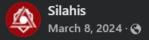
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MSU-IIT kicks off Women's Month 2024, holds Unity Walk

Loud and fervent cheers of "Abante, babae" filled the campus streets as purple-donned students and university staff gathered at the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) Rizal Park for the opening of the National Women's Month today, March 8, 2024.

The event started with a unity walk led by the MSU-IIT Institute Band, the official marching band and percussion of the university, followed by the opening remarks of the Gender and Development (GAD) Center Focal Person Yasmira P. Moner.

Through powerful statements, IITians expressed resounding support for women and gender equality, emphasizing the importance of today's event.

MSU-IIT Political Science Society (PSS) Prime Minister Mark Shayvin C. Serrano brought out the woman in him and reminded everyone that empowering women and all genders in society transcends beyond wearing purple.

He shared, "I do believe that every single person in this institute has a woman in them and I would like you to empower yourselves by not just wearing purple but also by acting on it." He also called for shedding light on the experiences of women within marginalized communities, demanding that equality also be bestowed upon them.

On behalf of the student body, former KASAMA Senate President, now Vice President Hannah Polangi delivered the student support statement, thanking all involved organizations and offices in rendering support for women empowerment and gender equality in the university.

"As with this unity walk, I hope that our faculty, staff, esteemed offices, and us, the students, continue to stand as one, to uphold these initiatives and this policy [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI)

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