



Mindanao International Studies Society Convention (MISSCON) 2025

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Pinnacle Hotel and Suites, Davao City



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The study of the international in Mindanao thrives and continues to integrate nascent transboundary trends into our understanding of the world. Imitating the complexity of indigenous textile patterns, doing International Studies in Mindanao is the active interweaving of a worldview that emanates from the island's rich heritage, contemporary positionalities, and hopeful transitions. Emerging from the five-year pandemic-induced hiatus, the Mindanao International Studies Society (MISS) reconvenes to reconnect the IS community of Mindanao by weaving together our histories, current dynamism, and visions for the future. The 2025 MISS Convention (MISSCON) will allow us to trace our common past, accompany each other in the present journey, and together dream of a shared tomorrow.



Event Participants

The participants for this convention include the students, faculty members, and alumni of the following organizations in Mindanao:

1. **Ateneo International Studies Students Organization** – Ateneo de Davao University
2. **Ateneo Diplomatic Corps** – Xavier University – Ateneo de Cagayan
3. **International Studies Shogunate** – Mindanao Kokusai Daigaku
4. **Licean Consulat Diplomatique** – Liceo de Cagayan University
5. **La Liga Diplomatica** – University of Southern Mindanao – Main Campus
6. **International Studies Organization of Ateneo** – Ateneo de Zamboanga University
7. **Department of Islamic and International Studies** – RC Al Khwarizmi International College Foundation Inc.



Program Flow

[February 24] Day 0 - Afternoon		Dress Code
2:00 PM	Hotel Check-in	N/A
Day 0 - Evening		
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Call Time and Registration	Organization Shirt
5:30 – 5:35 PM	Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • National Anthem 	
5:35 – 5:40 PM	Opening Spiels	
5:40 – 5:45 PM	Opening Remarks <i>Fr. Karel San Juan, SJ</i> <i>President, Ateneo de Davao University</i>	
5:45 – 6:00 PM	The Genesis of the Mindanao International Studies Society Convention Fr. Eric Anthony S. Escandor, SJ <i>Chaplain, Ateneo de Davao University – Senior High School</i>	
6:00 – 6:40 PM	Introduction of MISS Member-Schools and their Organizations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ateneo de Davao University 2. Ateneo de Zamboanga University 3. Liceo de Cagayan University 4. Mindanao Kokusai Daigaku 5. RC Al Khwarizmi International College Foundation Inc. 6. University of Southern Mindanao – Main Campus 7. Xavier University 	
6:40 – 6:45 PM	Prayer for the Food	
6:45 – 7:30 PM	Socials Night Dinner	
7:30 – 7:45 PM	Activity	
7:45 – 7:50 PM	Closing Spiels	
7:50 – 7:55 PM	Photo Opportunity	
End of Day 0		

[February 25] Day 1 - Morning		Dress Code
7:15 – 7:30 AM	Event Preparations	Business Casual
7:15 – 7:30 AM	Call Time for Assembly of Delegates	

7:30 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
9:30 – 9:40 AM	Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • National Anthem
9:40 – 9:45 AM	Opening Spiels
9:45 – 9:50 AM	Opening Remarks Ms. Krizza Janica B. Mahinay <i>Chair, International Studies Department</i> Ateneo de Davao University
9:50 – 9:55 AM	Introduction to the Plenary Session and Speakers Day I Theme: Reconnecting Mindanao International Studies The starting point of the conference is our positionality as students and scholars of International Studies in Mindanao. The morning panel seeks to acquaint participants with the history, present situation, and prospects of Mindanao IS/IR programs. From this positionality we are called to decolonize our view of the world through the integration of the diverse and collective Mindanao experience in our study of the “international.” Decolonizing our positionality ultimately allows us to make a deeper appreciation and more critical self-reflection of pressing issues.
9:55 – 10:25 AM	Plenary Session #1: International Studies from the Periphery: The Past, Present, and Prospects of Mindanao International Studies Programs Mr. John Harvey D. Gamas, MA <i>Assistant Professor IV, International Studies Department</i> Ateneo de Davao University
10:25 – 10:35 AM	Snacks
10:35 – 11:05 AM	Plenary Session #2: Decolonizing International Studies through Mindanao Nassef Manabilang Adiong, PhD <i>Director II, Policy Research and Legal Services,</i> BARMM Bangsamoro Transition Authority

