

MAAP HOSTS BENCHMARKING VISIT of Philippine Normal University and Soka University, Japan

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MAAP welcomed Philippine Normal University (PNU) representatives with 22 students and one (1) faculty member from Soka University, Japan, for a cultural and academic benchmarking visit. The delegation was led by PNU's Dr. Serafin A. Arviola Jr., Founding Chairman of the National Coordinating Body of Clubs for UNESCO Philippines.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The activity began with a traditional Side Boys honor, followed by a welcome briefing delivered by the External Relations Director Dr. Angelica Baylon on behalf of the President, tour of MAAP facilities, and meetings with MAAP personnel and students.

The visit highlighted MAAP's integration of UNESCO's Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) goals and interaction with the student groups - Midshipmen-In-Charge of Library (MCL) and Kamaya Point Publication, which are UNESCO-accredited student organizations.



The benchmarking activity supported SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality), SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) through knowledge-sharing, cross-cultural understanding, and potential future collaborations. The visit promoted academic enrichment, fostered global citizenship, and contributed to institutional growth. It also strengthened MAAP's reputation as a globally engaged and inclusive maritime higher education institution.



Through this meaningful exchange, MAAP demonstrated how education and heritage can work hand in hand to advance sustainable development and foster international partnerships.

