quality and limited native flora, setting the foundation for Phase 2, which will implement interventions to improve biodiversity and ecosystem health.

2. Bagong pag-asa LAYon para sa mga kapatid na KATutubo (Balakat Project)

This project, spearheaded by the Center for Community Research and Innovation in collaboration with Kayantabe, aims to preserve the Balakat tree and produce Balakat tea, which brings health benefits and supports economic empowerment in the Sapang Biabas community. Through this initiative, local residents gain skills in cultivation and sustainable product development, contributing to SDGs 3, 8, 11, and 17. The project not only preserves a significant cultural symbol but also creates a potential market for Balakat tea, benefitting local farmers economically.

3. MCC Corporate Boutique

Managed by the Office of the Vice President for Student Life, this initiative offers affordable professional attire to students preparing for internships and job interviews, addressing SDGs 1, 4, and 8. By providing gently-used corporate attire, MCC enhances students' career readiness and confidence, particularly for students from underserved backgrounds. The Corporate Boutique collects donations from local businesses and individuals, exemplifying the power of partnerships in supporting student success.

4. Project SAYAWIT

A cultural preservation project led by MCC's History and Language Department and the City Population Gender and Development Office, Project SAYAWIT documents and preserves indigenous dances of the Ayta Mag-Antsi Tribe. This project aligns with SDGs 4, 5, 10, 11, and 17, promoting cultural diversity, inclusivity, and the digital preservation of intangible heritage. By capturing and sharing indigenous dances, MCC fosters a respect for cultural diversity and educates future generations about the importance of heritage preservation.





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5. First Aid Training Initiative

This initiative, conducted by Bachelor of Physical Education students, provided essential first aid and CPR training to youth in Brgy. Dolores. This effort supports SDGs 3 and 17, contributing to health and safety awareness within the community. Through this training, MCC empowered participants with life-saving skills, underscoring the college's commitment to community resilience and well-being.

6. OPLAN KAPAYAPAN

The MCC Campus Youth Ministry's OPLAN KAPAYAPAN initiative promotes kindness and generosity within MCC and the broader community. In response to the Philippines' declining rank in the World Giving Index, the project encourages acts of kindness and aims to cultivate a culture of empathy and compassion, aligning with SDGs 10 and 17. This initiative fosters social cohesion and trust, inspiring students and community members to contribute positively to society.



On December 22, 2023, Mabalacat City College announced the top winners of the Innovative, Sustainable, Impactful Programs (ISIP), recognizing initiatives advancing the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. MCC Kayantabe led the Office/Unit category, winning 1st Place for Project Sayawit, which promotes indigenous culture preservation through digital technology, while the League of Social Studies Catalysts took 1st in the Student Organization category with BASix Program, focusing on waste conversion and sustainable farming. In the Institute category, the Institute of Arts and Sciences clinched 1st Place for their "River Restoration Project," spotlighting environmental conservation. The judges for the competition were Dr. Jones Brent of Konan University, Japan, Dr. Trịnh Phương Ngọc of Tan Trao University, Vietnam, and Ms. Serinah Tan Sok Ping of the University of Ryukyus, Japan.



Mabalacat City College (MCC) embodies the spirit of SDG 17 through strategic partnerships with organizations like JCI Mabalacat Malasa, UP-CIFAL, the Philippine Air Force, NICA, and PCNS. These collaborations support MCC's mission to promote global citizenship, sustainability, and social equity, encouraging students to engage thoughtfully and compassionately with the world. Together with these partners, MCC advances initiatives in sustainable development, cultural preservation, and community well-being, serving as a model for impactful education and a shared commitment to a sustainable, inclusive future.