	Professional Lecturer III, Asian Center, University of the Philippines - Diliman	
11:05 – 11:35 AM	Plenary Session #3: Unpacking the Sulu Exclusion: Reflections on Moro Nationhood, Self-Determination, and Decolonization Option Mansoor L. Limba, PhD, SCL <i>Associate Professor; Islamic Studies Department, Ateneo de Davao University</i>	
11:35 – 11:55 AM	Open Forum	
11:55 AM – 12:00 PM	Announcements and Closing Spiels	
12:00 – 12:02 PM	Prayer for Lunch	
12:02 – 12:45 PM	Lunch	
Day I - Afternoon		
12:45 – 1:00 PM	Call Time for Assembly of Delegates	
1:00 – 1:15 PM	Ice Breaker	
1:15 – 4:00 PM	Activity: Weaving our Stories Together Ms. Maria Lourdes S. Bracerros, MS <i>Assistant Professor; International Studies Department, Ateneo de Davao University</i>	
4:00 – 5:45 PM	Free Time	
Day I - Evening		Conference Shirt
5:45 – 6:00 PM	Call Time for Delegates	
6:00 – 6:05 PM	Opening Spiels	
6:05 – 6:15 PM	Solidarity Message H.E. Amb. Hjayceelyn M. Quintana Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN	
6:15 – 6:20 PM	Prayer for Dinner	
6:20 – 7:20 PM	Socials Night Dinner	
7:20 – 8:05 PM	Presentations per School 1. Xavier University 2. University of Southern Mindanao – Main Campus 3. RC Al Khwarizmi International College Foundation Inc. 4. Mindanao Kokusai Daigaku 5. Liceo de Cagayan University 6. Ateneo de Zamboanga University 7. Ateneo de Davao University	
8:05 – 8:10 PM	Photo Opportunity	

End of Day I

[February 26] Day 2 – Morning		Dress Code
7:15 – 7:30 AM	Event Preparations	Business Casual
7:15 – 7:30 AM	Call Time for Assembly of Delegates	
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast	
9:00 – 9:10 AM	Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer 	
9:10 – 9:15 AM	Opening Spiels	
9:15 – 9:20 AM	Introduction to the Plenary Session and Speakers Day 2 Theme: Reconnecting with the Global Realities, Uncertainties, and Frontiers From our Mindanao context, the conference will then reconnect us to contemporary global realities and invite us to consider possible futures. The presentations will take us to a deep dive of regional and global security trends and uncertainties. We are called to take a closer look at the consequences of the growing complexity of cyberspace to gender, human rights, security, and politics, among others. Rather than cower in this fast-changing world, we are called to proactively engage with it. One such area of engagement is diplomatic practice – a popular career goal of IS/IR students.	
9:20 – 9:50 AM	Plenary Session #4: Regional and Global Security Trends and Outlook Mr. Lucio Blanco Pitlo, III, MA <i>President, Philippine Association for Chinese Studies</i> <i>Research Fellow, Asia-Pacific Pathways to Progress Foundation</i>	
9:50 – 10:20 AM	Plenary Session #5: Gender and International Security Atty. Archill Niña Faller-Capistrano <i>Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, University of the Philippines - Cebu</i>	
10:20 – 10:30 AM	Snacks	
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Plenary Session #6: International Relations and Social Media	

	Dr. Manuel R. Enverga III, PhD <i>Director of European Studies Program, Ateneo de Manila University; Jean Monnet Chair in European Studies</i>	
11:00 – 11:20 AM	Open Forum	
11:20 – 11:25 AM	Prayer for Lunch	
11:25 AM – 12:45 PM	Lunch	
Day 2 - Afternoon		
12:45 – 1:00 PM	Call Time of Assembly for Delegates	
1:00 – 1:05 PM	Opening Spiels	
1:05 – 1:20 PM	Ice Breaker	
1:20 – 2:50 PM	Mindanao in Philippine-EU Relations H.E. Massimo Santoro Ambassador of the European Union to the Philippines	
2:50 – 3:10 PM	Open Forum	
3:10 – 3:35 PM	On the Philippines' Foreign Service Officer Examination Department of Foreign Affairs	
3:35 – 3:55 PM	Open Forum	
3:55 – 5:30 PM	Free Time	
Day 2 - Evening		
5:30 – 5:45 PM	Call Time of Assembly for Delegates	National Costume
5:45 – 5:50 PM	Opening Spiels	
5:50 – 6:00 PM	Message/s of Support	
6:00 – 6:05 PM	Prayer for Dinner	
6:05 – 7:05 PM	Social Nights Dinner	
7:05 – 7:35 PM	Awarding Ceremony	
7:35 – 7:45 PM	Turn-Over of MISSCON Hosting	
7:45 – 7:50 PM	Closing Remarks Ms. Hannah Nicole Bitana Executive Director, Mindanao International Studies Society Convention (MISSCON) 2025	
7:50 – 8:00 PM	Photo Opportunity and Egress	
End of Day 2		
[February 27] Day 3 - Morning		Dress Code
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast	N/A
11:00 AM	Hotel Check-out	

Registration Fee

Earlybird Registration (Nov. 5, 2024 – Jan. 15, 2025)	Live-in (Shared)	Live-in (Solo)	Live-Out
	Php 12,000	Php 16,500	Php 7,500
Regular Registration (Jan. 16 – 31, 2025)	Live-in (Shared)	Live-in (Solo)	Live-out
	Php 12,500	Php 17,000	Php 8,000

Live-in Inclusions:

- Accommodation
- Function Room
- Breakfast, AM Snacks, Lunch, PM Snacks, Dinner
- Delegate Kits

Live-out Inclusions:

- Function Room
- AM Snacks, Lunch, PM Snacks, Dinner
- Delegate Kits

The mode of payment for the registration fee is through the bank only. The details are as follows:

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