



MCC International Day of Peace 2022 kicks-off with NSTP Educators' training on Peace-Building

In celebration of the International Day of Peace 2022, Mabalacat City College, together with the Global Peace Foundation (GPF-Philippines) and the Philippine Society of NSTP Educators and Implementers, Inc. (PSNEI) organized a regional capability-building program for NSTP educators, implementers and advocates earlier today, 20 September 2022 at the MCC Cultural Hall with the theme "Deepening Peace-Building Efforts for Stronger Unity."

Present during the event were PSNEI BOD Member Mr. Emmanuel Ricafrente, PSNEI Executive Director Dr. Florida C. Labuguen, Partnerships & One Korea Special Initiative Coordinator of GPF-Philippines Ms. Sally Quimson, GPF-Philippines Executive Director Mr. Aldrin L. Nituma, and GPF-Asia Pacific Regional President Mr. Ingil Ra. Also in attendance were MCC College President Dr. Michelle Aguilar-Ong, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Michael A. Mesa and MCC Vice President for External and International Affairs Mr. Raymond John D. Vergara, MPR.

Issues concerning the spread of violence, divisions, including wars across nations were discussed during the program. Mr. Ingil Ra talked about "One Korea Movement" and its promising effects. He shared the aspirations of the international community and many Koreans about the unification of North Korea and South Korea.

In the afternoon, Dr. Florida C. Labuguen facilitated a workshop where participants made and presented their own peace commitment action plans. It was a great way to showcase their knowledge and innovations in peace-building efforts.

Before the program ended, MCC President Dr. Michelle Aguilar-Ong encouraged the participants to implement boldly their action plans just as how MCC has been untiringly contributing to peace-building through development of policies that foster inclusivity, raising of awareness in different issues that may challenge peace, and supporting programs that celebrate diversity. She also highlighted that educating students through NSTP is important in helping protect the world against violence, conflicts, and social injustices. President Ong said, "I hope this program will foster stronger alliances because peace could never be achieved alone."

The capability training for NSTP Educators is the first activity of this year's International Day of Peace Celebration at MCC. Other activities are set for the celebration including Peace Walk, the traditional World Peace Flag Ceremony, and Peace Jam.



Happening now!

In line with today's celebration of Mabalacat City College's Cor Unum (One Heart) International Day of Peace 2022, MCC students engaged in an origami paper crane making as a peace symbol expressing hope for the world.

As of 11:48 a.m, 412 paper crane origamis have been crafted. The MCC community is determined to finish 1000 paper crane oragmis today to support the call for peace.



MABALACAT CITY COLLEGE STANDS UP FOR PEACE

In spite of the unpredictable weather, nothing stopped Mabalacat City College in celebrating Cor Unum International Day of Peace today, September 21, 2022.

Students and employees kicked off the celebration earlier with an origami paper crane making wherein 1000 pieces of the said peace symbol were created as an expression of hope for a peaceful world.

MCC continued with the celebration with a peace walk in the afternoon where employees and students marched from McArthur Highway Dolores to MCC Quadrangle. During the walk, the participants showcased their own slogans and posters about certain issues affecting peace like religious violence, bullying, and violence against women and children to name a few.

With the help of MCC's student leaders, various groups proudly presented their creative yells to express their innermost desire for a world that is free of violence and injustices.

The students and employees also participated in the traditional world peace flag ceremony that is being conducted across all nations. During the said ceremony, 193 nations are being invoked to promote peace and end the culture of war. The students brought with them the flags of the different nations and placed them all together in one space to create a mandala highlighting values of unity and harmony amidst diversity.

MCC College President Dr. Michelle Aguilar-Ong expressed her heartfelt appreciation to all students and employees for initiating peace programs not only inside the institution but also to communities. She wished everyone a fruitful day of peace and ended her speech saying "Kapayaan para sa lahat!"

The program ended with a peace jam where the students and employees were able to sing and dance traditional peace songs like Imagine by John Lennon, Kapayaan by Tropical Depression, One Day by Matisyahu, Kaleidoscope World by Francis M., Where is the Love by Black Eyed Peas, and many more. The students also performed a mob dance for peace that included the college president, administrators, faculty and non-teaching personnel.

The International Day of Peace at MCC is one of the internationalization programs for the promotion of global citizenship and peace education. It aims about bringing positive change in the society through active citizenship and peaceful resolution of conflicts.

The MCC Internationalization Office expresses its gratitude to all the people who took part behind the success of the event. Special thanks to Dr. Michelle Aguilar-Ong, MCC College President, Mr. Beejay Sebastian, the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, Ms. Happy Pelayo, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, academic and non-academic staff, Mr. Prince El Manalo, President of the MCC Supreme Student Council, and all the student leaders and organizations.

Luid kayu ngan!

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