



LNU Joins Visayas Cluster for the 2024 National Research & Development Call Conference, Emphasizes Stakeholder Engagement

February 8, 2024 — Researchers and stakeholders from across the Visayas gathered at Marco Polo Plaza Cebu for the 2024 National Research & Development Call Conference, organized to prepare for the 2026 Call for Proposals under the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Council Grants in Aid Program. The event underscored the significance of stakeholder participation, including local communities, government, and civil society, to ensure that proposed projects address regional needs and foster sustainable growth.

Representatives from Leyte Normal University (LNU), led by the Executive Director of the Office of Research and Innovation, actively participated in the conference, advocating for initiatives that incorporate community input in research planning and decision-making. The event served as a platform to empower local stakeholders to contribute meaningfully to the university's research agenda.

In his speech, DOST Secretary Renato Solidum, through DOST Undersecretary Sancho Mabborang, highlighted the P11.5 billion invested in research and development between 2016 and 2022, with aspirations to support even more projects that drive economic resilience and technological advancement. Solidum emphasized that the DOST-GIA program seeks to harness scientific and technological potential to spur sustainable economic growth, positioning local universities and institutions at the forefront of community-centered development.

The conference offered LNU a valuable opportunity to align its research strategies with national priorities while ensuring local stakeholder involvement. By fostering this collaborative environment, LNU reaffirms its commitment to integrating regional perspectives into its research pursuits, ensuring that proposed projects effectively address community challenges and contribute to the Visayas' overall socio-economic development.











