

MAAP WELCOMES IGCFI AND MARSU for Benchmarking and Academic Exchange

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MAAP West Campus



Photo shows a snapshot of MAAP personnel with the guests from IGCFI and MarSU

The Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP) proudly welcomed a benchmarking visit on April 24, 2025, of two higher education: Inter-Global Colleges Foundation Inc. (IGCFI) and Marinduque State University (MarSU). IGCFI is a private maritime school from Quezon, while Marinduque State University (MSU) is a public university that is a fellow member of the Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementers (PAEPI).

- Thirteen delegates—eight from IGCFI, led by its President Dr. Carmencita Medina, and five from MarSU, represented by Mr. Harvey Dulay—were welcomed with traditional Side Boys Honors by MAAP President VADM Eduardo Ma R. Santos, AFP (Ret). He was accompanied by External Relations Director Dr. Angelica Baylon, Research Coordinator Ms. Ma Celeste Orbe, Extension Service Coordinator Mr. Ronald Trance, and other staff members.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE BENCHMARKING VISIT

The program then commenced with a Welcome snack and a comprehensive briefing about MAAP by its President. The guests toured MAAP's world-class facilities while engaging with personnel from the External Relations Office, Academics Research Unit, and Academics Extension Services Unit. A networking lunch followed, which provided an opportunity for deeper discussions on internationalization, academic instruction, research collaborations, and extension services.



SDG Relevance

This benchmarking activity strongly aligns with SDG 4: Quality Education and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals, reinforcing the importance of institutional collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity in education. The exchange enabled all parties to learn from each other's strengths, paving the way for future collaborations and potential MOUs.

Through this benchmarking visit, MAAP strengthens its network and reaffirms its role in advancing sustainable maritime education.