



# The 4th Student Assembly

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## Resolution No. 021-2425

### A RESOLUTION URGING THE ATENEO DE DAVAO UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION TO INSTITUTIONALIZE ANNUAL RAMADAN PRACTICES AND INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES OF THE ATENEO DE DAVAO UNIVERSITY

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**WHEREAS**, Article 5, Section 1 of the Samahan Constitution states that the *legislative power shall be vested in the Student Assembly*, thereby granting the Assembly the authority to enact measures and resolutions to address the needs and concerns of the student body and the university community as a whole;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9997, an Act Creating the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos defining its powers, functions, and responsibilities and appropriating funds therefor and for other purposes;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9997 ensures the rights and well-being of Muslim Filipinos with due regard to their beliefs, customs, traditions, and institutions, as well as to further ensure their contribution to national goals and aspirations and to make them active participants in nation-building.

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9997 shall preserve and develop the culture, tradition, institutions, and well-being of Muslim Filipinos in conformity with the country's laws and in consonance with national unity and development.

**WHEREAS**, the Republic Act No. 9177, "An Act Declaring the first day of Shawwal, the tenth month of the Islamic calendar, a National Holiday for the observance of Eidul Fit'r, and the tenth day of Zhuld Hijja, the twelfth month of the Islamic calendar, a regional holiday in the Autonomous Region in the Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) for the observance of Eidul Adha, amending for the purpose section 26, Chapter 7 of the Executive Order No. 292. Otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, and for other purposes," recognizes the significance of Islamic holidays in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the Mission of Ateneo de Davao University states that "It engages in intercultural, interreligious, and inter-ideological dialogue, especially in Mindanao. It



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responds to the needs of the Bangsamoro, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, as well as the needs of *Lumad* communities.”;

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the rich cultural and religious diversity within our student body, it is imperative to support and empower all students, including Muslim students, who contribute significantly to the university’s vibrant community;

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Ramadan is a significant religious practice for Muslim students, which includes fasting, prayer, and reflection, and culmination in the celebration of Eid’l Fit'r;

**WHEREAS**, Muslim students of the Ateneo de Davao University should have their religious practices respected and accommodated, ensuring they can observe their faith without hindrance to their academic pursuits;

**WHEREAS**, Ramadan is a significant and sacred month for Muslims, involving fasting from dawn until sunset, increased devotion, prayer, and community gatherings, making it a crucial time for spiritual reflection and community bonding for Muslim students;

**WHEREAS**, during the holy month of Ramadan, Muslim students require facilities and support to perform night prayers (Taraweeh) and to break their fast (Iftar) in a communal setting;

**WHEREAS**, providing appropriate spaces and support for Ramadan activities, such as night prayers and communal Iftar, can greatly enhance the spiritual and community experience for Muslim students during this important time;

**WHEREAS**, the inclusion of Ramadan in the University’s calendar of activities would ensure proper scheduling and support for Muslim students during this holy month;

**WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the university shall continue to recognize the celebration of the month of Ramadan and allow Muslim students the opportunity to conduct activities, such as night prayers (Taraweeh), and communal breaking of the fast (Iftar) in the University’s premises;

**WHEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the university administration continues to ensure the following provisions are included:

1. Allocation of spaces for Taraweeh during Ramadan.
2. Allocation of spaces for communal Iftar during Ramadan.



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3. Adjustments in academic schedules to accommodate the five daily obligatory prayers.
4. Coordination with SALAM- The Ateneo Muslim Society (SALAM-TAMS), the Ateneo Law Student-Advocates for Bangsamoro Rights (AL-SABAR), the Ateneo Islamic Studies Students Association (AISSA), and the AL-QALAM Institute of the Ateneo de Davao University for smooth implementation of these activities.

**WHEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that copies of the resolution be disseminated to the Ateneo de Davao University administration, Samahan ng Mga Mag-aaral ng Pamantasang Ateneo de Davao University Central Board, the 4th Student Assembly of the Samahan ng Mga Mag-aaral ng Pamantasang Ateneo de Davao University, Ateneo Law Student-Advocates for Bangsamoro Rights (AL-SABAR), Ateneo Islamic Studies Students Association (AISSA), and the AL-QALAM Institute of the Ateneo de Davao University for their information and appropriate action.

**WHEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that The Ateneo Muslim Society, hereby humbly requests the Ateneo de Davao University administration to institutionalize the observance of Ramadan practices and integrate them into the university's annual calendar of activities;

Approved by the 4th Student Assembly on the 23rd day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



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